



The Center News

Newsletter of the Community Cultural Center of Tonasket

CCC'S 23RD ANNUAL TALENT SHOW FEBRUARY 3, 2018

It's almost here! The CCC is the place to be February 3 at 6:00 PM. The stage will be hopping with all kinds of acts. Here's just a sneak peak of what you will get this year: the musical stylings of Sandy Vaughn and Quill Hyde, acrobatic performance by Noni Alley and a poetry reading by James Moore. That's just a small sample—you will be blown away by all of the amazing talent our little community has to offer.

As of this writing, we still have a few spots available. If you would like to take the stage, please call Tracy at 486-0365.

This year, instead of a dinner, we have decided to have a scrumptious dessert bar! Who doesn't want to be entertained and enjoy decadent desserts? Admission to the show is \$7.00 for members and \$8 for non-members. Kids 12 and under get in FREE. All proceeds benefit the CCC.



THE CCC IS NOW OPEN THREE DAYS A WEEK!

Monday 9 am to 3 pm; Tuesday 9 am to 3 pm and Thursday 9 am to 4 pm.



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Regular office hours are Monday 9:00-3:00;
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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.

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February Highlights

Events

OHA Presentation

February 2, Dinner at 5:15, program at 6:30 (see page 3)

23rd Annual Talent Show

February 3, 6:00 PM (see page 1)

Free Community Meal

Sunday, February 11 and 25 at 2 pm

Dance Free

February 23, 6:30 pm

Classes & Groups

Mondays—LFW School of Dance 3 – 5:00

Tuesdays—Salish Language Class 12-2

Tuesdays—Buddhist Study Group 5:30-7:30

Tuesdays—Salish Language Class 1—3

Wednesdays—Children's Play Group 1—3

Thursdays—Byron Katie Study Group 6—7:30

Upcoming Events 2018

Blood Drive

March 8, Noon to 5:00 pm

Annual Membership Celebration

March 25

Spring Rummage Sale

April 12—14

Alice DiMicele

May 12

Theater Production

May 17—20

CCC Board Meetings

February 20 and March 20 at 6pm in the CCC Front Room

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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Okanogan Highlands Alliance (OHA) presents...
Ants: Marching in Hidden Worlds—a Highland Wonders event
with Joseph Fortier

Entomologist Joseph Fortier will provide a glimpse into the enigmatic life of ants. We will explore the fascinating ways in which ants function as a community and their unique adaptations for survival, including their ability to communicate, solve problems, and fulfill specific roles for the sake of the colony. Their natural history will be discussed, from the first evidence of ants emerging to their ecological and genetic context. Fortier will share about the diversity among species, with some brief and simple information about which ant species we can expect to see in our region and how to identify them.

"Ants display an endlessly fascinating array of behavioral and physiological adaptations to diverse environments," Fortier says. He will explain how some species have coevolved with various plants and fungi. For example, certain trees have hollowed-out thorns specifically suited to shelter ants that in turn protect the tree from herbivores, while other species of ants grow gardens of fungi on leaf cuttings to feed their larvae. The type of fungi they cultivate is *only* found in association with these particular ants! Discover more about these and other mysteries from the hidden world of ants on February 2nd in Tonasket.

Fortier started his first insect collection in Spokane, WA when he was eight years old and was permanently infected by "the bug." After living in Alaska, Fortier returned to eastern Washington and earned his undergraduate degree in zoology from Washington State University. He spent two years in the Peace Corps in Western Samoa and then entered the Jesuits, was ordained in 1990, and later completed his Ph.D. in entomology at the University of Wyoming, specializing in parasitic wasps. Fortier taught in Jesuit schools for 10 years, and wrote a monograph on a new genus of parasitic wasp in which he described 72 new species. In 2008, he returned permanently to the Northwest, doing ministry in Keller and Inchelium, as well as a project working with aquatic macroinvertebrates for assessing the health of surface water on the Colville Indian Reservation.



Event at a Glance

When: **Friday, February 2, at 6:30 pm.** (Dinner benefiting the Community Cultural Center/CCC at 5:15 pm, followed by the presentation with tea, coffee and desserts.)

