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The Center News

Newsletter of the Community Cultural Center of Tonasket

“Psychedelic Folk Revival” Joanne Rand Concert



Saturday, March 18th 2017 ~7pm

Tickets \$9 members/\$10 non members La Ultima Dinner 6 PM \$8

“I have sung for outlaws and politicians, (invited by City Hall to sing the National Anthem), for kindergarteners, rebel teens, and the elderly. I have sung for Native Americans, Hell’s Angels, Microsoft billionaires, Buddhists, goddess worshippers and good old, rural salt-of-the-earth folk. I have sung for my supper, for the forests and rivers and fish, for human rights, gay pride, hemp, baby showers, and in shopping malls. Always aiming to pollinate ideas, raise spirits, give hope, inspire forward motion, and to bring freedom for the soul.”

more at [http://joannerandmusic.com/!](http://joannerandmusic.com/)

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**Regular office hours are
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00-4:00**

*For info on building rentals,
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The purpose of the Community Cultural Center, a non-profit organization, is to provide a safe and cooperative multi-purpose public facility to support the arts, education, recreation and other activities that foster family, community, environmental, and economic health; and encourage diversity, cooperation and tolerance.

The Center News is published as a service to the members of the Community Cultural Center.
Quill Hyde, Editor

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS

Feb. 3d, OHA Presentation, 5:15 Meal, 6:30 Show.

Feb. 4th, Talent Show, 5P Meal, 6P Show.

Feb. 23d, Commodities distribution. 9-11A.

Feb. 24th, Dance Free, 6:30 - 8P.

Feb. 26th, Free Meal- sharing the abundance! 3P.

CLASSES - GROUPS

Mondays, 3-6:30P, LFW School of Dance

Wednesdays, 1-3P, Children's Play Group

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30P, Buddhist Study Group

Tuesdays & Fridays, 9-10A, Pound Fit

Saturdays, 11A-12P, Mountain Mama Yoga

CCC Board Meeting

February 21st, at the community center.

All CCC members are welcome. Non-members may also attend, by invitation from the board. Draft minutes are posted in the CCC foyer. If you wish to address the board regarding an issue or suggestion please contact the CCC office to be added to the agenda.

Board of Directors

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Rob Thompson, a new interim board member!

Executive Director

Valerie Braman (486-0365)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR LAUNCH!

You are invited to the CCC on February 21st to a special launching of our new community calendar. This is for the entire Okanogan Valley and will benefit everyone!

We know a lot of the organizations have their own website calendar (including us), but we recognize a need in the Okanogan valley to have a community calendar where we can go to just ONE single place to see what is happening. We can also avoid double booking events and find out about recurring monthly meetings.

We have created a community calendar that is easy to read and easy to submit events to. The meetings calendar will keep us all posted on local recurring meetings happening around the towns.

Please come check it out and see how we can all benefit from a community calendar! FREE LUNCH by RSVP: Soup & roll! 12 noon -1:00.

For more info or to reserve your lunch, call Valerie at 486-0365 or email: info@communityculturalcenter.org


Check out the website at:
<https://eventscalendarokanoganvalley.wordpress.com>



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2016 EVENT INCOME/LOSS BREAKDOWN

Talent Show Net: \$854.13	Music in the Park Net: \$32.86	Garlic Festival Net: \$1,417.23	Spring Concert Series Net: (\$297.00)
Art Gala Net: \$5,690.38	Open Mic Net: \$38.03	Girls Night Out Net: \$163.57	Theater Net: \$16,596.87
Coffee House Net: \$175.33	2 Rummage Sales Net: \$2,940.39	Auction Net: \$8,918.87	OHA Dinners Net: \$1,900.81
Free Meal Net: (\$503.95)	Kauai Net: \$390	Misc. Events* Net: (\$1,299.49)	Bazaar Net: \$964.09

*incl. Good 4 U, Ian McFeron, West My Friend

All the Thousands of volunteer hours are not reflected in the cost, but are much appreciated!

Also, we feel that all of our events benefit the community, and don't necessarily need to generate income.



