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E-Newsletter—
THE CHAMBER PAGE—
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Chamber is doing in support of
you our Members.

Next edition of the Fernie
Chamber News Bulletin
Thursday , November 12th, 2010
Deadline for submissions:
WEDNESDAY, November 10
Email plain text to :
Members@ferniecechamber.com

ALPINE SPA & LEISURE



Alpine Spa and leisure was started in 1997 primarily as commercial hot tub/pool service company. The company philosophy was to offer outstanding service and the best products available to our customers. It wasn't long before the explosive growth of Fernie brought many opportunities for expansion of our services. First came the introduction of service for portable hot tubs in rental condos and houses followed closely by a downtown store location for retail sales of chemicals and hot tub supplies.

In the summer of 2004 we moved into our present location at 1541-9th with over 2000 sqft of space. The business continued to grow at a steady rate in all sectors of our operation. In order to take the next step in our business and to offer our customers the BEST spa and service, a decision was made to move up to the line of Sundance Spas.

Our customers quickly saw the benefits of shopping local as they could buy the best spa made, backed by our award winning service. The outstanding quality and comfort features of Sundance Spas continues to be directly responsible for our success

. Through the years, we never lost sight of our original goals to offer the best products backed by the best service. We are a perfect fit for Sundance Spas as the two companies share the same drive for excelling in quality, service and innovation. Customer satisfaction is always considered to be our first goal. To top that off we have excellent staff, who are very enthusiastic about Sundance Spas and a big part of a successful growing company.

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MAX RESTAURANT 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY MENUS

Book Your Christmas Party at the Park Place Lodge

The Christmas Holiday Season is fast approaching and we invite you to join us for a memorable meal and evening out with your co-workers. Both the elegant main dining room and private Fireside Room will be festively decorated for the holiday season and available for bookings. Listed below are three specially prepared Christmas menu selections you may want to consider. If you have something else in mind, such as a cocktail party or dinner and dance, please let us know and we will find a way to accommodate your request. We look forward to hosting you and your group!

For more information please contact Liza Anderson, Sales Manager, at 250-423-7758 or lizaa@ferniegetaways.com or contact the Hotel at 250-423-6871 or info@parkplacelodge.com.

Christmas 3-Course Menu #1

Enjoy one of these delicious main courses combined with soup or salad and dessert.

SLOW ROASTED CHICKEN SUPREME

Stuffed with Prosciutto, Basil & Provelone Cheese, Portobella Mushrooms– tomato Demi-glace, served with roasted Baby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables.

CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF STRIPLOIN STEAK

WITH A Bourbon Peppercorn Glaze served with Roasted Baby Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

PISTACHIO-CRUSTED WILD SALMON

Served with Thai Red Curry Sauce, Jasmine Rice & Seasonal Vegetables

\$30.95 per person plus HST and Gratuity

Christmas 3– course Menu #2

Enjoy one of these delicious main courses combined with soup or salad and dessert.

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY served with Cranberry Apple Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, & Seasonal Vegetables

TRADITIONAL MAPLE– GLAZED HAM serves with Scalloped Sweet Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

\$28.95 per person plus HST and Gratuity

Christmas Prime Rib Buffet (min 30 people)

Butternut Squash Soup & Maple Crème Fraiche
Caesar and Greek Salad
Prime Rib with a Rosemary Au Jus
Grilled Filet of Salmon with a mango Salsa
Chicken Breast in a Cream Tarragon Sauce
Apple Walnut Stuffed Pork Loin with a crab-apple Sauce
Roasted Baby Potatoes
Wild Mushroom Rice
Mixed Seasonal Vegetables
Dinner Rolls & Homemade Desserts

\$35.95 per person plus HST & Gratuity extra



COMMUNITY AWARDS GALA A SUCCESS

Thursday 21st October was the night that Fernie celebrated the success and achievement of some of its residents and businesses. The hosts, Fernie Chamber of Commerce would like to express their congratulations to all nominees and all of our Winners for 2010.

