

The Galiano Club - 2022 Annual Report
98th Annual General Meeting



Woodland Star - The Bluffs

Photo by Sarah Tweedale

The Galiano Club - 1924 to 2022

Introduction

This Annual Report covers 2022 and some of the activities of 2023. The Annual General Meeting of 2022 was held on June 17th, 2022 in person at the Community Hall.

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, the Bluffs 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 total, the Club is responsible for 830 acres of land on Galiano Island comprising 5.78% of the island’s land mass. Fostering agriculture, an object when the Society was established, was added back in the objects in 2011. The Galiano Club Community Food Program, which focuses on a range of food and agricultural initiatives, is now the largest program of the Galiano Club (staffing and funding). The Program has grown from two part-time contractors to three part time employees and from a couple of initiatives to the multi-faceted range of activities provided today.

The Galiano Club Constitution - Last updated at the 2021 Annual General Meeting

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, cultural 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 food security on Galiano Island through a Food Program which provides food, promotes gardening, farming and other food related initiatives, including workshops and production of agricultural products.
3. The operations of the Society are to be carried out on the Southern Gulf Islands, principally on Galiano Island.

Governance and Policies

The Galiano Club is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors (up to 11) half of whom are elected at each Annual General Meeting. The Board meets monthly to oversee Club operations. This is a “working” Board as opposed to a “governance” Board. The Board continues to spend time managing the various properties and programs, as well as developing or updating policies. A focus this year has been on human resources policies and policy on trespasses and covenant breaches. The Club’s approved contractor list was updated in 2022. When the Club has paid work available, the list supports a process for selecting a tradesperson to complete the work.

Board of Directors – 2022 - 2023

- Sonia Baker
- Dorothy Beauchamp—Secretary
- Marianne Bos
- Beth Boxall
- Diana Burgoyne—Vice-President
- Judy Hayes—President
- Robert Matson
- Judy Parrack—Treasurer
- Patrick Ramsay
- Marina Roy (R)
- Allison Whitlock

Marina Roy resigned part way through her term. Carol Wilson was appointed to replace her until the 2023 AGM.

Strategic Planning – The Board of Directors participated in a Strategic Planning session in the spring of 2019. The resulting information did not move forward to a Strategic Plan covering each major activity area. The Board will return to working on a Strategic Plan in 2023. The Community Food Program completed a Strategic Plan in 2018. As part of long term planning, discussion is underway with the South Galiano Fire Department to move the Food Bank to the old Fire Hall. This would allow a permanent set up of the Food Bank and considerable storage for more bulk purchases.

Honorary Life Members – Currently the Galiano Club has one Life Member, Margaret Howell, who has been recognised for their tremendous contributions to the Galiano Club. Don Anderson, Life Member, passed away in February, 2023. Past life members dating back to the 1930’s can be found at <https://galianoclub.org/about/board-of-directors/> . Life

Membership is conferred through a vote of the Membership at an Annual General Meeting in recognition of lengthy and important contributions to the Club.

President's Report – Judy Hayes

I would like to begin by recognising the many contributions of Don Anderson, President of the Galiano Club from 2004 to 2011. Don passed away in February, 2023 and will be much missed. Don was made a Life Member of the Galiano Club in 2013. As recently as last fall, Don continued to contribute his skills to his community when he sanded and refinished the Jane Rule bench at the Hall.

Another year of pandemic restrictions continued to impact the Club. Hall rentals began to pick up but were still well below pre-pandemic levels. Other than grants, fundraising, memberships and donations, Hall rentals are the only other source of income to maintain our programs and properties. For the first time in more than 10 years, the Hall rental rates were raised last year.

During the pandemic we learned the benefits of pre-ordering and used that process for advance pie sales at the Blackberry Festival and for chocolates sales. It is a practice we will continue as it was efficient both for planning and distribution.

The Blackberry Festival and Christmas Market, the two major Club fundraising initiatives, were resumed in 2022. Diana Burgoyne initiated a new fundraiser, selling chocolates, which has become very popular – they sell out every time.

The Club became involved with two research initiatives in 2022. The unused well on the Hall grounds was established as an observation well. The data log from the well is reviewed at six month intervals and is found to be very useful. The data likely will be linked to the provincial system of observation wells in 2023. Secondly, UBC was given permission for a ten-year study on the three properties. The focus is on climate change specifically related to vegetation and deer.

