

# The Galiano Club

## 2017 Annual Report

### *93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*



*Grandmother Tree – The Bluffs*  
*Photo – Kris Krug*

# The Galiano Club - 1924 to 2017

## Introduction

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) 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 the ownership and administration of the Heritage (Community) Forest lands, zoned "heritage forest", in accordance with covenants on that land. In all, the Club is responsible for 830 acres of land on Galiano Island or 5.78% of the island's land mass.

From 1925 to 1926, 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; new flooring was added in about the 1950's, new bathrooms in the 1990's and in February, 2018 the Hall's 3<sup>rd</sup> new flooring was installed.

## The Galiano Club Constitution was updated at the 2017 Annual General Meeting:

### CONSTITUTION

1. This Club shall be called THE GALIANO CLUB
2. The purpose of the Society on Galiano Island shall be:
  - (a) to encourage social, recreational and educational activity.
  - (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 promote agricultural interests on Galiano Island including gardening, farming, other food related initiatives and production of agricultural products.

# 2017

## Governance

The Galiano Club is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors (up to 12) half of whom are elected at each Annual General Meeting. The Board meets monthly to oversee Club operations.

### Board of Directors – 2017/2018

- Sonia Baker
- Diana Burgoyne
- Diana Fraser
- Judy Hayes – Vice President
- Lauren Magner - Secretary
- Lee Musselle
- Garth Walmsley
- Carol Wilson – Treasurer as of May, 2018
- Jane Wolverton - President

## Strategic Planning

The Board of Directors and others will be participating in Strategic Planning sessions in 2018 to review the Club's operations and to develop plans for each major activity area. The first area to be planned is the Community Food Program.

## Administration

- **Policies and Governance** – The Board continues to spend time developing policies on a range of administrative areas including Hall rentals, contracting, volunteer agreements and parks management plans.
- **New Society By-Laws and Board Governance** – In early 2017, the Galiano Club and Vancity sponsored a workshop for community organisations on the requirements of the new provincial Society Act and Board Governance.
- **Constitution and By-Laws** – The Constitution and By-Laws were last updated at the 2017 Annual General Meeting to comply with the new Society Act proclaimed in November, 2016.
- **Life Members** – There are three Life Members, Don Anderson, Margaret Howell and Gloria Olson, who have been recognised for their tremendous contributions to the Galiano Club.
- **Youth Members** – The Junior Membership category was approved at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. The Club's Junior Members participate in many Club activities from pie making and serving at the Blackberry Festival to decorating the Hall.
- **Membership** – There were 209 Galiano Club members in 2017.

## Activities of the Society

This past year was another busy one for the Galiano Club. Included here is a summary of our 2017 and early 2018 activities.

### Community Events

Jamboree/Fiesta – The Club had booths at the North End Jamboree and at the Lion's Fiesta events in 2017. The Club's projects were highlighted for visitors to the booths. The Club also initiated the first Galiano Volunteer Fair this spring with 12 island organisations.

### The Galiano Club Parks and Community Forest Annual Report Garth Walmsley and Diana Fraser

In 2017, the Club focused on our stewardship of the lands held by the Club. The primary work of the Galiano Club on the lands is maintaining trails and clearing fallen trees as well as cutting broom in bloom. 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 are stores of water in the Bluffs and on Mt Galiano.

**Japanese Pit Kiln** – The Galiano Club has long been the guardian of a Japanese Charcoal Pit Kiln in The Bluffs. It was restored by island resident and neighbour of the Bluffs, Steve Nemtin and his son Eli. This year the Club hosted a luncheon for three Japanese gentlemen visiting the Canadian Pit Kilns in the Gulf Islands. They gave us the background and history of what is still an ongoing industry in Japan - charcoal making.

In the spring of 2017, the Japanese Pit Kiln in the Bluffs was designated a Heritage Site by Heritage B.C. In the late 1800's, pit kilns were built by Japanese Canadians for producing charcoal that was used in the fish canning industry. The Japanese Canadians originally came from the Wakayama Prefecture in Japan where pit kilns were in regular use. On three previous occasions, representatives of the Japanese Canadian community (Wakayama Kenjin Kai) travelled to Galiano to visit the pit kiln and the Japanese graves in the cemetery. A sign in English and Japanese at the top of Highland Rd. marks one of the trails to the Pit Kiln. A pamphlet about the Pit Kiln was developed by Steve Nemtin and it is available to islanders and visitors.