Fitting tributes and inspirational bios were captured and portrayed to a room of over 75 people; the evening was lighthearted and relaxed and it was great to see people supporting each other and taking time to congratulate the nominees and winners.

We hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening; one winner said of the evening, “It’s great to celebrate the success of our winners, but for every winner here tonight there are many more unsung heroes who are the backbone of the wonderful community we live in”.

The Fernie Chamber of Commerce looks forward to seeing everyone at its forthcoming events and we look forward to celebrating your successes at our 2011 event.

Sarah Parry

November Luncheon Watch for more info

**Speaker: Chris Dadsen–
BC Tourism Update
Place: Park Place Lodge
Date: November 18th,
Thursday
Time: Noon**

FERNIE & DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL

You're invited..& bring your friends

'Art on Fire'

Festival of Lanterns, Fire & Fire-works

**Celebrating 20 years of The Arts Station & Fernie community
...Preparing for November 20, 6-9pm**



Lantern-making Workshop Jamborees

Make your own lantern to carry on the BIG night!
Or Enter the lantern contest! You are the people power! Take what you make home! All FUN!! & basic materials supplied. Lanternistas will be on hand @ The Arts Station to help you make a bamboo & paper lantern or invent your own free spirit creation!

You choose to Drop In anytime

Mon Oct 25 6-9pm
Tues Oct 26 6-9pm
Wed Oct 27 6-9pm
Mon Nov 1 6-9pm
Tues Nov 2 6-9pm
Wed Nov 3 6-9pm
Thurs Nov 4 6-9pm
Fri Nov 5 6-9pm
Sunday Nov 7 1-5pm
Wed Nov 10: 10-5pm

...Simple as 1 2 3...

**Hook mason jars with tealights onto a ski pole...!*

**Make bamboo star shapes, covered with paper
(remember a vent!) & add a candle...*

**Go wild, twirl bamboo & invent your own ..
Win cash prizes!!*



****Come one, come all... adults, teens, families, clubs & groups... children must be accompanied by an adult helper...**

The Arts Station, 601 1st Ave, Fernie B.C.
250-423-4842
info@theartsstation.com



~ Upcoming Courses ...

[Leadership Series- Verbal – Non-Verbal Communication](#)

Fee: \$69
Date: November 1 (Mon.)
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

[Home Improvement Series – Painting Techniques](#)

Fee: \$20
Date: November 3 (Wed.)
Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

[Canadian Firearms Safety Course](#)

Fee: \$99 + HST + \$25 exam fee
Date: November 6 & 7 (Sat. & Sun.)
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

[Airbrakes](#)

Fee: \$249
Date: November 6 - 14 (Sat. & Sun.)
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

[Leadership Series- Written Communication](#)

Fee: \$69
Date: November 8 (Mon.)
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

[Do More with Excel Spreadsheets](#)

Fee: \$99
Date: November 8 – 15 (Mon. & Wed.)
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

[Getting to Know Your Blackberry](#)

Fee: \$19 + HST
Date: November 9 & 16 (Tue.)
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

[Leadership Series- Team Building](#)

Fee: \$69
Date: November 15 (Mon.)
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

[FoodSafe Level 1](#)

Fee: \$100
Date: November 16 & 18 (Tue. & Thur.)
Time: 6:00pm – 10:00pm

[Home Improvement Series – Tiling](#)

Fee: \$20
Date: November 17 (Wed.)
Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

[QuickBooks](#)

Fee: \$250 (includes book)
Date: November 18 – December 14 (Tue. & Thur.)
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

[Powerful Presentations with PowerPoint](#)

Fee: \$99
Date: November 22 – 29 (Mon. & Wed.)
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

For more information on these and other courses, please call the College of the Rockies at 423-4691 or visit our website at www.cotr.bc.ca.

Book your SMALL BUSINESS CHRISTMAS PARTY SOON!

DINNER AND DANCE

**At Fernie Golf and Country Club
December 10 ,2010**

Cocktails at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm

\$32.00 per guest (plus HST and 15% gratuities)

Call Lillis or Luana at 250-423-9040 to reserve your spot for this year's fun!