The Galiano Club has been fortunate to receive funding and support from a variety of sources for the programs and capital upgrades. In 2022, we received funding to support the Food Program from New Horizons for Seniors, the United Way Southern Vancouver Island, the Victoria Foundation and Food Banks Canada. Whole Kids Foundation supported the School Garden. Gleaning was also supported by CRD Parks and Recreation. The Meet Your Maker conference and Microgreens workshop was supported by KTCP, the Province of B.C. and Canada Food and Agriculture. The Arts (Cinema Galiano) was supported by the Capital Regional District through an Ideas Grant. The Sara Spencer Foundation provided funding for a planned coffee/smoothie bar for the Food Bank. The Capital Regional District provided a

Grant in Aid for one of the storage sheds now in place behind the Hall. Thrifty's continues to give the Food Program a discount on grocery purchases. A FireSmart initiative covered the installation of metal cladding skirting the Hall and cut back trees and shrubs around the Hall to protect against sparks in the event of a fire. A private donation of gravel dealt with some extraordinary potholes around the Hall as well as the access to the two new sheds. Three significant challenges this past year were opposition to the affordable housing rezoning application for the Community Forest, trespasses (potential breaches) in the Community Forest and a squatter at the Hall.

Lands – The two most significant developments were the completion of the rezoning of the Community Forest to support affordable housing and dealing with multiple trespass events, also in the Community Forest. As a result of the potential breaches, Kate Emmings provided the Board with a review of Covenants and Covenant breaches.

The Club also participated in Forest Fest and met with the other island organisations with an interest in trails. We applied for three different grants to support work on invasive species and the trails within the Galiano Club lands. We were unsuccessful in two and one is still outstanding.

The Galiano Club Community Food Program – There is a comprehensive report from the Food Program included later in this report. The Food Program continues to be the largest program of the Galiano Club, both in terms of staff time and costs. Program staff remained flexible and responsive in meeting community needs through the pandemic. Uptake on frozen soup and meals remains high. Many of the community events were resumed in 2022. In 2022, we initiated a wage review, resulting in an increase for staff.



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In addition to private donations directed to the Food Bank and grants outlined above, Mustard Seed, Loaves and Fishes, the Food Share Network and local businesses and farmers support the Food Bank with food rescue and donations.

Funding from the Victoria Foundation and the CRD Emergency Fund allowed the Club to purchase a used pick-up truck. The truck has already been used for food purchases, stocking the Food Bank and will be important for Gleaning this year. And handy for moving wheelbarrows!

We are very proud of the fact that last May our Executive Director, Alison Colwell, was asked to speak at the annual conference of Food Bank Alberta. Food Banks BC asked her to sit on a panel called Dignifying the Experience: Alternative Models and Programming, at the Provincial Food Banks conference. Apparently, we are one of very few Food Banks in the province that allow users to shop for themselves, a method we believe results both in more dignity and less waste.

Executive Directors Report – Alison Colwell

As well as managing the Food Program and supporting the and other Club programs, managing the hall rentals, last year Treasurer Judy Parrack and I attended a four-month "Thriving Non Profits Class" sponsored by the Victoria Foundation. It was an intense learning experience, exploring a wide variety of different ways charities can find greater self-sufficiency with less dependency on grants. Over the coming year we will be implementing some of the ideas generated in the program, especially as we draw closer to our Centennial year.

The Galiano Community Hall—Alison Colwell, Judy Hayes

Hall Usage – Rentals at the Hall continued to be affected by Covid 19. The Hall was booked 254 times in 2022, (which is more than twice what it was booked in 2021) but this is compared to 378 times in pre-pandemic 2019. Losing this rental revenue has negatively impacted the Club. In October, 2022 the Board approved an increase to rental rates. This was the first increase in more than 10 years. Even before Covid, the Hall rentals, depending on the annual maintenance issues, only covered a portion of the costs of maintaining the Hall and of insurance coverage for the Hall and the other properties. Rates are kept low deliberately to provide a place for the community to gather and hold meetings, and to make the Community Hall accessible to all community members. The shortfall is covered through fundraising initiatives undertaken by Club volunteers.

The majority of the bookings continued to be for the Community Food Program and the Club. Galiano Players returned to in-person performances, as well as the Concert Society and Coro Galiano.

