



The Galiano Club 2013 Annual Report



Introduction

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

- a) encourage social, recreational and educational activity in Galiano
- b) foster agricultural interests in Galiano
- c) form a public library
- d) 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 that lands. In all, the Club is responsible for 830 acres of land on Galiano Island or 5.78% of the island’s land mass.

In 1927, the Galiano Club built the South Galiano Community Hall. It was officially opened by Lieutenant Governor, Randolph Bruce, in 1929. This Hall still stands today and is in constant use. It was expanded slightly over the years, a new floor was added in about the 1940’s and new bathrooms in the 1990’s.

Current Galiano Club Constitution:

This Club shall be called THE GALIANO CLUB

2. The objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) to encourage social, recreational and educational activity on Galiano Island.
- (b) to maintain a public hall which may be available for use by any person or persons who wish to use it in accordance with the above purposes.
- (c) to hold and administer lands as described in the Bluffs Park and the Mount Galiano Trust Agreements, as directed therein.
- (d) to hold and administer heritage forest lands (zone FH) in accordance with heritage forest covenants on such lands.
- (e) to foster broad-based agricultural interests and promote food security on Galiano Island.

2013

Activities of the Society

This past year was a busy one for the Galiano Club. Included here is a brief summary of our 2013 activities.

The Galiano Club Lands Update

- **The Bluffs, Mt Galiano** - The primary work of the Galiano Club on the lands this past year continued to be 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. For firefighting purposes there also are stores of water in the Bluffs and on Mt Galiano. Both parks sustained a lot of storm damage in the winter of 2013-2014. The work plan for 2014 includes re-routing part of the Mt. Galiano trail that strays out of the park boundary onto private property near the top.
- **Japanese Pit Kiln (Bluffs Park)** – In the late 1800's, several charcoal pit kilns were built on Galiano Island to make charcoal for the Steveston canneries. These kilns were built by Japanese Canadians whose families primarily came from the Wakayama Prefecture in Japan. Several years ago the pit kiln in Bluffs Park was restored by Steve Nemtin. On three occasions representatives of the Japanese Canadian community (Wakayama Kenjin Kai) have travelled to Galiano to visit the pit kiln and the Japanese graves in the cemetery. The interpretive sign at the pit kiln was unveiled by Lieutenant Governor, Iona Campagnolo in 2002. A sign in English and Japanese at the top of Highland Rd. marks the trail to the pit kiln, just inside the west border of the Bluffs. This coming year, Steve will coordinate the production of a pamphlet for visitors about the pit kiln.
- **The Heritage (Community) Forest** - Many kilometres of trails have now been opened but it is still difficult to keep the broom at bay. Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission erected a kiosk at the Georgia View entrance to the Heritage Forest with a map of the trails. In 2012, the Club received a grant from Vancity to develop a plan for thinning and restoration. In 2013, Forester Herb Hammond and the Galiano Conservancy Association's Keith Erickson mapped out an area of the forest to be thinned aggressively, another area to have less thinning and a control area. This project has been on hold while seeking further funding and certification. The Galiano Club also maintains an account of donations, for work in the Heritage Forest, received from the Galiano Island Forest Association that wound up its society in 2011 and from a former long-time Galiano resident.

The Galiano Community Hall

- **Hall Usage** – The Hall was booked 340 times in 2013. These bookings included use for health and exercise, regular meetings and annual general meetings, sales, festivals or private events, rehearsals, concerts and shows, weddings and dances and, by the Club, for plays, the Food Program and Cinema Galiano.
- **Cinema Galiano** – In the fall of 2013, the Galiano Club and the Health Care Society's Aging in Place Project shared in the cost of a film licence which allows for new films (before they go to DVD) to be shown as well as older films. We have been trying out different schedules and approaches and have found that regular Friday night movies (2 to 3 Fridays per month) seems to work well. We are showing one family/children's film and two more adult oriented films. It has been a delight to see the children come in their pajamas with pillows and blankets. They take over a large rug that is at the front of the stage. Popcorn and juice is included in the admission price of \$5.00 or \$10.00 for a family.
- **Fire Escape** – This past year we have re-built the fire escape steps that lead to the lower parking lot. There are a few details to be completed before the inspector will sign off on the project. This project was made possible by a donation from a local resident and from a CRD Grant in Aid.
- **Grand Piano** – In 2012, local resident, Will Guthrie, donated his grand piano to the Galiano Club Community Hall. This has been a great addition to the Hall. The piano is jointly "managed" with the Concert Society and in the 2013 – 2014 season the emphasis was on concerts including the piano. The Concert Society hosted several piano recitals including evenings with the Gryphon Trio, Borealis String Quartet and Jamie Parker and Jane Coop. Mary Greenwood is the Club's liaison with the Concert Society.
- **Hall Stage** – The flat panels that were used for years for plays and concerts were replaced in 2013 by black curtains that came from Langara College's theatre. These cloth panels are very versatile for plays and create a concert hall-like appearance for musical performances.
- **Hall Blinds** – The last of the blackout blinds were installed in 2013 and allow the Hall to be darkened during daylight for films, concerts or presentations using the audio-visual equipment.
- **Painting** – The Hall was painted inside and out this past year. It was overdue for this work with some parts of the outside down to bare wood.

