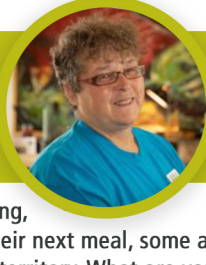


*Come on In! - Explore. Discover. Learn & Play*

MESSAGE FROM CENTRE MANAGER CHERYL HOOD



Winter is coming. Some of our residents are sleeping, waiting for spring, some are soaring looking for their next meal, some are trotting around the grasslands, checking out their territory. What are your plans this winter? Enjoying the season by participating in winter sports? Going for a hike? Relaxing in front of a fire with a hot beverage in your hand and a good book, show to watch?

We encourage you to get outside and enjoy the Okanagan's amazing ecosystem to see our furry and feathered friends. Come Forest Bath (or in our case Grasslands Bath). Do not simply walk in the woods/grasslands, stop and take it in, immerse in the sights, sounds and smells of the forest/grasslands.

Our trails are open to wander/snowshoe, when the gates are open (the Interpretive Centre building is CLOSED).

Thank you,

Cheryl Hood

Centre Manager



In the winter months moose seek out areas with plenty of browse on the ground and a forest overhead for cover. One purpose of this shelter is not to keep warm, but to keep cool. A moose is so well-insulated that it may feel too warm in winter temperatures over -5°C. A moose might even lie in the snow to cool down.

Read more at:

<https://www.theolympian.com/outdoors/article48699875.html>

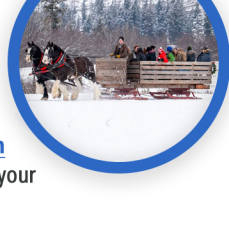
LIGHT THE NIGHT

2021 marks the 3rd annual Light The Night on-line auction in support of the Allan Brooks Nature Centre (ABNC). The success of the Centre this year has been made possible in large part due to our generous community members. We are reaching out to you, as a request for support of ABNC in the upcoming season by making a [donation](#) on Giving Tuesday, join as a [member](#) or participating in [Light The Night on-line auction](#).



Fantastic Gifts to Choose From!

We have made your Christmas shopping easy with 14 gift ideas. You can place your bids on any of the 14 incredible gift items available. Rare wines, experiences, art and holiday season items that include horse drawn sleigh ride from [Horse Drawn Okanagan](#) are all up for bid. There is something for everyone on your holiday wish list or treat yourself!



When Does Bidding Start?

Bidding begins at 9:00 am on the 3rd of December and closes on Sunday, December 5th at 8:00 pm.

► [VIEW AUCTION](#)



MEMBERSHIPS

Purchase a 2022 Allan Brooks Nature Centre [membership](#) or make a 2021 charitable receipted tax [donation](#) by December 31st. A membership also makes for a great gift for every nature enthusiast! Regardless of how, your contribution supports ongoing nature education and habitat preservation in our community.

► [PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP](#)

Membership benefits include: a tax receipt and discounts on workshops, special events, summer camps, birthday parties, in the nature gift shop and select local businesses.

GIVING TUESDAY

Did you know we get 3000 visitors during the season and over 4000 youth who participate in our Nature in the Classroom, field trips, summer camps, from near and far they come to learn about the ecosystems of the North Okanagan. We invite you to share your images and memories of your visit to Allan Brooks Nature Centre.



Help us continue our mission:

"The Allan Brooks Nature Centre Society is committed to promoting the enjoyment of nature and increasing awareness of habitat conservation through environmental education and nature-related activities in the Okanagan region."

► [DONATE](#)



Did you know that CanadaHelps will add another \$2.00 to every donation over \$20.00?

HOLD THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for an exciting new event coming **February 2nd, 2022!**

We look forward to seeing you in the new year for many more upcoming events!

How to create a backyard haven for wildlife in winter

Source article: <https://spca.bc.ca/news/create-winter-wildlife-haven/>

Winter is a tough season for wild animals. Deep snow and freezing temperatures make finding food and shelter a daily struggle. While wildlife has adapted to the changes brought on by the season, survival is still a challenge.

- **To mow or not to mow.** Long grass can shelter overwintering insects. Come spring, the bugs will be protein-rich food for baby birds.
- **Just a litter bit.** Piles of leaf litter can provide a place for animals such as frogs to hibernate.
- **The need for seed.** Allowing plants to go to seed can feed hungry birds spending the winter here. Seed heads can also house overwintering insects.
- **Let it bee.** Old plant stems make great homes for a variety of overwintering insects, including bees. The dead stalks can also serve as construction materials for birds beginning to build their nests in the spring.
- **Brush up.** Brush piles can give dense cover to animals such as chipmunks, marmots and hares, as well as protection to overwintering insects.
- **Break the ice.** Keeping a hole open in your pond can provide birds and mammals with a source of drinking water. Instead of breaking the ice, place a container of hot water on the surface to melt it through. Remember to remove any fallen leaves from your pond, too: decaying leaves can harm fish.
- **Rock it.** Rock piles, especially when positioned near water, can provide habitat for snakes, frogs and other reptiles and amphibians.



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