Hall Maintenance – There were a number of repair projects/upgrades undertaken in 2022. The unused well at the Hall was established as an observation well for long-term water monitoring. There was a second storage shed built next to the first one. This shed is primarily for storage of Galiano Players props and backs and allowed the back area under the Hall to be cleaned out in preparation for tool storage. A door was added to provide access to this area. Metal cladding was added to the lower part of the Hall exterior walls,

closing off the open areas under the Hall to prevent sparks getting into the area. The cladding was completed by FireSmart staff, who also trimmed trees and bushes around the Hall. A foundation post under the stage was repaired. The emergency staircase off of the back stage was replaced.

Community Support - Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible community support that the Galiano Club receives. Volunteers have been as adaptable as our staff in meeting community needs. Volunteers are key to the Food Program, making the meals, running events and delivering meals. Volunteers helped make and sell chocolates and worked in the School Garden. The Parks and Forest Committee had volunteers patrolling, clearing trails and cutting broom and the stage plays would not have occurred without the many volunteers involved in the productions.

Private donations, especially donations to the Food Program initiatives, are an important component in making the many initiatives of the Galiano Club viable. Despite the challenges many businesses were facing, we continued to receive amazing support from the Galiano stores, local tradespersons, farmers, suppliers and fishers. Galiano residents care about their neighbours and support them with both labour and resources. Without this community support, the Galiano Club would not be able to provide the range of programs currently available.

This past year was the 98th year of the Galiano Club. We are looking forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary in 2024. We are hoping to mark this milestone by putting a new foundation under the Hall. There is a committee working developing events to celebrate our Club Centennial. Please contact Jane Wolverton or a member of the Board if you would like to be involved.

Thank you for all of your support of the Galiano Club

Don Anderson - Board Member and Club President – 2004 to 2011 Life Member

Don passed away in February 2023. Don left the Club Board in May 2011. So much happened during Don's tenure as a Board Member and later as President of the Board of the Galiano Club. Sometimes as a community we take for granted the things that appear to enhance our life on this island. We don't always realise all of the hours of work and organising that go on behind the scenes.

Don's accomplishments included:

- The water tank for firefighting on Mt. Galiano
- The parking lot at the base of the mountain
- The rock perimeter at the Bluff Park lookout parking lot
- The UV water system in the Community Hall
- The Community Hall kitchen upgrade
- The new Hall dishwasher
- The new kitchen floor (replacing the other new kitchen floor)
- The children's playground at the Hall
- Organising the roof replacement for August, 2011
- Removal of danger trees in the Bluffs
- The development of the management plan for the Community Forest
- Overseeing the reparations from the wildfire in the Community Forest
- The parking lot and map kiosk a project with Galiano Parks and Recreation in the Community Forest
- Trail blazing and broom removal in the Community Forest
- The founding of the Community Food Program
- The community greenhouse
- The website
- Gravel for parking outside the kitchen



This list doesn't include all of the day to day problems that Don was called upon to resolve from no heat in the Hall, to dishwasher problems, to garbage dumped on Galiano Club properties, to fires on the lands the Club holds, to broken doors and locks and lots of routine maintenance in the Hall. Don donated thousands of hours to this organisation.

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The Galiano Club Community Food Program – Looking Back at 2022

Alison Colwell

Executive Director

“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 Bread Lunch Program - In 2022, there were 38 soup kitchens. And starting in February we were open inside for lunch every week. In 2022, we served 2,593 people a meal in the Hall – compared to 117 in 2021. In the spring of 2022, we re-started soup delivery to the school on Soup Days. Nothing beats showing up to the school with a tray of thermoses to cheers from the students!

In 2022, we made 3,604 meals and 975 soups. This is down from the 4,720 meals we made in 2021 (and perhaps is a sign of the restaurants on the island opening back up.) Meals are available from the Hall on Mondays and on Wednesdays through our meal delivery service or the Health Care Program - Better at Home.

The Soup and Bread Program would not be possible without the support of all the dedicated volunteers who come week after week to cook and clean. In 2022, over 386 volunteer shifts were worked comprising 1,544 hours for a value of over \$30,000 if we were paying our volunteers the going island rate of \$20 per hour.

Games Night - Our first Games Night in three years was held in June. We had 54 guests come for dinner and fun. It felt amazing to get back to this event after so long. All together we held five Games Nights in 2022, averaging 70 guests. Donuts were enjoyed by all.