OKANOGAN HIGHLAND ALLIANCE PRESENTS LAST STAND: MOUNTAIN CARIBOU AND THE INLAND RAINFOREST

A HIGHLAND WONDERS EVENT WITH DAVID MOSKOWITZ

On Friday, February 3, 2017, David Moskowitz – expert wildlife tracker, photographer, and author – returns to Highland Wonders, bringing an evening of photos and stories exploring the world endangered mountain caribou and the last great inland temperate rainforest left on the planet. David and a small team of adventurers have been tracking down these rare creatures and documenting the stunning world they call home. Learn about the many challenges facing these beautiful creatures and globally unique ecosystem, and the shifting focus of conservation efforts in face of 21st century challenges.

Fewer than 15 caribou remain in the herd that crosses back and forth between the United States and Canada in the Pacific Northwest, while the entire population of this endangered population of caribou is now less than 1,500 across their entire range, which stretches north into central British Columbia. As their habitat is steadily altered and destroyed by human activity, herds across the entire range continue to decline despite a variety of conservation efforts. In the upcoming presentation, community members will learn about why this is, and what it has to teach us about carrying for our planet's natural heritage on both local and global scales.

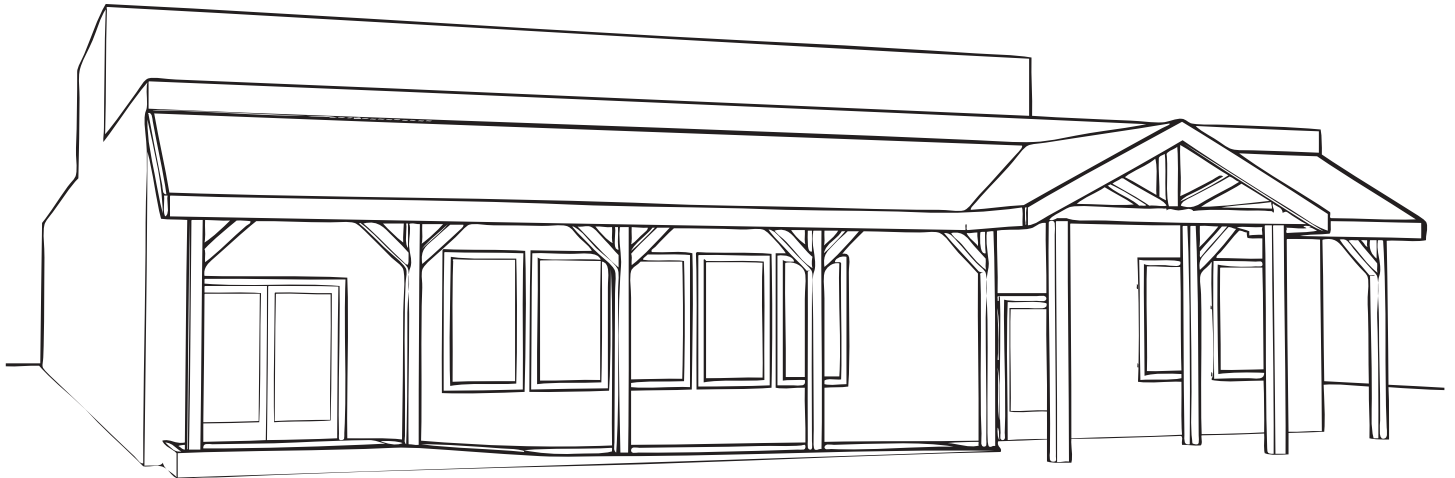
David Moskowitz has spoken in OHA's Highland Wonders educational series twice in the past, first with "The Squirrel World of the Pacific Northwest" (January 2014), and then "The Hidden Lives of Northwest Wildlife" (January 2015) – each time drawing a large audience, with requests to bring him back. Author of *Wolves in the Land of Salmon* and *Wildlife of the Pacific Northwest*, David also works as a biologist, photographer, and outdoor educator. He has contributed his technical expertise to a wide variety of wildlife studies regionally and in the Canadian and U.S. Rocky Mountains, focusing on using tracking and other non-invasive methods to study wildlife ecology and promote conservation. He helped establish the Cascade Citizen Wildlife Monitoring Project, a citizen science effort to search for and monitor rare and sensitive wildlife in the Cascades and other Northwest wildlands.