Two work parties this year upgraded the trail to the Pit Kilns off Highland Road with chips and judicious pruning of the surrounding growth. The upper trail from the pullout on Bluff Road has also been upgraded and signed for visitors to the park. A Canada 150 grant and support from the Club enabled the production and installation of two new interpretive panels at the kilns.



A booklet of the history of the charcoal kilns in the Gulf Islands has just been published entitled, “Island Forest Embers”. It contains articles on Galiano’s pit kilns and Galiano’s Japanese Canadian history.

### New Bridge to the Pit Kiln

An unveiling of the new interpretive panels will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup> and representatives of the Japanese Canadian community and Nikkei Cultural Centre will be attending.



## Community Forest

In the spring of 2017, the Galiano Island community was invited to adopt a restoration circle where individuals, families and/or groups would take responsibility for a 30 foot diameter circle by fencing, removing invasive plants and protecting or replanting native species.

Approximately 10 individual groups committed to caring for circles over a 3 to 5 year period. An educational session was held on May 5, 2017 by Keith Erickson from the Galiano Conservancy Association and the sites for the circles were identified and “adopted”. On May 5, 2017 approximately 30 people turned out for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Broom Blitz. Work parties focused on removing the broom on the Mistletoe Trail, Wildfire Loop trail and the Georgia View extension. The afternoon concluded with a barbeque and music by Lorelei Allen. On January 20, 2018 a broom burning event was organised to burn the broom that had been cut in the previous spring. Four fires throughout the Community Forest were monitored by about 20 volunteers.



**Winter Broom Burn**

Throughout 2017 there were several incidents of Community Forest trail map signs being removed. These are maps placed on signs to provide direction to those unfamiliar with the network of trails. The signs have since been cemented in place and we hope will be less likely to be removed. There also have been a number of reports of vehicles accessing the Community Forest property. Two property owners have access to their lots beyond on the “unopened public road” through the Community Forest. Consideration is being given to placing locked bollards at the start of Mistletoe and Arbutus Main trails to prevent access to any other public individuals.



## New Community Forest Signs

In July 2016, an Agreement was signed between the Galiano Club and the Trails Society for the maintenance of trails in the Community Forest. The subsequent Trails Society work parties cut back the broom on the Wildfire Loop trail and opened up a side trail between the Mistletoe Trail and the Wildfire Loop. In the fall of 2016, a Community Forest Management Committee was formed to review and implement the recommendations of the 2008 Heritage Forest Management Plan. The committee consists of 7 members of the community and 3 Board Members.

**The Bluffs** - The Capital Regional District has begun the process of developing a park management plan for Matthews Point Park. Because this will have implications for the Bluffs as the neighbouring park and because the last time the Bluffs plan was reviewed was in 1988, the Galiano Club Directors have decided to update the Bluffs park management plan. In January 2018 a Bluffs Park Management Plan committee was formed to update the management plan. The committee consists of Ed Andrusiak, Kenna Fair, Diana Fraser, Mike Hoebel, Debbie Holmes, Michael Sharp and Garth Walmsley. The committee has reviewed historical documents and reviewed and discussed the original objectives of the park in today's context. The following vision and objectives have been identified.

## Bluffs Park Trail Sign



## **Management Vision**

The 1988 revised Deed of Trust identifies the vision for this property as:

“To hold the lands solely and irrevocably as a nature conservancy area as defined under the Park Act Ch. 309, 1979, for such recreational uses and enjoyment of the general public which do not disturb or interfere directly or indirectly with the soil, vegetation or animals and their habitat, except as may be approved by the Directors of the Trustee in accordance with a continuing inventory and management plan endorsed and ratified from time to time at the annual general meeting and at any extraordinary general meeting called for this specific purpose.”

The intent of this vision is to build, update and add any new components as may be suggested by the community providing it is consistent with the above statement. The Bluffs is also considered to be a spiritual place offering experiences to refresh the soul in nature, as such it is invaluable to the people of Galiano.