Frozen Meals Delivery Program - We started a delivery program at the beginning of the pandemic in response to the needs then. It has become such a useful service that meals continue to be delivered every Wednesday to seniors through the Better at Homes Program and with a Food Program Volunteer Driver.

Community Potlucks - 2022

Nettlefest - We had 62 people in the Hall for the Nettlefest dinner. There was lots of room for people to spread out. Everyone was well fed on Nettlekopita, Nettle pizza and Nettle soup and many more nettle dishes. As well as the Community Dinner, we also had an evening cooking class. We also held the community pick with about 20 participants and the Foraging Walk in partnership with the Conservancy with 13 participants. All together Nettlefest raised over \$785 over the three days.



Community Picnic - The Community Picnic was held on Sunday, September 11th at the Galiano Community School. In 2021, we made a number of changes to keep the event Covid safe - and thought those changes resulted in a better picnic – so we kept them again last year. Families brought their own tables and blankets and spread out over the field. It was a real picnic and gave everyone lots of space.

Roughly 160 people came to the Community School for a fun afternoon of food and games. Over 9 different organizations pitched in to help us make the picnic a success. There were: the Galiano Library, Allotment Garden, Raise the Roof, the Galiano Club, Galiano Conservancy, Yellowhouse, North Galiano Community Association, the Galiano Play Group and the Parents' Advisory Committee.

Solstice Community Potluck - Despite the snow and incredibly poor road conditions involving either walking or catching rides to the Hall with the turkeys! Solstice went ahead on December 21st. We had 19 volunteers come help cook for the first inside Solstice since 2019. 120 people came and enjoyed the meal. The Sturdies Baybs Choir and Jack Garton performed.

Galiano Food Bank - 2022 was big year for the Food Bank for a number of different reasons. Client numbers continued to grow. We had a total of 955 client visits in 2022, that is a 50% increase in the number of visits over the last year – compared to 537 in 2020. In 2022, we had 80 individual clients, which is a 40% increase in individual clients over 2021 - compared

to 41 in 2020. This year we distributed 41 Christmas Hampers on Friday, December 23rd. The hampers supported 92 people, almost twice last year's numbers.

In January we received our share of the CBC Food Bank fundraiser, which was \$17,285 - almost 6 months of funding. We continued to build relationships with food banks on neighbouring islands. In the spring, Executive Director, Alison Colwell, visited the Mayne Island Food Bank and returned home with 600 lbs of potatoes from the Food Banks of BC Nanaimo hub. She also attended regular Food Banks BC regional meetings that connect all the local food banks and regional food banks for updates and discussions.

In April, the Corner Store donated its remaining stock to the Food Bank. Three volunteers helped move five carloads of food into the warehouse. In total, the Food Program received over \$8,000 in donated food.

In May, Alison flew to Calgary and went to Olds (courtesy of Food Banks Alberta) where she gave a presentation at the Food Banks Alberta annual conference attended by almost 150 food bank staff and volunteers. The CEO of Food Banks Alberta had asked Alison to talk about our canning workshops, and how canning and food preservation can be part of a whole program that helps build food security in a community. Of course, Galiano's Food Program canning program could not function without the Gleaning Program that gathers and redistributes fresh, local fruit on the island. The Food Program, in addition to teaching canning skills, also provides them the tools to do so. Alison described our equipment library with its supply of water-bath canners, pressure canners and dehydrators. And then, because Alison was already talking about some of the programs, it made sense to try to explain everything else: the Community Potlucks, Soup and Bread, School Soup Program, the School Garden, the Food Bank and Garlic Co-op, and how the many different food related programs work together to build a more food secure community.

The crowd, which grew to standing room only, was excited to hear about what is happening on Galiano Island. And there were many questions after the presentation, and later in the hallways and conference rooms, from people interested to know how they might be able to incorporate aspects of our programs into the work they do.

Also on May 29th Alison attended the Food Banks BC conference in Richmond. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbouring food banks, as well as discover new supply chain options and make deeper connections with Mustard Seed, one of the current suppliers of the Galiano Food Program.

Alison spoke on a panel called "Dignifying the Experience: Alternative Models and Programming". The Galiano Food Bank is one of a few food banks in the province that maintain a shopping model for food distribution. Because of our background in community

building, when we started managing the Food Bank it was important to us to honour the community who access that service.