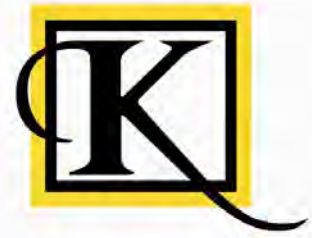
BUFFET DINNER MENU

Oven Roasted Turkey/Trimmings
Roast Beef/ oven roasted potatoes
Swedish Meatballs/mashed potatoes/cranberry gravy
Atlantic Salmon/rice & herb sauce
Honey glazed Ham
Sauteed winter vegetables
Frittata & mini wieners

Home Baked fresh bread buns
Cold Peeled Shrimp cooked in beer & dill
Smoked Atlantic Salmon
Lemon & dill cured salmon gravlax
Assorted dips with pita wedges and vegetables
Tomato & fresh herb bruschetta
Antipasto platter
Cheese and cold cuts

Beet root salad
Pesto Pasta salad
Caesar Salad
Red Onion & tomato salad
Potato Salad
Selection of homemade desserts & dessert squares/Freshly brewed coffee & tea

Other dates available for private functions
For groups 40-150



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Pyramid Flame Heater brings a new dimension to outdoor heating. This stylish unit provides a uniquely visual flame while providing heat in every direction. This attractive piece of patio art will be the focal point of any outdoor setting. This high quality unit features a tip over protection system for your safety. Attached wheels provide easy mobility.

Features:

- Reliable Piezo igniter
- Stainless steel burners & heating grid
- Uses standard 20 lb LPG BBQ tank – not included
- Safety auto shut off tilt valve
- Stainless steel construction
- Convenient wheel assembly
- Consumption Rate (Approx) 10 hrs – 20 lb LPG tank
- 32,400 BTUs
- 20.5" W x 20.5" L x 88.3" H assembled
- 67 lbs
- \$700 retail value

Overwaitea Sparwood has donated this item to Lilac Terraces 7th Annual Fundraising Fashion Show & Silent Auction.

Bidding on this item is open now & closes 9pm Monday, Nov. 8th, with minimum bids starting at \$250.00

To place a bid– or for more information contact Deborah @ 250-425-2292

**THE MINER’S WALK:
a celebration**

If it wasn't for mining, Fernie wouldn't be here."

*The Miners Walk Exhibit Steering Committee
September, 2010*

EXHIBIT FUND RAISING PROPOSAL

This document outlines our fund-raising goals for the creation of an exhibit to celebrate mining in Fernie. It will be situated on the City Hall property, the original Coal Company office and show-place in the heart of Fernie’s community.

THE CONCEPT: a statement from the steering committee

The exhibit will tell the whole story of the importance of mining and the powerful effect it has had in shaping the community that it is today. This will be done by creating an outdoor exhibit that is compelling, enduring and attractive. From this people will gain a respect for what happened in the past, is happening now and will be part of creating a positive future.

GOALS

Within the context of the overall mission, a number of specific goals for this project have been identified:

- tell the story of significant players in coal mining in the area,
- describe the geology and natural and human history of the Fernie area as it relates to coal mining,
- engage Fernie and area residents including schools and clubs in the creation process.
- make as much use as possible of local contractors and suppliers.

FUND RAISING OBJECTIVE

\$130,000

\$30,000 in kind donation

PLEASE CONTACT FOR DONATION:

Mary Giuliano 250-423-4009 or
Tammy Monsell 250-423-8900

ELKFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Invites you to the
13th ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4,2010
5:00pm to 1:00 am
Elkford Recreation Centre
Banquet Hall

Please R.S.V.P by November 22
Elkford Chamber of Commerce
info@tourismelkford.ca
Call 250-865-4614

ELKFORD’S MOONLIGHT MADNESS CRAFT FAIR

December 9th,2010
12:00 noon to 9:00 pm
Elkford Square Mall

To reserve your table please contact
ELKFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PHONE: 250-865-4614
info@tourismelkford.ca

**We want you to use our Newsletter—
The Newsletter is a benefit that comes with your Chamber Membership!**

Newsletter Criteria-

Email in plain text, word documents and jpeg please!