- **Hall Floors** – The Hall and stage floors were re-coated again in 2013 by Louis Gonthier who donated all of his time. The floors cannot be sanded any more as they are too worn. The re-coating helps maintain them in a useable condition until the time that we are able to replace them.
- **Electrical System** – With the generous support of AgriSpirit – Farm Credit Canada, the Hall electrical system was updated and augmented. This allowed us to install new theatre lights and speakers in the main hall. A new lighting panel was purchased with a very generous donation by a community member.
- **Emergency Services** – The Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program has installed 2 generators at the South Hall to be used to run the Hall in the event of a disaster or prolonged power outages.
- **In-Kind Donations** – The Club continues to benefit from the generosity of islanders who this year donated many pieces of kitchen equipment and services to the Club. Also donated in part were labour and materials for the renovation work in the Hall and outdoor gardening.

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 have been able to employ 4 very part-time coordinators. The Coordinators are Alison Colwell, Emma Davis, Barry New and as of 2014, Colleen Doty. The Food Program was established in 2008 to address food security on the island, with a particular focus on seniors, through strengthening growing, preserving and cooking skills, holding community pot lucks and establishing a soup and meals program. Everyone is welcome to participate at whatever level they can.

The overall funding for the Food Program in 2013 came from the United Way of Greater Victoria which has been very generous and supportive of the work of the Program.

- **Community Potlucks** - The Food Program hosted the 6th Annual NettleFest in March, 2013 and with other island organisations, participated in the 4th Annual Community Picnic in September featuring Zucchini Races, Garden Club competitions and a Best-Pie competition. This year featured ceramic prize medals created by Galiano potter Sandra Dolph. The Food Program hosted the Winter Solstice Feast in December featuring live and local entertainment. Over 450 participated at these gatherings last year.
- **The Garlic Co-op** - This group gathered for regular work parties (about 2 hours per month) over 10 months, learning about preparing beds, planting and growing garlic and

preparing compost. In 2013, new beds were created at the private space lent to the Food Program and the old beds were allowed to rest. The co-op members kept up the garlic growing in their own gardens or in shared gardens and will return to growing in the co-op space in fall of 2014.

- **Greenhouse Growing** – The participants in the Community Greenhouse growing group learned from an experienced greenhouse grower and a master gardener. The greenhouse is used for starts and heat-loving plants and is open to any community member who would like to join. The school children also use the greenhouse for growing. This year a solar fan was installed to improve the ventilation. The greenhouse was funded in part by a VanCity grant received in 2010. It is located adjacent to the Community School beside the new library. The water collection system of the Library supplies the School Garden and Greenhouse.
- **Gleaning** - In this project, property owners invite volunteer labour to pick their fruit and vegetables. A share of the bounty goes to the land-owner. The rest goes to the people who pick the fruit, to the Food Bank and the Food Program for community kitchens and other redistribution efforts. There was much less fruit available last year due to the caterpillar infestation and the cold spring in 2013.
- **Community Kitchens and Workshops** – In 2013, there were 8 community kitchens and workshops. Community members gathered to cook or learn other new skills including pickling, canning, bread making, Thai cooking and fermentation. It’s a great way to meet people and enjoy some good food.
- **Soup for Seniors/Food and Friendship** - This ongoing project brings together a committed group of volunteers who make the soup to be frozen and distributed to seniors, people in need and the Food Bank on a regular basis. In 2013 we had 14 soup and meal making kitchens and produced hundreds of containers of soup and 700 frozen meals. This project evolved in late 2012 into a monthly soup and bread luncheon (for 10 months of the year) for all community members. In 2013, 320 people came for lunch of soup bread and tea.
- **School Programs** - The Food Program Coordinators and volunteers work closely with the Galiano Community School to maintain the school garden and to teach the school children about the full cycle of food production from soil building to composting, planting to weeding, harvesting to cooking and preserving. The garden is so popular with the students that they often are seen there “grazing” at recess and lunch.