## **Conservation Objectives**

- To establish a protected area for the conservation of the Coastal Douglas-fir bioclimatic zone and also extend protection to the Coastal Western Hemlock subzone.
- To create connections establishing a network of protected areas with the adjacent Crown Lands and Matthews Point Regional Park.
- To extend protection to Active Pass where the high tideline, the water and foreshore are zoned for protection.
- To maintain and conserve the diversity of ecosystems and ecological processes in their natural successional development.
- To identify, protect and enhance (if consistent with park intent) the ecosystem and ecological services provided.
- To determine the watershed dynamics and protect the groundwater supply for neighbouring properties.
- To be aware and monitor the impact of the old garbage dump on the park property.
- To determine the fire hazard risk to the park and develop mitigation strategies and actions.
- To be aware and monitor the presence of invasive species.
- To improve protection of sensitive habitats.
- To gain a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on the park and respond using adaptive management.

## **Recreation Objectives**

- To define what is meant by appropriate low impact recreational activities in the park and provide examples.



- To maintain, enhance where desirable, and reduce impacts of permitted recreational activities.
- To encourage activities that provide health, well being and spiritual benefits.
- To work with adjacent land owners and agencies to provide seamless recreational experiences that are consistent with the objectives of this management plan.

### **Education Objectives**

- To promote public awareness and understanding of the park purpose, objectives, history and permitted activities.
- To facilitate park management activities by developing information and activities that build awareness and appreciation of the Park's natural environment and history.
- To promote appreciative behaviour in the Park - e.g. avoiding trampling sensitive ecosystem areas. Motorised vehicles continue to get access to the sensitive ecosystem area at the viewpoint. Boulders have been placed by Fred Stevens only to have them removed by individuals wanting to get vehicles through.
- To encourage organised public participation and volunteerism to achieve Park objectives.
- To allow schools, educational institutions and learning centres to develop and offer public programs explaining the natural and cultural history of the Park.
- To augment visitor safety by providing information about the hazards in the park.

Signage for both Mt Galiano and the Bluffs have been reviewed and maps with “you are here” dots are being installed at trail junctions. The following names were chosen for The Bluffs trails: Canter Road, Jumping Mouse Trail, Owl Tree Trail, Japanese Pit Kiln Trail, Lookout Trail and Moss Trail. An information kiosk has been erected at The Bluffs viewpoint and a second one will be placed at the Mt Galiano parking lot. An Open House was held at The Bluffs on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Approximately 20 people attended and participated in a walk to the Japanese Pit Kilns, the old garbage dump and a bio diversity tour.

**Mt Galiano** - Mt Galiano trails are maintained with the help of volunteers to clear windfalls. Directional signs have been placed at the junction of Lord trail and Active Pass parking lot trail. An updated park management plan will be commenced on completion of the Bluffs Park management plan.

**Guardianship Program** - A Guardianship Program has been instituted for the two parks and the Community Forest to encourage community residents to take responsibility for these properties and improve communication between trail walkers and the Galiano Club. This will allow for better coordination of trail maintenance and identification of issues that need addressing.

*Many thanks to all the volunteers who have participated in these projects and to those who have cared for these properties by picking up litter, removing windfalls and reporting their concerns!*

## **The Galiano Community Hall**

*The Galiano Community Hall was featured in a 6 page delightful article by Allan Forget in the Spring, 2016 edition of the magazine "British Columbia History".*

**Hall Usage** – The Hall was booked 348 times in 2017. The largest number of bookings is for the Food Program and yoga, but also includes meetings and Annual General Meetings, sales, festivals and private events, rehearsals, concerts, shows and cinema, weddings and dances and workshops. The capacity of the Hall was increased in January, 2016 to 135 seated concert style, 105 at tables or 255 standing only. In May 2017 Alison Colwell replaced Judy Hayes as the Bookings Co-ordinator for the Hall. At times the Hall can be booked for three different events in one day. It is everyone's responsibility to leave the Hall as clean as they found it – ready for the next community event.

*A big thank you to Judy Hayes for all her hard work herding the cats (renters) – i.e. handling the Hall bookings for the past few years!!*

**Maintaining the Hall** – Rentals from the Hall only cover about one half (depending on the annual maintenance issues) of the cost of maintaining the Hall and the cost of insurance coverage for our Galiano Club properties. The shortfall is covered through fundraising.

