

*Come on In! - Explore, Discover, Learn & Play*

MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBER ROB SHAW



Over the past three years, thanks to generous donors and volunteers, we have been able to transform our buildings with roof repairs, plumbing, drainage, painting, insulating, flooring and most particularly new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. Outside, our new playground and viewpoint signs were great achievements this past year.

Now it is time to focus more on the out-of-doors. To start this season, new trail-head signs, informational signs along the way, and plant identification stakes have been installed. A long-awaited redesign of the Grassland Theater is now underway. Work has started to make the space multi-functional and more suitable for school groups and summer camps. But we want to ensure that the natural amphitheater can enable a variety of uses into the future. A committee has been tasked with coming up with a business plan to meet those needs. We would welcome any ideas you might have about activities and amenities that should be considered. So please let us know your thoughts!

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who look after our grounds and nature trail and who work so diligently at keeping invasive plants under control.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Shaw, Director



White-tailed deer does leave their fawn unattended for hours at a time. The fawn has very little scent and its spotted coat provides natural camouflage, which keeps it safe from predators. The doe returns a few times a day to feed the fawn so there is no need to be alarmed.

PLANT SALE REPORT

The Plant Sale was such a success we sold out of plants by the end of day 1! Thank you to everyone who supported the sale by purchasing plants or giving your time. Over \$3000 in profits were made by our amazing volunteers, who deserve all of the credit for this fundraiser. We intend to bring back the event next year as a stand-alone event with even more plants!



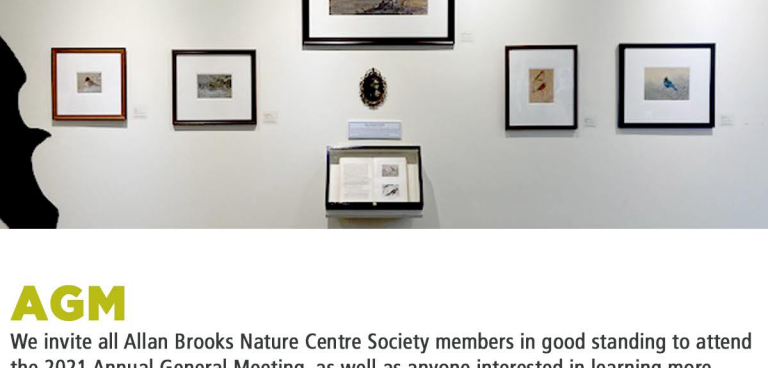
DINNER UNDER THE STARS

What an exciting auction it was! Thank you to everyone who placed a bid on the dinners this past weekend, over \$10,000 was raised for the Allan Brooks Nature Centre. We owe a big thank you to our amazing sponsors: [Gumtree Catering](#), [Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille](#) and Chef Isidore, Chef Mathew Morazain, [Predator Ridge Resort](#), and [SilverStar Mountain Resort](#), and [CapriCMW](#), [Nature's Fare Markets](#) and [Vernon Toyota](#). Thank you to all the bidders for your support.



ALLAN BROOKS ORIGINAL ARTWORK

We are so excited to have collaborated with the Vernon Public Art Gallery for the first ever exhibition of original artwork at the Allan Brooks Nature Centre, by none other than Allan Brooks himself! There are a total of 5 mixed media artworks on loan from the VPAG permanent collection, now on view in the Interpretive Centre, through to the end of September. If you are an art lover and enjoy Allan Brooks illustrations and paintings, this is a must see this season. We are giving away FREE field guide books to anyone who visits the exhibition, while supplies last!



AGM

We invite all Allan Brooks Nature Centre Society members in good standing to attend the 2021 Annual General Meeting, as well as anyone interested in learning more about the organization. The AGM will take place on June 23rd at 6:00 pm, and include the President's Report, Manager's Report, Financial Statement and Auditors Report, and election of Directors, all of which will be presented via Zoom. Members will be provided with an email notice and link to participate in advance. For more information contact manager@abnc.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming events!