This year's projects have included:

Tasty Thursdays –Tasty Thursdays continued in 2013 with approximately 6 students each week working in the garden, preparing food from the garden for all at recess and then distributing any leftovers to the classrooms for lunch.

AppleFest – The whole school and 8 volunteers participated in the fall AppleFest afternoon of tastings, games, art and making cider the old fashioned way.

Cooking Workshops – Cooking workshops with the students were held again in 2012. The small numbers in the school have allowed for a lot of individualised learning.

- **Inter-Island Projects** - Connecting to the islands around us is a natural extension of how we can provide for ourselves as well as support interesting and productive projects that other individuals and groups are undertaking. The Food Program continues to work with the other islands, in particular Gabriola, Penelakut and Mayne.
- **Penelakut** – The Food Program, A.M.E.S. (Access to Media Education Society) and the H'ulh-etun Health Society (of Penelakut, formerly called Kuper, Island) have been collaborating on “Two Islands United – Gathering the Wisdom of the Elders”, a project funded by the HRDC New Horizons for Seniors. This project involved recording and filming discussions between Penelakut and Galiano Elders on wild food and foraging, connecting people from both islands, sharing meals and creating a film. The major portion of this project was completed in 2013 and included creating a “clam garden” on Penelakut Island.
- **UBC Land and Food Systems** – For the past 4 years the Food Program and UBC LFS students have collaborated on small projects. The students contribute to our local knowledge through their research.
- **Enterprising Non-Profit** – Alison Colwell is leading an initiative funded in the fall of 2012 by the Vancouver Foundation to look at ways in which the Food Program could become self-sustaining. The small meal production is part of this initiative as well as developing weekend-long food related workshops.

Galiano Players

In 2011, the Galiano Players and the Galiano Club joined forces, with the Players becoming part of the Galiano Club. With this move there has been a revival of theatre on the island and a place for the many talented islanders to perform. The Hall and stage lighting and sound systems have been updated; the stage floor has been repainted; the

green room (The Bengier Room) has been revamped and new back drop curtains have been installed. Sylvie Beauregard has taken on the role of producer with Marek Czuma as director. In 2013, “For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again” by Michel Tremblay was performed on four nights to large crowds. The plan is to present one to two plays per year.

Administration

- **Policies** – The Board continues to spend time developing policies on a range of administrative areas including Hall rentals, contracting and the lands.
- **Job Descriptions** – Job descriptions for the table officers have been developed.
- **Constitution and By-Laws** – The Constitution and By-Laws were last updated at the 2012 Annual General Meeting with changes to membership year and broadening the agricultural focus of the objects of the Society.
- **Life Members** – There are three life members, Sue Evans, Margaret Howell and Gloria Olson who have been recognised for their tremendous contributions to the Galiano Club.
- **Youth Members** – The Club’s Junior Members participate in many Club activities from pie making and serving at the Blackberry Festival and helping with parking safety. The Club’s Directors will be working with the Junior Members to help them organise and hold their own events. The Junior Membership category was approved at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Junior Memberships are free from children under 12 (with parental consent) and for youth (ages 13 to 18).
- **Jamboree/Fiesta** – The Club had booths at the North End Jamboree and at the Lion’s Fiesta events last summer. The visitors to the booths had a chance to talk about all of the Club’s projects
- **Membership** – There were 173 Galiano Club members in 2013.

Club Fundraising

The plays, 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 as low as possible. The Club Financial Report is attached as a separate document. Currently, Hall rentals pay for less than half the cost of the running of the Hall and paying for insurance on the lands.

Thank You!