**Hall Stage** – The Club plans to upgrade the stage lighting to LED lights in the 2018.

**Hall Kitchen** – We replaced one gas stove in the kitchen with a large, 6-burner model, that uses pilot lights, extending our emergency capabilities. We still plan to build a new pantry near the kitchen door. The old stove could not be repaired.

**Hall Floors** – The old Hall floor was removed and replaced with a new oak floor in February 2018. The new floors and baseboards were installed in February, 2018 by Louis Gonthier and his crew. Kim Lenglet worked to level the floors which had a corner to corner difference of about 8 centimetres (3 inches). This then presented a problem with the transition to the washrooms. Jurgen Mueller and Kim Lenglet came up with a creative solution and porcelain tiles were laid. There was a regular parade of people coming by to watch the changes over the couple of weeks it took.



**Floor Numbers 1 and 2 and Subfloor**



**New Hall Floor**

**Grounds and Gardens**—Allan Forget has retired from Grounds maintenance, Sonia Baker and Scott Sugden have taken over maintenance of the gardens around the Hall. *Thanks to Allan for years of volunteering in the Hall gardens!*

**Cinema Galiano** – Since the fall of 2017 Cinema Galiano has taken a break. A new audio-visual club is developing and it is anticipated that Cinema Galiano will be revived.

### **Galiano Players – Sonia Baker**

Last year we produced “Nostalgic Voices”, very well attended and successful musical evenings set up in cabaret style. This was the brain child of Sylvie Beauregard and many musicians volunteered their time for rehearsals and the evenings. There were over 14 musical acts. In the fall we ran our most popular annual Pantomine, directed by Sonia Baker. This year it was “Peter Pan” with a cast of thousands - no small feat on this island. A few new thespians took to the stage and soon became stars. There were at least 46 people directly involved.

Now what happens this year? We start off this spring May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with a play written by an Canadian author Norm Forster. There are 4 actors (with a few extras) in A play that is funny and sweet, also very thought provoking.

This fall we will have our annual Pantomine, there will be a new director who has lots of great new ideas. You will have to wait and see to find out what the title is!

The Galiano Players work hard to give you entertainment and at the same time raise money for the Hall. So, don't forget there is always room for more to join us.

**Bridge Tournaments –** Bridge Tournaments have returned to the Hall. Galiano players were joined by players from other islands for a day of bridge and lunch. The plan is to host at least two tournaments per year.

### **Partnerships in the Hall**

- ❖ **Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Services Program**  
– The Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program keeps 2 generators at the South Hall to be used to run the Hall in the event of a disaster or prolonged power outages.
- ❖ **Galiano Island Recycling Resources –** GIRR provided the funding for a Bike Fix It Station located at the Hall
- ❖ **Music in the Hall –** The Concert Society holds its concerts in the South Hall.  
The Society presents a wonderful season of music and we have been fortunate to have very high level performances.

### **Bike Fix It Station**



## The Galiano Club Community Food Program - Looking Back at 2017 and Ahead to 2018 - Alison Colwell - Food Program and Hall Manager



**Alison**



**Emma**



**Barry**



**Brahmi**

These are the Manager and Coordinators who, along with all of the volunteers, make the Food Program what it is. Our Vision (still in draft form until the Food Program Steering Committee passes it) is:

*The Galiano Community Food Program envisages Galiano Island as a thriving, livable, food-secure community. It is a place where every resident is included, welcome and empowered to build a deeper connection with their food system. In so doing, the Program improves Galiano's ecological sustainability and community resilience in the face of climate change and uncertainty. The program seeks to set an example that reaches beyond our local community and spreads across the country.*

**Soup (and Meals) for Seniors** - In 2017, there were 32 soup and meal making kitchens, resulting in hundreds of servings of soup, serving more than 2,806 people lunches (up from 1,650 the previous year) and making more than 2,200 meals. This initiative raised over \$20,500 toward the costs of the program. This compares with the 2,000 meals in 2016 and the 677 meals in 2013. The Soup and Bread Luncheons continue to be popular and support the Food Program. The Soup and Bread Program would not be possible

without the support of all the dedicated volunteers that come week after week to cook and clean. In 2017, over 410 volunteer shifts were worked comprising 1,640 hours.