Cost: Presentation is free; dinner is \$8 for CCC members and \$9 for non-members; desserts by donation

Where: Community Cultural Center of Tonasket, 411 S Western Ave

Menu: Fettuccine alfredo, baked chicken, garlic/almond green beans, and garlic bread (meal coordinated by Brian Sanderson)

To support OHA's work, such as these free programs, community members can purchase an album of original local music at okanoganhighlands.org/music/highland-voices or on CD baby, iTunes, or Amazon.

This educational event is provided by OHA, and hosted at the CCC. OHA is a non-profit organization that works to educate the public on watershed issues. The Highland Wonders educational series features the natural history of the Okanogan Highlands and surrounding areas. OHA's Education Program is designed to build the community's capacity for environmental stewardship by increasing understanding of local natural history through a variety of free public learning opportunities.

For more info about this and other free upcoming educational events, visit www.okanoganhighlands.org/education/hw, or contact julie@okanoganhighlands.org / 509-476-2432. Past event videos are available on YouTube on the channel, "OHA's Highland Wonders."

THE VIEW FROM THE TOP OF THE STAIRS

From Tracy Vance, Executive Director

We got an unexpected surprise when we came back from the holiday break: an anonymous donation for \$6,000! We are so deeply grateful to our anonymous benefactor! We also received a grant from the Community Foundation for \$5,300 to further the scope of our community classes. It is only through our community's generous donations, membership renewals, grant funding and volunteer labor that we are able to present programs such as the community meal, Music in the Park and our local history series and events like our annual talent show and our upcoming Alice DiMichele concert. A hearty thank you to donors and volunteers alike for keeping this vital center going.



There's no reason to stay cooped up in the house in February! We have the OHA event on February 2 and our annual Talent Show on February 3. If you want to do a little inner work, try out our weekend intensive on the Work of Byron Katie February 16-18. Or just come down the community meal on February 11th and the 25th. There are lots of opportunities to hang out with friends, eat good food AND be entertained!

If you haven't been by to check out the new front of the building, please make it a point to do so! The work of Bob and Jane Thompson is a beautiful addition to the CCC.

BYRON KATIE INTENSIVE COMING FEBRUARY 16-18

Loving me, Loving You is a weekend workshop using the Work of Byron Katie to find clarity, honesty, compassion and commonality in our everyday relationships.



In this time of increasing fragmentation and separation in our relationships - in partnerships and families, as well as communities and societies - the Work of Byron Katie is a powerful tool to lead us back to our common ground, to understanding and space for ourselves and each other.

Suitable for beginners as well as those familiar with the Work.

The class will be on Friday February 16 from 6:30-8:00 and Saturday February 17 and Sunday February 18 from 10:00 am—4:00 pm with a potluck lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

This class is being offered as part of the CCC's free community classes, please register before February 9 by calling Tracy at 486-0365 or Stef at 846-6303.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE CCC BOARD?

In the interest of transparency and the best stewardship of the Community Cultural Center, our board wants to hear from you. As a member of the CCC, you can always attend one of our board meetings, but if you have a question that you would like to see answered in the public forum of our newsletter, please feel free to send an email to: board@communityculturalcenter.org. The board will answer your question in our next newsletter. It's that easy!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 25



Bob Dylan said it best: "the times, they are a-changing". Our annual membership meeting is the perfect venue to discuss the successes and challenges of 2017 and engage in a conversation about the future direction of the Community Cultural Center. We have a strong volunteer base, but the base is aging and we are looking for ideas to engage the next generation in passionate service to the CCC. Please save the date on your calendar to be a part of this vital discussion. More details in our March newsletter.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE IS APRIL 12-14


Janet Culp and her amazing team will be at it again for the spring rummage April 12–14. The rummage sale is always well attended and has been a great fundraiser for the CCC for many years now. Start cleaning out those closets! We will have more information about drop-off times for items in the March newsletters.



THEATER PRODUCTION COMING MAY 17-20

THEATER

Our theater production will take place in the spring this year. As usual, Sarah Kaiser is developing a professional caliber production for us. Information on the play and auditions dates will be announced in the March newsletter.

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