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THE BEAUTY OF OUR BAY

A COLLECTION OF SALMON ARM BAY IMAGES

NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7PM AT THE
SALMON ARM ARTS CENTRE
70 HUDSON AVE NE, SALMON ARM

Calling all Salmon Arm Bay enthusiasts! Here is your opportunity to show off your digital or hard copy photos of the bay and to see other beautiful images at the same time.

The Shuswap Camera Club has kindly made available a high definition projector and laptop computer to show digital images. Display boards will be available to mount your hard copy prints on as well. If you are planning to show your stuff we would ask that you arrive at the Gallery around 6:30 pm to give us time to put this together.

THIS IS NOT A COMPETITION, don't be shy!! Anything goes. We hope to have some historical photos of the bay to give us a sense of the changes that are occurring with time. Scenery, birds, fish, plants of all kinds, insects, mud, seasons.....any image that has been captured in and around the Salmon Arm Bay is acceptable.



The digital part of the show will be about 90 minutes long and we are asking folks to limit their show to 5 minutes, this leaves room for 18 individuals showing roughly 40 pictures each. Have your digital pictures on a flash drive / memory stick preferred or CD. If there is something you want to speak about as well you will need to limit your number of photos to suit. Presenters to date include Gabrielle Klein, Clive Bryson, Fred Bird, Jim Hoskins and Ian James to name a few.

This event is also a fund raiser for SABNES. This is a good time to stock up on SABNES T-Shirts and post cards and photos, etc as well as to **renew your memberships**. Admission is by donation and goodies will be served. As with other organizations we have been hit with diminished funding coupled with building repairs and equipment losses resulting from the Nature Centre break in this summer. We are in the red. Any help from the community is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the volunteers and board members who have made this event and organization possible.

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Bird Report by Tom Brighthouse:

Sixteen species of duck were all present to help break the spring weekly record for the week of April 26 to May2, a remarkable 75 species with an even higher spring record of 78 species two weeks later.

The summer high counting week was August 30 to September 5 when an all-time record of 90 species enjoyed the riches of the bay during the week of August 30 to September 5.

Star birds in the spotlight this summer included a Hudsonian Godwit, a Parasitic Jaeger, a Rusty Blackburn, two Pacific Loons, two Red-breasted Merganser, and sixteen American White Pelican which seem to be staying in greater numbers in recent years.

Our showpiece shorebird migration list hit 19 species in the week of September 13 to 19. A total of 26 species have been recorded as visiting at some time or other over the years.

In addition there were several weeks in which all six species of Swallow and all six species of Grebe were present. But the pride of them all the Western Grebe caused relief and pleasure when they produced from nowhere about 120 young, making one of the highest years ever. Nests were particularly well hidden at the river mouth this year.

Words by Ron Wedman, President:

With a great deal of effort someone stole our "NO DOGS ALLOWED, Please" sign off of the trail's west end gate. It made a huge difference in reducing the number of dogs on the trails during the wildlife breeding season. If you know of its whereabouts please ask them to replace it in spring.

This years summer student **Cam Bennett** was very successful in running the BNC including the newly instituted and well attended guided tours on Saturdays. We were able to get a partial grant from the Federal Government to help pay for his wages which was very much appreciated. Special thanks to all the extra volunteers that kindly gave of their time this summer when Cam was off duty or touring. They include Ann Ball, Frank Kime, Hanne MacKay, Mike Saul, Bill Eaton, Ed and Monica Dahl and Sherry Bowlby.