The Soup and Bread program also would not be possible without the support of everyone who comes for lunch. Some people might have noticed we take attendance. The reason for that is that we are trying to determine if we are feeding the same 70 people at every lunch, or if a wider group of people come. Last year 450 different people came for lunch. Almost 50% of our island population.

Soups and meals are available at the South Hall (during any Food Program event or by calling Alison Colwell), at the Tuesday Walking Group, at the Health Care Centre, plus some meals and soups are distributed through the Food Bank.

In 2016 we expanded the soup program to bring soup to the kids at the school on regular Soup days. Soup is made in the Hall kitchen and delivered to the school in Stainless Thermoses. In 2017, we delivered 930 thermoses of soup to the school.



### **The Soup and Bread Kitchen Crew**

#### **Community Games Nights**

Games Night continues to be a very popular family event. In 2017, there were 12 Games Nights, serving more than 725 people dinners (566 in 2016) and with volunteers making more than 400 meals (307 made in 2016) for freezing and distributing. Over \$4,600 was raised to cover the costs of the Program (\$3,000 was made in 2016). Games Night happens once a month on a Thursday.



### Community Potlucks

In 2018, the 11th Annual Nettlefest was a three-day event again. On Friday night there was a Wild Kitchen—Nettle Cooking Workshop. On Saturday there was a Forest Foraging Walk with Cedana Bourne from the Galiano Conservancy. The main Nettlefest Potluck was on Sunday. More than 110 people attended and enjoyed the fabulous potluck dinner and entertainment.



### Nettlefest

**The 9th Annual Community Picnic**, organised by the Food Program with the support of a number of other island groups, is scheduled for Sunday September 9th, 2018. The Zucchini races will feature prominently again this year, and the Pie Competition and the Annual “Kids vs. Adults” soccer match. Last year during the Tug O’War competition dozens of spectators kept running in from the sides to even out the teams - it was hilarious. Even our MLA Adam Olsen joined in. In 2017, over 140 people attended the picnic and \$330 was raised to offset costs. The partners in the Picnic included the Lions,

Emergency Preparedness, the Galiano Library, Garden Club and the North Galiano Community Hall Association.

**The Annual Winter Solstice Potluck** is scheduled for Friday December 21st, 2018. The Solstice Potluck includes a Lantern Making workshop (to get the kids ready), a Lantern Procession, a potluck dinner followed by amazing local entertainment and a huge bonfire outside. More than 180 people participated in last year's Solstice celebration and we raised \$1,200 in donations.

All together over 400 people participate in these three community events.

### **Cooking at the Community School**

The Food Program continues to offer cooking with the school kids. This takes a variety of shapes from intensive whole day Bread Workshops - one for each class, smaller explorative programs and plus whole school breakfasts. The School kids hosted **Elders and Grandparents Lunch** on Wednesday March 6th. There were 18 kids who hosted 29 elders. Five volunteers came to help the kids prepare the lunch and set up the Hall. The kids did a wonderful job and the Hall was full of conversation.

**Cheese Club** - The Cheese Club is a popular group that meets once a month and in 2017 we made: Dream cheese, Brie, Cheddar, Tomme, Cumin Seed Gouda, Cambozola, Feta, Manchego, Havarti, Brew Curds Cheddar and O'Bannon. The longest we have aged a cheese is one of the big wheels of cheddar. We aged one for 13 months – and it was wonderful!

### **Workshops**

In 2017 we held workshops in a variety of different areas: Beginners Jam, Pressure Canning Tomatoes, Advanced Jams and Marmalades, Cooking with Wild Mushrooms. - The Food Program hosted FoodSafe Level 1 training again this year and more than 20 people attended the Class in April. Some of the spots were sponsored by the Saturday Market Society, the Food Program and the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Emma Davis – Food Program Coordinator**

**Citrus Workshop** - In January, 25 community members came to the Hall to hear Bob Duncan's presentation on growing citrus and subtropicals in our climate. Participants were very appreciative of Bob's scientific rigour and inspired to try growing new varieties such as lemons and kiwis in their home gardens. "I am pushing 70 and it is really nice to know that I can bring a tree into full production in my remaining life time. Love lemons and limes and am thinking to expand into several outdoor trees -- but will keep one on the deck for emergencies -- such as when I need to be fortified with a rare port and lemon. Very medicinal -- as you have to treat both the body and the soul!"



