



# The Galiano Club

## Annual Report

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## **Introduction**

This is the first Annual Report to be presented in a written form.

The Galiano Club was incorporated as a non-profit society on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1924 to:

- a) encourage social, recreational and educational activity in Galiano
- b) to foster agricultural interests in Galiano
- c) to form a public library
- d) to build a public hall which shall be used for the above three purposes

Since the founding of the Club, the objects have been amended to include holding and administering in trust for the community Bluffs Park and Mt. Galiano. Both properties are zoned "nature protection". Also added was administration of the heritage forest lands, zoned "heritage forest", in accordance with covenants on these lands. In all, the Club is responsible for 830 acres of land on Galiano Island.

In the 1927, the Galiano Club built the South Galiano Community Hall. This Hall still stands today and is in constant use. It was expanded slightly over the years.

## **Governance**

The Galiano Club is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors (up to 12) half of whom are elected at the Annual General Meeting held each spring in May. The Board meets monthly to discuss the business of the Club and oversee its operations.

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## Activities of the Society

### The Galiano Club Lands

- **The Bluffs, Mt Galiano** - The primary work of the Galiano Club in relation to the lands this past year has been the maintaining of trails and clearing fallen trees. Club Directors and volunteers regularly walk the trails to identify what work there is to be done. The clearing of trails is done by volunteers. The gravel road through the Bluffs is a dedicated Highways road and is maintained by the contracted highways maintenance service. There also are stores of water in the Bluffs and on Mt Galiano for firefighting.
- **The Heritage (Community) Forest** - The first work parties took place in the Heritage Forest on Tuesdays and Saturdays from January 16<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> to clear trails and remove broom. Members of the Heritage Forest Management Committee are committed to opening up the community forest for safe low-impact recreational use for the entire Galiano Community. Many kilometres of trails have now been opened. The map of the forest is posted at the entrance at the end of Georgia View Rd.
- **Japanese Pit Kiln (Bluffs Park)** – Representatives of the Japanese Canadian society, Wakayama Kenjin Kai, came to Galiano in September to see the Japanese pit kiln in the Bluffs, visit the Japanese graves in the cemetery and to have a lunch at the Hall with Club and Galiano Museum representatives. A new sign in English and Japanese has been erected at the top of Highland Rd. marking the trail to the pit kiln, just inside the west border of the Bluffs.

### The Galiano Community Hall

- **Kitchen and Foyer Floors** – The new linoleum kitchen and foyer floors that were installed in 2007 began to lift from the sub-floor causing safety hazards. The company that installed the floors was unwilling to fix the

problem. The Galiano Club had to initiate a small claims action that resulted in the company agreeing to replace the flooring with ceramic tiles. This was completed in March, 2010 and the new floors are working out very well. The lawyer who represented the Club in the mediation donated all of his time.

- **New Dishwasher** – With the support of a Capital Grant in Aid and other fundraising, the Club was able to replace our old dishwasher with a new commercial dishwasher. With the high use of the Hall this was seen as a high priority. The new dishwasher was installed at the same time as the new floors.
- **Stainless Steel Counters** – While all of the other work was being completed, a new stainless counter was added above the dishwasher as the steam from the washer was compromising the “formica”.
- **New Tables** – Ten new small tables were purchased as the card tables we have used for years for the Blackberry Festival and other events are wearing out. We now have a variety of sizes and shapes to use.
- **In-Kind Donations** – The Club continues to benefit from the generosity of islanders who this year donated a freezer, baker’s trolley and many other pieces of kitchen equipment. Also donated in part were freight services, labour and materials for the renovation work in the Hall.
- **Hall Roof** – The priority for 2011 will be to replace the roof on the Community Hall. We have been raising money through our “shingle” campaign. This is covered in more detail in the Fundraising section of the report.

## **The Galiano Club Community Food Program**

The Galiano Club Community Food Program continues to be the busiest program area of the Club. Through fundraising and cost-recovery we continue to be able to employ 2 part-time coordinators. This year we also

were able to hire 2 Youth Eco Interns for most of the year with federal government funding that came through the YMCA.

- **Nettlefest and All Islands Food Security Conference** – This year the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Nettlefest in March included an all islands conference. Over 100 people from the Southern Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland attended the conference held at the Community Hall. It was a lively and productive day preceded by Nettlefest the day before. A new website was created for the Food Program in time for the conference to serve as a repository of the ideas generated and as a way of linking the islands. The website is [www.galianofoodprogram.ca](http://www.galianofoodprogram.ca)
- **Community Picnic** – The Galiano Club participated in the first annual “Old Fashioned Community Picnic” in September. It was a great success and many island organisations were involved.
- **Community Greenhouse** – The first community greenhouse was installed in June at the school garden with financial support from Vancity. The greenhouse will be run as a community garden and will also be used by the students for growing starts for their fundraising plant sales.
- **Food Forever** – The wind up of the Food Forever project funded by New Horizons for Seniors included the launch of the Galiano cookbook, “Galiano Cooks” that was compiled by community elders and students from the Community School.

