



MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBER CAROLINE FRASER



We celebrate the spring season with full bookings for our school field trips and workshops to the Centre. Our annual Plant Sale fundraiser takes place this weekend, May 15 and 16 so be sure to stop by! New this year: weekly Guided Trail Tours and Nature Talks, the piloting of an outdoor program in collaboration with the Okanagan Science Centre called the "Science of Nature", plus the launch of our exciting new E-module online learning. Each one of these programs is possible because of your support and we thank you! As a non-profit we are continually fundraising to deliver quality programming to people of all ages.

We are excited to bring back our annual fundraiser for the third year - [Dinner Under the Stars](#). Imagine a warm summer evening, the sky resplendent with evening colours as sunset approaches, the beautiful sound of live music and song birds in the background, and a wonderful bouquet of culinary aromas tantalizing your senses. Dinner Under the Stars online auction opens June 4th - make sure to place your bid on any of our five, private starlit dinners! (*see more info below*)

At the Allan Brooks Nature Centre "We are committed to promoting the enjoyment of nature and increasing awareness of habitat conservation". We look forward to welcoming you!

Caroline Fraser

Hummingbirds are the only types of birds that can sustain long term hovering. They can also fly backwards, change direction almost instantly, and they can even fly upside down.

Pictured is a Calliope Hummingbird



WELCOME GABBY

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Gabby! Gabrielle is a Saskatchewanian who's found her way to beautiful BC. She has a background working in the non-profit sector with past employment with Agriculture in the Classroom and Let's Talk Science and is currently a PhD candidate studying food and sustainability education in BC schools. Gabrielle is an avid outdoor enthusiast and spends her free time out in nature hiking, camping, cycling and skiing. Welcome to the team!

Gabby can be reached at volunteer@abnc.ca

PLANT SALE RETURNS!

Our [plant sale](#) takes place this weekend, (Sat & Sun) May 15 & 16, from 10am – 3pm! Choose from a wide variety of perennials that grow well in our area, including pollinators and deer resistant plants, ready for your garden. The annual Plant Sale is a fundraiser for ABNC and 100% volunteer organized, from growing the plants to selling plants directly to you. The walking trails and Interpretive Centre will also be open.



DINNER UNDER THE STARS

[Dinner Under the Stars](#) is an annual fundraiser for the Allan Brooks Nature Centre. Mark your calendars, the auction will open June 4 and close on June 6 at 8pm.

Here are the dates and sponsoring restaurants:

- June 21 | Gumtree Catering presents "Summer Solstice"
- July 11 | Isidore on Main and Bamboo Fusion Grill collaborate to present "East Meets West"
- July 25 | Chef Mathew Morazain presents "As You Like It"
- August 8 | Predator Ridge Resort presents "Globally Inspired, Locally Created"
- August 21 | SilverStar Mountain Resort presents "A Night Under the Tuscan Stars"



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming events!

- Annual [Plant Sale](#) | May 15-16
- [Nature Nibbles How to Recognize and Use Wild Plants for Food Workshop](#) | May 29 (SOLD OUT)
- [Dinner Under the Stars](#) - Online Auction | June 4 - 6
- [Bats in Vernon Workshop and Bat Count](#) | June 12 - *more details to come!*



NATURE SHOP

Wild Life Outdoor Adventure Kits are now available in the Nature Shop (gift shop). We are carrying 3 different kits, Bear Essentials, Lead the Way and Into the Night. Each kit contains quality tools, unique outdoor activities, a nature-inspired craft, and a pin to collect and celebrate each new adventure. The quality is incredible and it will keep kids exploring for hours! Come and see what each kit has inside. Suitable for kids ages 6-12 years. Kits are \$39 + tax

GUIDED WALKING TOURS AND NATURE TALKS

Guided Trail Tours and Nature talks are now running weekly! Trail tours are provided by our passionate staff or volunteers, and take place on our Grasslands Trail on Thursdays at 1pm and Saturdays at 11am, at \$5 per person (kids and members are free!). Call ahead to reserve your spot at 250-260-4227 or check-in upon arrival. Nature Talks take place in our Grasslands Theatre on Saturdays at 1pm and are FREE! Topics vary every week and feature animals and habitats found in the grasslands. Both activities are family friendly educational opportunities, suitable for guests of all ages, and will run from May 1 – August 28.



UBCO STUDENTS

ABNC welcomes Craig and Karina, students at UBCO Okanagan School of Education. They will be working at the Centre for the next 3 weeks for their community field practicum. They will be helping lead school field trip activities and be learning alongside our staff all about the plant and animal species that call the North Okanagan grasslands home. They look forward to meeting you!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Book a birthday party at Allan Brooks Nature Centre and give your child an unforgettable fun-filled outdoor celebration! Choose from 1 of 5 nature themed packages which includes 1 hour of programming and 1 hour to enjoy a picnic lunch, presents and free time to explore our Centre. Our picnic shelter will be reserved for you and decorated. Suitable for children ages 4 – 9 yrs. Covid restrictions apply.



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