**Propagation Workshop** - After last year's very well-received Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, we were happy to welcome instructor Manon Tremblay back for a propagation workshop in March. Seventeen community members gathered at the Hall and the Community Greenhouse to learn about hardwood and softwood cuttings, layering, air layering, division, grafting, as well as looking at different seeding techniques to ensure germination.

**Composting Workshops** - In November, about 15 community members gathered for 3 workshops led by Alysha Punnett from the Compost Education Centre in Victoria. The morning was spent learning about soil bacteria and composting basics, and the afternoon was focused on advanced composting methods for growing food, mitigating climate change and conserving soil. Some of the feedback we received: "Several of us thought we weren't composting correctly because our compost didn't get hot, but the speaker gave us a more realistic expectation. We're doing fine, it turns out!" ... "The atmosphere was easy so with participants adding interesting questions and accounts." ... "Most people who garden on Galiano compost already, yet you offered this workshop for those who want to learn more. That was good programming. Thank you!"

**Stock Up! Market in October** - This was the 4th Annual Stock Up bulk food market, offering locally-grown keeper veggies and meat and encouraging people to buy in bulk to store for the winter. There was a wide variety of products available from the 7 vendors and there was a good turnout. The plan is to do this again this fall.

**Gleaning** - This project continues to grow each year. Fifty-five volunteers gathered for 19 picking sessions at 12 sites, picking just over 2,000 lbs of a variety of types of produce. Rather than going to the deer or the compost, islanders' excess produce went to pickers, the Food Program's kitchens, families in need, the Food Bank and landowners. This project will continue again this fall.

**Garlic Co-op** - A good crop was harvested in the summer of 2017 at our new site. We are working to improve drainage and soil health and increase the size of our bulbs.

### **The Community Greenhouse – Barry New**

The Greenhouse Growing Group grows vegetables together in the Greenhouse. It is located behind the Galiano Library on the Community School Grounds. Anyone is welcome to join. The charge is only \$20.00 for the whole year. This fee includes all soil amendments, seeds, pots, and tools, but people are still encouraged to

bring their own. Participants share the produce. We can provide handouts related to specific gardening questions.

We specialise in the early Spring Starts and then roll out a program for year-round crops. We learn and share our knowledge about potting mixes and seeds, pests and problems. Over the years, we have built up a good collection of saved seeds and benefitted from the Seed Library of Galiano with a Seed Swap and sharing their collection. The group meets informally once or twice a week throughout the spring and summer. By the summer, we have a watering schedule so we make regular (weekly) turns by the participants to keep the plants well-watered. It is a teaching and learning environment and we have some resources and good links to help further the skills of participants.

We specialise in tomatoes, eggplants, basil, peppers, melons, and many other seasonal vegetables. The planters outside the greenhouse had strawberries, runner beans, zucchinis and cucumbers. There are also 'Seniors Beds' specially adapted for easy maintenance (no bending!). We are now doing winter crops and raising two Olive Trees and Two Lemon Trees. I have spent my last few months maintaining and reorganising the Greenhouse space and it is now fully stocked with seed-trays, numerous pots, soil amendments and more.



New this year are two large raised beds for more growing even more vegetables as well as installing a Compost Digester for the school to handle meat, bread and food waste from the school.

### **At the School**

**Honey Bees** - A new colony arrived April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Honeybees in our forest ecosystem require weekly attention. The colony was tended at least twice a week and fed once a week a diet of sugar syrup. There were three tutorials on Honey Bees with the school kids and summer camp kids.

**Weekly Garden Work Parties** - Regular weekly hours in the garden are an established practice. Volunteers have helped with weeding and the watering.



**Festivals** - At the school there were very successful festivals - Nettlefest and Applefest, both of which saw numerous community members contribute their time and resources in volunteering.

**Tasty Days** - Cooking with the kids has been a regular feature of the role of the Food Program School Liaison. These cooking sessions feature the school kids cooking what they had just harvested from the School Garden and serving it up to the school population during lunch recess.