The Club would like to recognise the strong support of the community through memberships in the Club, over 175 volunteers and the many generous donations made over the course of the year. These include the wonderful support of our local trades and merchants who often donate their labour and/or give discounts on materials. Our volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Club's activities including cutting broom, cooking, minor renovations of the Hall, washing dishes, hauling garbage, baking, making signs, taking photos, picking berries, collecting water samples, clearing trails, hauling materials and other goods from off island, painting, designing a website, refinishing, delivering meals, sewing, gardening, producing and directing plays and events, setting up and taking down tables and chairs at the Hall, doing recycling, giving advice, laundry, cleaning and making tons of popcorn. This steady support helps the Board of Directors plan ongoing maintenance and upgrading projects for the Hall as well as the many activities in which the Club is involved.

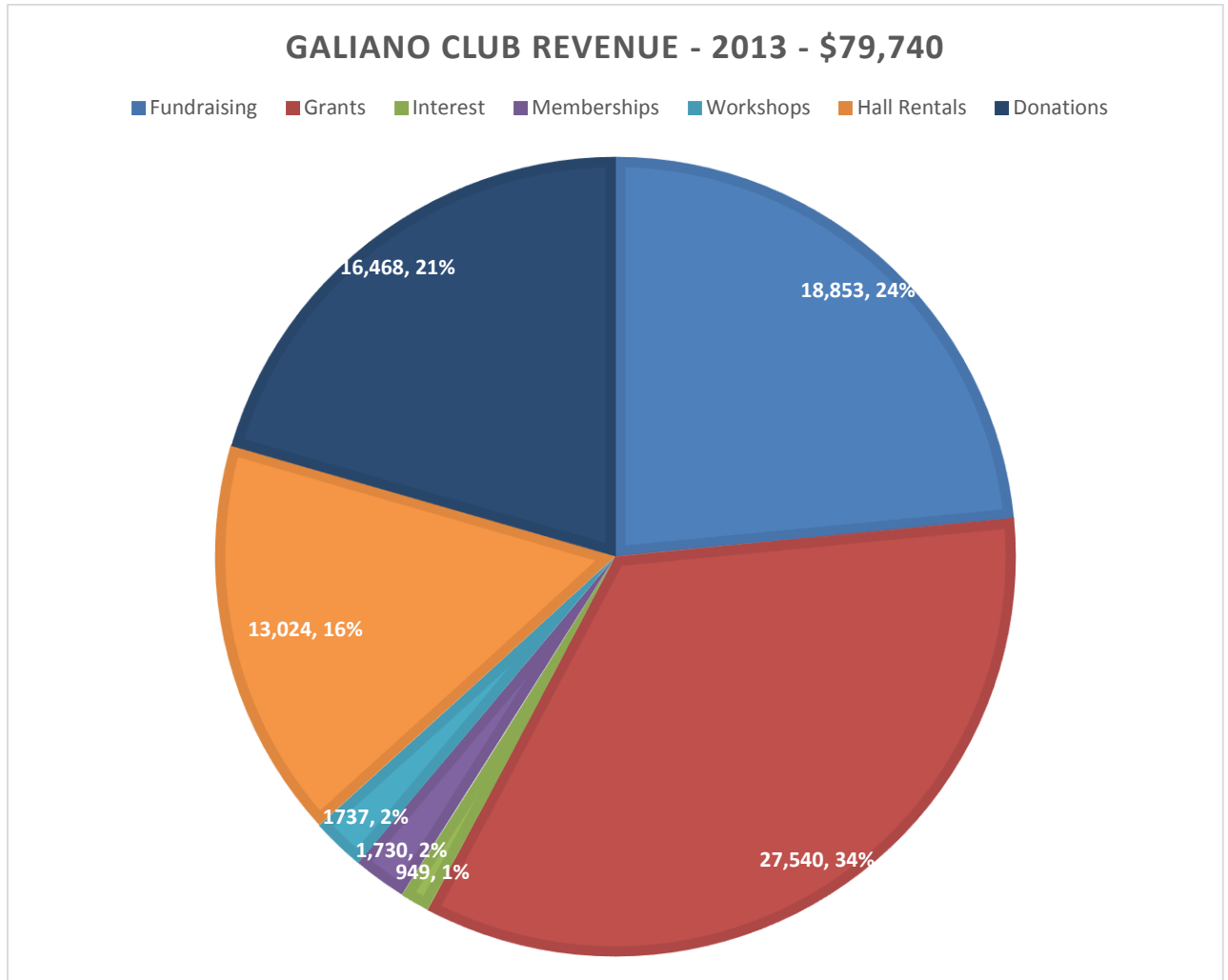
Governance

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.