## **Administration**

- **Policies** – The Board spent a considerable amount of time this year developing policies on a range of administrative areas including Hall rentals, contracting and the lands.
- **Job Descriptions** – Job descriptions for the table officers were developed.
- **Constitution and By-Laws** – Resolutions for consideration at the 2011 Annual General Meeting have been developed to address the resolution

passed at the 2009 AGM concerning gender specific language in the Constitution and By-Laws. The amendments proposed are “house-keeping” in nature including raising the financial authority to match another section approved at the 2009 AGM. New this year is a proposal for a “Youth Membership” category to recognise the many youth who are involved in volunteering for the Club.

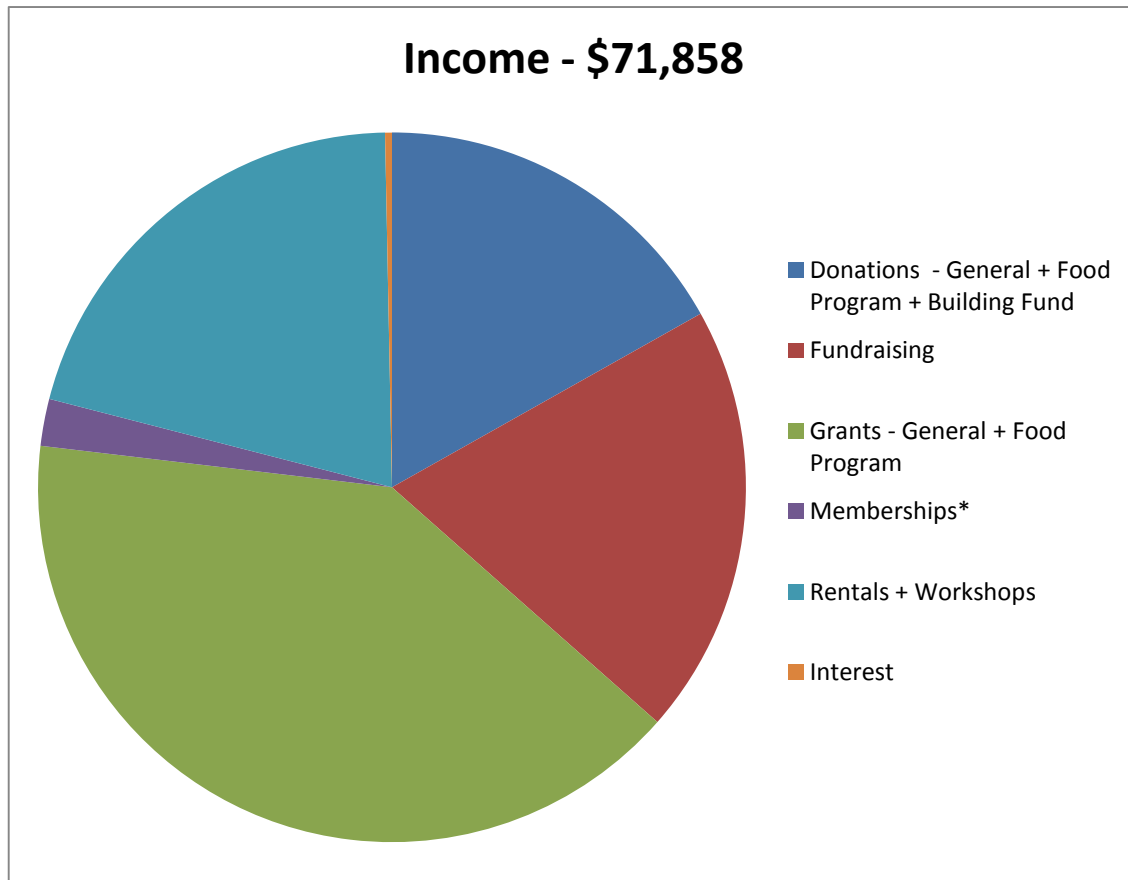
- **Life Members** – There will be a resolution presented at the AGM to add a new life member. There currently are two, Kathy Bengner and Sue Evans, who have been recognised for their tremendous contributions to the Galiano Club.
- **Jamboree and Fiesta** – The Club had a booth at both of these summer community events. The visitors to the booths had a chance to talk about all of the Club’s projects
- **Membership** – There were more than 300 Galiano Club members in 2010.

## **Club Fundraising**

The Galiano Club Board has a fundraising committee to look at ways to increase our revenues. The Blackberry Festival and Christmas Market are the primary fundraising events for the Galiano Club. They are very successful and help the Club keep the Hall rental rates low. The committee is looking into holding two flea markets a year in addition to an Open House each spring and a Strawberry Tea in June. The committee would like to spread the events over the course of the year. The Club Financial Report is attached as a separate document.

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## Financial Picture



## Expenses- \$79,117