**Galiano Food Bank** - Twice a month the Food Program delivers frozen soups to the St. Margaret's' Food Bank. When in season there are also fresh vegetables from either or both of Sunshine Farm and Cable Bay Farm.

### **Other Food Related Activities**

**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 participated on the Southern Gulf Islands Food and Agriculture Strategy Steering Committee which worked to develop recommendations to local governments to increase food production and trade. The final report was submitted in the spring of 2017 to the Community Economic Development Commission. The report can be viewed at: <https://growingislands.com/>

**UBC Land and Food Systems 350** – For the past 9 years the Food Program and UBC LFS students have collaborated on small research projects. The student teams contribute to our

local knowledge through their research. In 2017, they worked on the nutritional analysis of the Food Program meals.

## Club Fundraising



- Plays, Cinema Galiano, 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.

- In addition, the Galiano Club regularly applies for grants to maintain the Hall and to expand the Galiano Club Community Food Program. Our goal is to make this program self-sustaining so that we will not be relying on successful grant applications to maintain this important program.
- Finally, we want to acknowledge the generosity of the residents of Galiano, their friends and visitors, in making donations which support all the work of the Galiano Club. Every donation has made a difference. We thank the many people who made a donation in conjunction with their membership; those who made in-kind donations of produce, labour and services or goods and materials and those who contributed to particular projects throughout the year.

## *Thank You!*

The Galiano Club would like to recognise the strong support of the community through memberships in the Club, over 275 volunteers and supporters 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, moving large boulders to protect trail accesses, 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, making architectural drawings, 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 and encouragement 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.

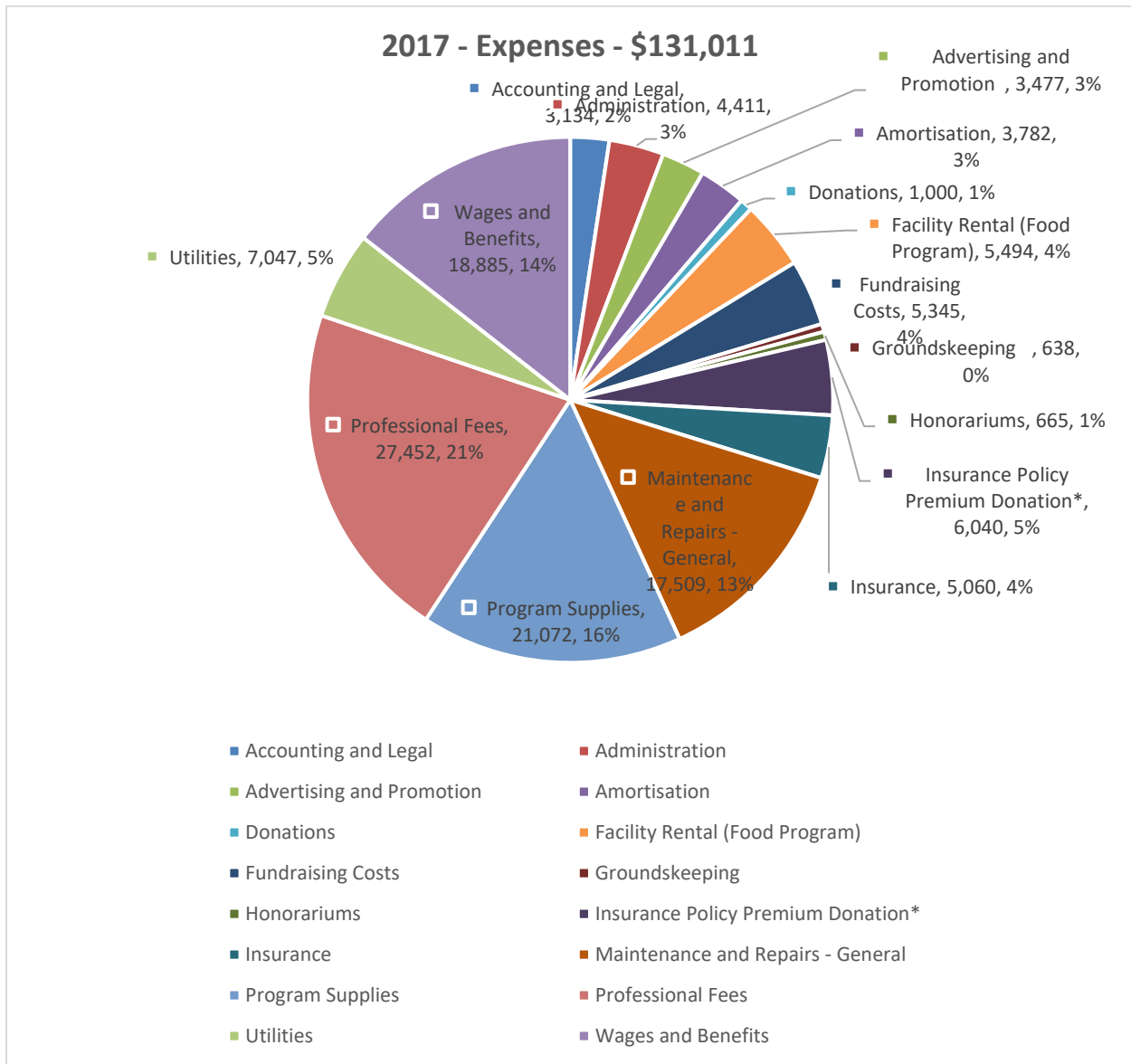
We also are fortunate to have tremendous staff in Alison Colwell, Emma Davis and Barry New who go above and beyond in their service to the Galiano Club and the Galiano community. We were fortunate also to have Colleen Doty with us in the School Program followed by Janna Feldman and Brahmi Benner. *Thank you so much!*