- [Guided Trail Tours](#), every Thurs & Fri
- [Nature Talks](#) | Saturdays at 1:00
- [Vermicomposting Workshop](#) | June 19
- [AGM](#) | June 23
- [FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH THE BUG GUYS](#) | July 7
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!
- NEW! [Yoga in Nature](#) | July 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24

NATURE SHOP

West Coast Shampoo Bars are crafted from quality ingredients, creating a luxurious foamy lather that leaves your hair clean, bright and shiny. Bars are free of plastic packaging, making them the perfect addition to an eco-friendly hair care routine and easy to pack on your next outdoor adventure. These compact bars last months. Made in Langley, BC. The [Nature Shop](#) carries packages of 2 bars for \$28.



EDUCATION UPDATE

Allan Brooks Nature Centre is happy to announce that we have partnered with the [Okanagan Science Centre](#) to offer a new outdoor school program; the **Science of Nature!** The program is currently designed for students in grades 4-7 with a focus on ecosystems in climate change. Kidston Elementary School piloted the program this spring and participated in a total of 4 sessions focused on ecosystem components; air, plants, water and wildlife.



Field Trips at the Nature Centre

We are thankful that we have been able to get back to our usual Spring programming of having local classes participate in Field Trips to the Nature Centre. We have been very fortunate to have classes visiting us every day to connect with nature and learn about our local wildlife and ecosystems.

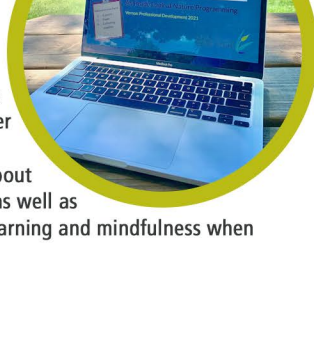
Summer Camps

At the Allan Brooks Nature Centre, we want all kids to experience the joy that time in nature can bring and for them to grow up with a connection to the natural world. Thanks to our generous donors, our Send a Kid to Camp fund allows us to help more children experience our nature summer camps.

This year we are working with the [Family Resource Centre](#) to help connect us with a family in need.

Pro-D Day Presentation

Our education team participated in a Professional Development day with School District #22 at the end of May. Through a Zoom presentation, teachers learned about the nature based programs we offer and we introduced them to our new eLearning platform. During the session we shared stories about the highlights and pitfalls of teaching outdoors, as well as several grounding exercises to set the tone for learning and mindfulness when teaching in an outdoor environment.



SUMMER STAFF

The next time you visit the Centre, be sure to say hello to our summer staff! Rachael MacDonald, Rachel Glessing, and Cheyenne Brown are all university students studying forest ecology, biology, and clinical neuroscience. They will be assisting our education team by delivering a variety of programs including Field Trips, Nature Talks, and Summer Camps. Welcome to the team!

VOLUNTEER & MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE EVENT

Just Another Birds and Bees Story

An Educational Event with Dr. Bernard Roitberg

Join us on Thursday, June 24 from 6:30 - 7:30pm

for our first 2021 educational opportunity

exclusively for volunteers and members of the

Allan Brooks Nature Centre. Dr. Bernard Roitberg,

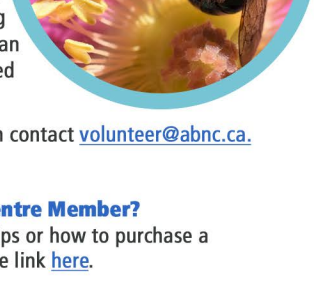
a world renowned entomologist, will be presenting

about bees that are native to BC and the Okanagan

as well as discussing how certain bees can be used

as proxy "birds" when studying bird behaviour.

For more information and Zoom login information contact volunteer@abnc.ca.



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If you wish to learn more about memberships or how to purchase a

membership please follow the link [here](#).