

NATURE BAY



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# NATURE BAY NEWS

Newsletter of the Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society  
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
AGM 7:30PM THURSDAY MAY 27TH  
AT THE ART GALLERY ON HUDSON AVE.  
FOLLOWING THE MEETING JOHN VIVIAN PRESENTS  
"REHABILITATION OF THE SALMON RIVER"**



The Vivians' farm is on the Salmon River and over the years, logging, farming and ranching have degraded this once productive salmon spawning stream. John and Joanne Vivian have put considerable

effort into shoreline restoration on their farm which has enhanced the fish habitat and spawning beds in the Salmon River. They have also been very active in promoting good stewardship among other neighbouring ranchers and farmers.

John and Joanne Vivian are recipients of the [Countryside Canada Stewardship Recognition Award](#) which recognizes individuals and organizations for outstanding stewardship and conservation efforts on Canada's agricultural land. **Come out to our AGM to hear John describe his work on the Salmon River and the remarkable recovery it has made.**

## DAYS TO REMEMBER:

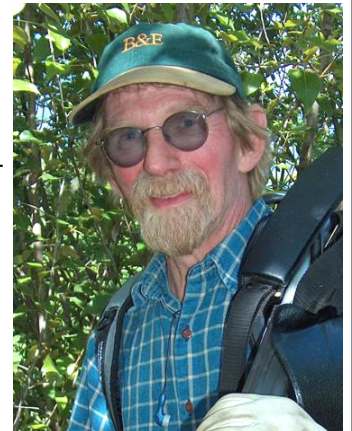
**BRIGHOUSE NATURE CENTRE OFFICIAL  
OPENING SATURDAY MAY 29TH AT 10AM.  
TRAIL CLEANUP DAY JULY 3RD AT 10AM.**

There is much to celebrate at this opening, especially our volunteers. They maintain our beautiful trail and the signage along it.

After high water at the end of June we will be organizing a **"Take Back the Trail"** work bee to trim back the grass and branches that usually grow over the trail during the flooding season.

**It's a great outing of hard work and camaraderie.**

**Gary Lomax, President of SABNES.**



Thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs Grant from the Federal Government we are able to hire a student for 14 weeks this summer. Please welcome **Ivan Hartling** who will manage the Brighthouse Nature Centre and assist anyone who wants to learn more about our beautiful Salmon Arm Bay.

**Elected Directors**

Mike Saul, Treasurer 832-0926  
 Gary Lomax, President 832-7585  
 Ed Dahl 832-0544  
 Hanne MacKay 832-8989  
 Joyce Henderson 832-4127  
 Geoff Benson 804-1040  
 Ron Wedman 832-4634

**Appointed Directors**

Don Parks, Naturalist 804-4377  
 Cllr Ken Jamieson, CSA  
 Elaine Gustafson, MOE 371-6210  
 Hank Shelley, FishNGame 832-3951  
 Cyril Sukare, Cham of C 515-0420

**Non-voting Directors**

Georgia McLeod, Sec 832-7444  
 Tom Brighthouse, Advisor 832-3951

**IBA Application:** Our application to have the SA Bay named an Important Bird Area has been delayed. This is due to an issue with the "Global bird population estimates". Once this info is available the 600 current IBA's will be evaluated prior to our application being evaluated. It is likely that our bird population thresholds may not meet the new IBA thresholds. It is likely that our numbers are good for national or regional levels.

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**BIRD REPORT by Ed Dahl:**

The Osprey are nesting all around the area, especially near the lake. A family of Black-billed Magpies have already fledged along our street, which seems a bit early.

The Western Grebes are dancing these days, but their nesting efforts will not likely be successful for a few weeks, until the Shuswap Lake water levels stabilize. Amazingly, the lake water levels are pretty consistent with other years despite the lack of snow locally, and rain. Last year despite the low water levels and the inability to find grebe nests during our weekly counts, the Western Grebes managed very well. Our counts indicated that 134 young Western Grebes were hatched, which was better than recent yearly averages. So don't despair yet, even if the lake levels remain low.

Nashville, Yellow and Wilson's Warblers have returned along with Western Tanager, Bullock's Oriole and Lazuli Bunting at the time of writing this news, plus many more bird species that I have neglected to list. So, it must be spring.

**Shuswap Naturalists are giving guided tours locally at 8:30 Saturday mornings.** Please gather at the Brighthouse Nature Centre and enjoy a walk along the the Nature trail or whatever is featured. Bring binoculars and enjoy what nature displays for us.