Email info to members@fernieceamber no later than the day prior to publication,
These dates are always included on the first page of the current Newsletter!



**Tourist Information
Network Conference**

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts presented the 2010 Visitor Centre Network Conference Oct 18th and 19th at the Fairmont Pacific Rim in Vancouver. The theme of this years conference was "Building a strong Network"- a goal that will be crucial in maintaining consistent visitor servicing throughout the province in the coming decades. The conference was a great opportunity to network with management and staff from Visitor Centres across the province, better understand the benefits and responsibilities of being in the Network, and to learn about changes taking place within the Network Program. I was thrilled to be a part of it, and am already looking forward to next year.

Submitted by Rachael Bone



Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council (KRIC)

KRIC is a non- profit Society focused on promoting innovation of business, education and community through science and technology related initiatives. The Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council is pleased to announce a *free Business Coaching Services* to support regional innovators, business owners and entrepreneurs in knowledge-based industries via GoToMeetings, email and telephone.
Phone: 250-426-6388 www.KRIC.ca



Fernie Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Sparwood & Elkford Chambers to promote a grant writing application workshop sponsored by Teck Coal. The workshop put on by **Columbia Basin Trust** with Carrie Schafer, was very informative with the requirements and processes required in completing the grant applications, of which there are many available in all sectors.

Your Chamber was in attendance and we encourage you to look at the opportunities **Columbia Basin Trust** offers for funding your initiatives. For more information on obtaining grants and the preparation of the applications, contact the Chamber of Commerce @ 250-423-6868 or **Columbia Basin Trust** website - www.CBT.org, or call Carrie Schafer our Community Liaison @ 250-426-8816, 1-800-505-6670, email: cschafer@cbt.org

Steele O'Neil Associates Inc

Steele O'Neil and Associates Inc. was formed in June 1997 in response to a need for a wide range of employment, training and consulting services in the East Kootenay and beyond. In 2005, the business expanded to Vancouver Island. Steele O'Neil is a private business with a social service philosophy and ethic, committed to assisting and supporting clients to gain independence and to have satisfactory and rewarding lives.

The principals of Steele O'Neil, Susan Steele and Barbara O'Neil, have managed numerous training, employment services and employment-related consulting projects in the East and West Kootenays for a number of years. They each garnered extensive experience in employment services, business consulting and the social program sector prior to establishing the company. For more info- phone: 250-489-4180 or www.steeleoneil.com

**SARAH'S COLUMN
Fernie Chamber Manager
Our Attendance at the BC
Chamber of Commerce Area
Meeting held in Cranbrook representing your issues and concerns**

The BC Chamber of Commerce is the premier business advocacy organization in the province. Using a unique policy development process grounded in a grassroots, result-orientated analysis of issues and solutions from locally based stakeholders, the BC Chamber has a proven track record of making successful recommendations to governments and non-governmental organizations at all levels. As members of the BC Chamber of Commerce, **local Chambers of Commerce and businesses** can rest assured that their concerns are being fully represented to the entire province.

Please make use us here at the Chamber as a platform for your business to raise issues with Government at local and national level. During our meeting Provincial issues were discussed including HST and the negative impact on Tourism, issues with Highway 3, the minimum wage and its effect on the small business.

The Fernie Chamber of Commerce will be starting business forums and one topic surveys whereby you have an opportunity to raise concerns and ideas that can be presented to the City of Fernie and through the BC Chamber for both Provincial and National attention. Please watch for an invitation to take part.

**Welcome to our new Members in
October**

- The Quest Outdoor Sport Rentals**
- Palata Painting**
- Fernie Tea & Coffee House**
- Sara Funk Bookkeeping & Clerical**
- OOLICHEN Books Inc**
- Teddy's Tots & Toddlers**