Board of Directors – 2013/2014

- Sonia Baker
- Sylvie Beauregard
- Allan Doty
- Lorna Doty
- Karrie Anne Friend
- Sharon Gove (appointed by the Board part way through 2013)
- Mary Greenwood – Secretary-Treasurer
- Judy Hayes – Vice President
- Lee Musselle
- Seonaid Renwick
- Jane Wolverton - President

2013 Financial Picture



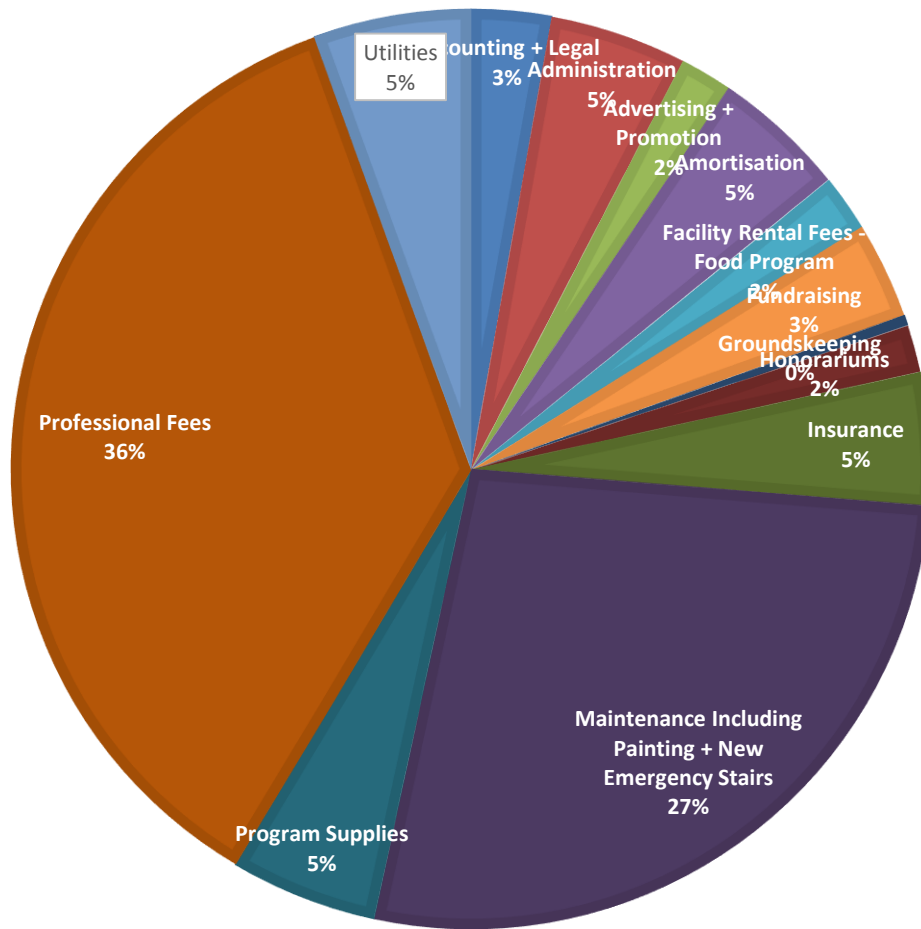
Notes

Of the \$27,540 received in grants, \$24,000 was for the Food Program. This funding covered activities for 2013. Approximately \$20,000 of the Food Program funding has not been expended as the projects are ongoing.

The costs of maintaining the Community Hall are covered primarily through rentals, fundraising and donations.

GALIANO CLUB EXPENDITURES - 2013 - \$98,743

- Accounting + Legal
 - Advertising + Promotion
 - Facility Rental Fees - Food Program
 - Groundskeeping
 - Insurance
 - Program Supplies
 - Utilities
- Administration
 - Amortisation
 - Fundraising
 - Honorariums
 - Maintenance Including Painting + New Emergency Stairs
 - Professional Fees



Notes

Between 2012 and 2013 there was a reduction in Administration costs as there had been set up costs for the office in 2012. In Advertising and Promotion there also was a reduction in part by using social media. There was considerable maintenance done to the Hall this past year. Program supplies for the Food Program increased as a result of the increase in activity in this Program and as well the Professional Fees were greater.

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