We eliminated the volunteers from the shopping process and let clients choose their own food. For many clients accessing the Food Bank is hard enough. Many users carry internal shame and stigma for having to use the service in the first place. We do not need to create a space that adds to that stigma. Plus allowing individuals to choose only the food they need, instead of giving out hampers, reduces food costs and food waste, as clients only take the food that they actually want and can use. It is counterintuitive, but we, like the other shopping model food banks, actually saw food costs go down.

We received lots of questions after our presentation as the audience started to consider how (or if) they might make changes to their own food banks to offer their clients more dignity.

UBC Collaboration – Land and Food Systems Department - The Food Program worked with one set of students in 2021. On November 19th five UBC students came to the island and we cooked seven different meals as possible new recipes for the frozen meal program. We invited eight seniors to join us for lunch and give feedback on the new meals. It is always a wonderful experience to work with the students. They had lots of great ideas, and were super enthusiastic in the kitchen, but initially hesitant to talk to the seniors. However, by the end of lunch they were all chatting away like old friends. Both the students and seniors get so much out of the experience.

Workshops - In 2022, the Food Program held a variety of different workshops. Food Safe Level 1 training class, plus a series of preserving workshops: Beginners Jam, Pickled Dilly Beans, Marmalade Making, Pressure Canning Tomatoes, Chutneys and Dehydrating 101.

Cooking at the Community School - In 2022, the Program returned to cooking at the school. Students in all three classes, with teaching by Alison, baked bread. Each student – even the Kindergartners – made their own loaf of bread to take home at the end of the day. It is a tradition that was missed by many of the students during Covid.



Emma Davis Food Program Staff

In February we hosted our 2nd Annual Meet Your Maker, a series of events aimed at connecting Galiano growers with each other and with restaurants and grocery stores. There were two online events and an in person Tradeshow Meet & Greet Market at the hall. There were on average eight attendees at the online events, and 17 attendees at the tradeshow. The online events involved a growers' collaborative discussion, as well as presentations for growers on Meat Inspection, South Island FarmHub and Land Matching. The event provided a valuable opportunity for connection. The event served an outreach need, and helped our growers see themselves as more of a connected community, as well as built bridges between our growers and the restaurants, grocery stores and markets. It also helped the Food Program deepen its relationship with both the growers and the food businesses. The event was funded by the Ministry of Agriculture's Knowledge Transfer Program.

In November, we partnered with the Galiano Conservancy for the 4th rendition of the Feed the People wild game butchering workshop with the Penelakut. It was well attended and well received. We supplied equipment and supplies and some staff support.



Stock Up Market - In October, we held the 9th 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. This year we moved the market back inside, which worked well. There were lots of people in attendance.



Gleaning - This year was a terrible fruit year. The weather didn't support the pollinators and the tent caterpillars were quite prevalent. Many fruit trees produced very little or nothing at all. As a result, we had only a handful of picking sessions (ten) and seven picking sites compared to a usual year. In spite of that, we had 37 active community members, 720 lbs of fruit. Participants said they participate because "It helps keep my produce expenses down; I appreciate the access to fresh local organic healthy produce; It's rewarding to participate and volunteer in my community; It's important to me to reduce waste; It's fun!; It's a great way to meet other islanders; To learn how other islanders grow produce"



Garlic Co-op – Eleven Active Members, ten work parties over the year. We planted 1,507 bulbs and harvested 468 bulbs. This was a very low harvest. This year we moved to a new bed site because of last year's White Rot contamination. That meant that we were growing in soil that had not been amended with manure. By the time we knew about the white rot, we had already spread our manure on one of the contaminated beds. The manure feeds the soil and it also raises our beds up above the water table a bit. Being in a new bed also meant that the beds had minimal drainage in place during what was a very wet fall and spring. The bulbs that did survive were much smaller than usual.

Shauna Anderson

Food Program Staff

School Garden – In late February, I began my new position as School Garden Co-ordinator. Ensuring the completion of the new irrigation system installation was top of my list, and with the work of Paul Hutton it was completed in late March, 2022.

