## **ACSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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#### THE SPARKLES AND SPIRITS WINTER GALA

A winter gala to adorn your sparkles, sample spirits and dance the night away!

Enjoy gourmet appetizers, spectacular wine tastings, and fantastic live music by JUKEBOX, all while supporting a great cause! Proceeds from this event go directly to Children's Programming through the Arts Council for the South Shuswap.

The Arts Council spearheads many initiatives in the South Shuswap such as the Shuswap Artisan Market, the Small Hall Music Crawl, and of course the weekly summer concert series Music in the Bay. Children's programming is offered as well and includes lessons in ballet, acro, and contemporary dance, visual arts, voice, choir, and music.

This is sure to be an evening of elegance, sparkles, and FUN! A live auction will feature some spectacular items up for bid. Safe Ride Home is available thanks to the River of Life Church.

To purchase tickets visit www.shuswapculture.ca



SAFE DRIVE HOME BY RIVER OF LIFE AVAILABLE

# GET CREATIVE IN YOUR GIFT GIVING THIS YEAR

This time of year can be hectic as our thoughts turn to preparing for the holiday season. Part of that pre-holiday planning is deciding on gifts for those close to you and let's face it, finding the 'perfect' gift for those important people in your life is not easy. So here's an idea. This holiday season, why not give the gift of creativity? The Shuswap is fast emerging as a burgeoning arts and cultural scene. Why not consider some of the following options this year?

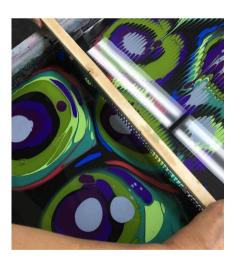
Give your gift meaning - become the artist.

Never underestimate the power of handmade gifts; you'll find that these are the presents that bear the most meaning. Not only will you be showing the recipient how deeply you care, you'll be able to test out your art skills as well. There are plenty of workshops and classes happening in our area this month to allow time to create your own gift. Here's just two of those workshops, one for kids and one for adults, that are being held this month out of the Arts Council Studios (Lower Level Carlin Hall):

Silk Scarf and Canvas Water Marbling Workshop Nov. 24th

Kids Make and Take Christmas Craft Workshop Nov. 30th

Register for both at www.shuswaparts.com







Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Community Coffee House Music Series

Our community is rich in musical talent! Check out these venues this season:

Carlin Hall 1st Saturday of the Month at 7pm Sunnybrae Hall 2nd Saturday of the Month at 7:30 pm Eagle Bay Hall 4th Saturday of the Month at 7:30 pm

Annual Fire Department Food Drive

Support those in need this Christmas season. Members of the White Lake Fire Department will go door to door collecting donations for the food bank.

Dec. 3 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Light Up Sorrento!** At Sorrento Memorial Hall

Hot dogs, hot chocolate, fireworks, music, and a visit from Santa!

Dec. 6 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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# Gift Something Unique – Support our Local Artists and Artisans

Another way to show your support for the arts is to buy something from an artist or artisan. This takes the pressure off of making something yourself while gifting something that is not only handmade, but unique as well. We are so fortunate to have so many talented artists in our area. The Shuswap Artisan Market boasts an incredible collection of artisan ware created by Shuswap artists. Great pieces of art and artisan ware are available at many price points. The market is located at 1204 Notch Hill Road in Sorrento (next to Steamers).

Don't miss the wide offering of Christmas craft shows, bake sales and artisan markets this holiday season. Be sure to check out:

- Nov. 9.....Annual Craft Sale Sorrento Memorial Hall
- Nov. 16/17......Artistry Gift & Bake Sale Blind Bay Hall
- Nov. 23......Christmas Craft Sale Lakeview Community Centre
- Nov. 23..........Christmas Artisan Market & Bake Sale Cedar Heights Centre
- Nov. 23......Christmas Bazaar Sunnybrae Seniors Hall
- Nov. 30.....Kids Only Christmas Market Cedar Heights Centre

#### Spread Happiness – Give the Gift of an Experience

According to most experts, the key to finding personal happiness is driven mostly by experiences and not through the acquisition of material things. Drawing on the positive memories created through experiences promotes endorphin in the brain, one of four chemicals that can drive positive emotions when released. Buying a new chair or throw pillow for your home can bring a sense of instant satisfaction however the positive feelings created are short-lived. Experiences, on the other hand, deliver long-lasting memories. With that in mind, what about considering a Gift Certificate for that special someone to take in an experience in the New Year?

Experiential gifts can range anywhere from movie passes to gifting a trip abroad. Keeping it at the local level, one can gift a lovely dinner or brunch, a live music concert, museum or gallery showings, a cooking class, an experience steeped in Secwepemc culture and more.



Let them start the New Year off right. Gift lessons in art, dance, or music.

If you're looking for an innovative gift for your loved ones this holiday season, try giving the gift of creativity.

There are plenty of children and adults who wish to be more creative but don't know where to start. Giving the gift of expression is powerful. Leaving one's comfort zone, expanding knowledge and becoming vulnerable as one tries new things is key in leading a productive and self-confident life.

FACES offers Gift Certificates available for holiday giving. New classes start in January.

All schedules are at shuswaparts.com.









### FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT...

Our first art session of the year is wrapping up this week. This semester FACES students learned different techniques using paints, pastels and stamps. Sculptures, mosaics collages and stiching were explored as well. The next session in art begins January of 2020. Ms. Heather is hosting the Kids Make and Take workshop on Nov. 30th. This is a great opportunity for your little ones to create something special for a loved one this Christmas. Register at www.shuswaparts.com

## FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT...

The FACES Children's Choir has been asked to perform at some Christmas events in our community! They'll be singing at the Sorrento Light Up on Dec. 6th. Then, come support the children of FACES at Notch Hill before the CP Holiday Train arrives on December 14th. Ms. Kate and our choir students are very excited - hope to see you there spreading Christmas cheer! FACES is also looking for adult members to join a contemporary choir led by Kelly Coubrough beginning in 2020. Check out Kelly's bio at www.shuswaparts.com, or email assist@shuswaparts.com for more info.

### FROM THE DANCE DEPARTMENT...

The FACES Presentation of the Nutcracker will soon be here. Tickets are going fast so get yours soon! Speak to any FACES instructor or visit www.shuswaparts.com to purchase yours online. The first session of the Adult Barre class is wrapping up soon - what a success! Registration for another intake will open in January. If you have any suggestions for more adult classes or programming you'd like to see at FACES let us know! The Arts Council is a place for everyone in our community - you've got a voice and we want to hear it! Email assist@shuswaparts.com.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

DECEMBER 15TH - FACES Presentation of the Nutcracker

DECEMBER 20TH - Final day of FACES lessons before Winter break

JANUARY 9TH - FACES lessons resume

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** 



## THE NUTCRACKER

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

SHOW TIME: 6:00 PM DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

Carlin Hall Community Stage 4051 Myers Frontage Road, Tappen BC Tickets Include Cake/Beverage Following Show

#### FOR TICKETS: VISIT SHUSWAPARTS.COM

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