David's extensive experience as an outdoor educator includes training mountaineering instructors for Outward Bound, leading wilderness expeditions throughout the western United States and in Alaska, teaching natural history seminars, and serving as the lead instructor for wildlife tracking programs at Wilderness Awareness School. David holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and outdoor education from Prescott College. David is a certified Track and Sign Specialist through Cybertracker Conservation, as well as an evaluator for this rigorous professional certification program. Community members can contact David directly to inquire about his photography, classes and workshops or about hosting an evaluation in our region.

When: Friday, February 3, at 6:30 pm. (Dinner benefiting the Community Cultural Center at 5:15 pm, followed by the presentation with tea, coffee and desserts.)

Cost: Presentation is free; donations are always welcome. Dinner is \$8 for CCC members and \$9 for non-members; desserts by donation (benefit for the CCC).

More info about this and other upcoming events: <http://www.okanoganhighlands.org/education/hw>



BUILDING FRONT RENOVATION TO START THIS SUMMER

After years of planning, organizing and fundraising, with hundreds of hours of volunteer efforts, work to renovate the front of the building is slated to start this summer.

At January's Board meeting, Bob Thompson presented a modified design that incorporates previously proposed elements and reduces the overall cost of the project. The project's elements include: repaving the patio to provide a continuous surface and ADA access to both outside doors, replacing the building's siding, replacing the double doors with a single more weathertight door, installing a block planter wall and constructing a roof canopy that will span the patio area.

The Board voted to add a recently received \$10,000 anonymous donation to the Building Front account to reach the estimated materials cost of \$25,000 the project, accepted the conceptual design and approved the start of work in 2017.

It is just so exciting to know work can finally begin. Renovating the entrance will bring about an exterior appearance that better matches the wonderful work that has been done on the interior, will address a number of much needed repairs and provide an attractive patio for outdoor seating. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped to get this project started.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the construction work. Please contact Bob Thompson and let him know of your interest. He may be reached by calling the CCC at 486-1328.

NEW YOGA CLASS, SATURDAYS AT THE CCC

Hi, this is Emily Freeman. I started Mountain Mama Yoga to reach people, mamas, and everyone with the special treat of yoga. We need to reach ourselves more often, with gentleness, and self-care, and yoga does just that. Mountain Mama Yoga offers a mid-flow Vinyasa-blend class called INNER FIRE FLOW. Vinyasa just means; linking the breath with each movement. I call it a "slow burn vinyasa.". We warm our bodies up, so it can be pretty active at times, at a very grounded and easy pace, it gives you a chance to take time to get in touch with your body and where it is at and what it needs. The aim is to get some good stretch, while also working certain stabilizing muscle groups! Not to mention, feeling good, and feeling better! All levels of experience are welcome. The class is Saturdays, from 11 to 12, on the beautiful dance floor in the back room. Rates are \$7/class, OR \$5 for your first time, or if you attended the previous class, or bring a friend. Hope to see you there!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017

Local History Series

2nd Wed. March - April - May

Joanne Rand Concert

March 18th 7pm

Membership Celebration

March 26th 4 - 6pm

3rd Annual Art Gala

April 22nd

Duo Flamenco w/Eric Jaeger

May 20th

Polly O'Keary and The Rhythm Method

September 30th

Annual Auction Dinner Fundraiser

Nov. 4th

23d Annual Holiday Bazaar

Dec. 1 & 2nd

A BIG THANK YOU TO DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

2016 was a remarkable year for fundraising, grants and donations to the Community Cultural Center. Specifically we were given \$12,687 in donations, both large and small, publicly acknowledged and anonymous. However, this doesn't include the literally thousands of volunteer hours donated by both members and friends of the Community Center. Without these generous donations of time, money and labor not much would have happened here - thank you all so much! --James Moore (President of the Board)