In March, I started with a sprouting experiment in the Kindergarten – Grade 1 classroom, and began to have groups of students join me in the Garden. Over spring break, I collaborated with the Galiano Activity Centre and ran two sessions with the kids attending spring break camp. I held a work party on March 20th, which made good headway towards getting the Garden ready for planting. I made connections with potential volunteers and welcomed Larissa Hocevar into volunteering at the garden biweekly throughout the spring.

As the school slowly reopened to volunteers, parents, and by extension the Food Program - we were able to have a School Nettlefest on April 21st, 2022 after two years of this not being possible. Students enjoyed the rotating activities and had an amazing feast together in the gym.

In May, learning sessions continued with the students from all three classrooms and planting began after a long period of preparation. Peas, lettuce, radishes and potatoes were planted. Amendments like compost were spread, and comfrey tea was brewed by the students. Donations of compost, manure and seedlings were given by generous local donators: Mt Sutil Farm, Leaping Sheep Farm, Maple Shade Farm and Cable Bay Farm. We also found out that we received partial funding for the proposed Winter Garden Project from the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission to invite community members to the school garden throughout the summer months to focus on seeding winter garden crops (for the participants and the School Garden) and learning planning and care methods to ensure good, healthy plants.

In June, I was able to loop into some excellent resources for seed saving from Farm Folk/City Folk. I also opened the garden up to many visiting and local families during the first annual Galiano Kids Fest run by the Galiano Parental Advisory Committee on June 18th, 2022 and was able to show off the hard work of the students and volunteers in the beautiful Garden space.

In July and August, I had help from Finn and Asher Bryant in the form of Garden volunteers - which was highly beneficial to keeping beds planted, weeded and watered. I also offered garden time to the GACS summer program. We focused on harvesting and enjoying fresh

food including peas, lettuce, basil, tomatoes and cucumbers. Making lavender and mint iced tea was a highlight on a hot summer day.

From July 1st -Sept 21st, I hosted up to 13 participants at the School Garden weekly to focus on winter gardening. It was a positive experience and from the feedback I obtained the group members learned a lot and enjoyed our sessions. I look forward to continuing this project to ensure local gardeners feel empowered to grow food through the fall and winter. The effect of the Program on the garden was fantastic - crops were planted, soil amendments were spread and better planning and rotation was implemented. Crops that could be preserved were saved to be enjoyed later: including rhubarb, figs, tomatoes, basil and dill.

In September, I tried new teaching methods in the School Garden. We took full advantage of the weather and had weekly garden sessions in place until the end of the year. Many crops were eaten and enjoyed but especially the grapes which had a very good crop this year. Preparations were laid for our first "back to normal" Applefest. Our yam harvest went towards Soup and Bread. Correlating garden time with school curriculum was a goal and I thank the teachers for their open communication with me to establish solid learning connections.

By October, we were experiencing unseasonably warm temperatures - and due the very wet and cold spring, local apple crop pollination was very poor. Despite this, on Wednesday October 19th we held Applefest at the school. Fifty students cycled through five stations (cooking, literacy, art, science and apple juicing/tasting) with the help of nine parent and community volunteers, the Galiano Club Food Program staff, and the school staff. It was wonderful to hold the first full-blown Applefest since 2019.

During class sessions, we learned about seed saving and saved plenty of seeds for spring planting. Finding the balance between play and learning time is a continuing theme with students. An overall theme of respect, care and observation as well as enjoyment are what I'm striving towards.

On November 16th, 2022 Alison and I came to the school and with the grade 2-3 class prepped our School Garden potatoes into delicious fries to be enjoyed with ketchup Alison had made ahead of time from the School Garden's summer harvested tomatoes. During lunch recess, I served the warm fries and ketchup outside and the whole school got to enjoy several servings.

The 4-7 class helped to plant garlic in early November: We planted 38 garlic cloves. We are experimenting with what crops we can grow through winter in the unheated greenhouse successfully. Our winter crops of leeks, cabbages, turnips, parsley, celery and

chard continued to grow, and beets and carrots remain for early spring harvesting. Extra baby potatoes that we grew were given out to grade 2-3 students before the winter break, with a printed note to encourage parental involvement in the garden.

In December, 2022, the grade 4-7 class began an ongoing decomposition experiment with four pumpkins in one Garden bed. This project wrapped up in early January 2023. In early December the Garden received some well-rotted sheep manure donated by Sheila Anderson (Leaping Sheep Farm) and I had volunteer help from Pat Van Holderbeke in picking it up and delivering it to the school. Students helped to mulch garden beds with the manure, fallen maple leaves and straw from our hay bale gardens. Susie Johnson (who is a teacher on leave) joined me as a regular weekly Garden volunteer this January.