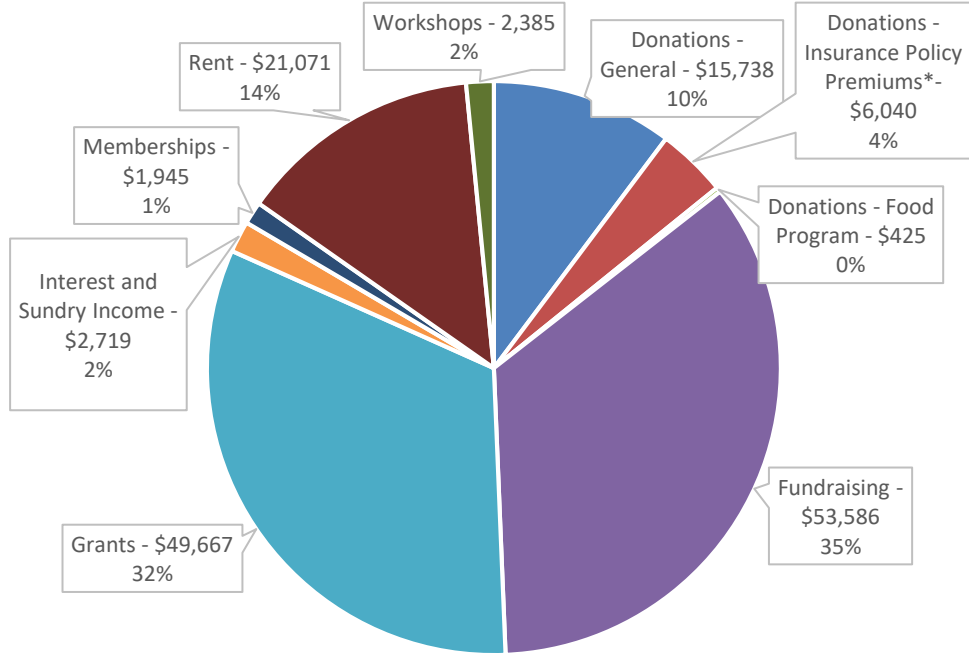
**View from the Bluffs – Kris Krug**

*P.S. Watch for the new Galiano Club website to be launched in mid-May. Thanks to Karen Stankunas and Alison Colwell for spear-heading this.*

# THE GALIANO CLUB FINANCIAL PICTURE - 2017



### Revenues - \$153,576



- Donations - General - \$15,738
- Donations - Insurance Policy Premiums\* - \$6,040
- Donations - Food Program - \$425
- Fundraising - \$53,586
- Grants - \$49,667
- Interest and Sundry Income - \$2,719
- Memberships - \$1,945
- Rent - \$21,071
- Workshops - 2,385

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