Galiano Players 2022 - Sonia Baker

This was another year of very hard working people. We were able to put on two plays this last year. In the spring, we decided to try putting on a farce. If you have never been to one before, the simple premise having as many doors on the stage as possible and the actors going in and out of them. This farce was called "SELF-HELP" by Norm Foster a Canadian playwright. There were six actors and many people in the back making it work. It was a great success.





Then last fall we staged our annual Pantomime, “The Pirates of Nursery Rhyme Island,” written by my friend, a Gabriola playwright, Lesley Hazeldine, with a cast of thousands - at least it felt like it. The Panto was hard to put on because as we enlisted a cast member, they had to leave for some reason - COVID, death, holidays. I was able to find new actors and hidden talents were discovered and shone. And having young actors was a blast.



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The costumes were incredible, we were lucky to acquire some of the main characters’ costumes, and my two special ladies used their magic to design the others. In the end it all came together beautifully, putting the show on late December. This was the perfect note for me to retire on. The Pantomines will be carrying on with a new director. You will see me directing smaller plays in the coming years.

Cinema Galiano - 2022

In March, 2022, the Galiano Club applied to the CRD IDEAS Program for funding to help restart the Cinema Galiano project. Cinema Galiano was started in 2014 in collaboration with the Health Care centre with the mission of decreasing social isolation on the island. It ran intermittently for the next few years, but Covid compounded an already struggling program.

We wanted to restart it with funding in place to run an eight-month series and build a strong steering committee to manage the project, plus build audience interest. We had hoped to make the Cinema Program self-supporting after the first year. The steering committee meets every couple of months to choose upcoming films, plus members volunteer on the night to set up the hall, make popcorn and sell tickets.

Over the last year we have held ten film screenings with 141 audience total attendance. We ran one movie where only four people showed up to watch – “Indian Horse” (such a brilliant movie!) and we’ve also had attendances of 30 and more for blockbusters such as “Dune” and “Top Gun” and documentary screenings.

Cinema Galiano partnered with the Galiano Library to screen Jennifer Abbott’s latest documentary – “The Magnitude of All Things” - and with the Galiano Literary Festival and the Orange Shirt Committee to screen “Returning Home”. In April, 2023 we screened the documentary “Race to Alaska” about an annual boat race that passes our island, from Washington State to Ketchikan, Alaska. Christian Nally gave a presentation before the start of the film, and at the end of the film, half of the attendees spent the next twenty minutes, enthusiastically discussing the merits of catamarans over single hulls, kites over sails. Cinema can bring community together in unexpected ways!

Cinema Galiano needs your support to continue. Please join our mailing list, share our posters and attend our film nights. Let’s keep Cinema on the island!

The Galiano Club Parks and Community Forest Report – Allison Whitlock Committee Members

Board of Directors: Marianne Bos, Diana Burgoyne, Robert Matson, Carol Wilson, Allison Whitlock

Community Members: Deidre Jewell

The Galiano Club manages three forested properties (830 acres or approximately 336 hectares) - The Bluffs, Mt Galiano and the Community Forest. Titles to both the Bluffs and Mt Galiano lands came to the Club as a result of a community purchase and donations. The title to the Community Forest was given as part of a property subdivision rezoning. The

Club's Board of Directors created a Parks and Forest Committee in 2017 to provide more consistency of maintenance of these lands.

Management Plans - The Mt Galiano Management Plan Over the last two years Keith Erickson with assistance from the Parks and Lands Committee and other interested community members has completed the updated Management Plan. The updated Management Plan can be found on our website.

Trail Clearing - The Galiano Club would like to thank Pat Van Holderbeke, Taylor Crandall, Allan Forget and the many others who help with the removal of fallen trees within the three Club properties.

Geo Cache Project - This is a new initiative that will be created specifically to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the founding of the Galiano Club. The Parks and Lands Committee will be creating more geo caches within the three properties and during the anniversary year there will be a Bingo type game whereby people (visitors and locals) can request a Bingo card and go in search of the various caches. Prizes will be awarded.

The Bluffs - The large red metal gate that is at the entrance to Cantor Trail was repaired by Mike Ash.

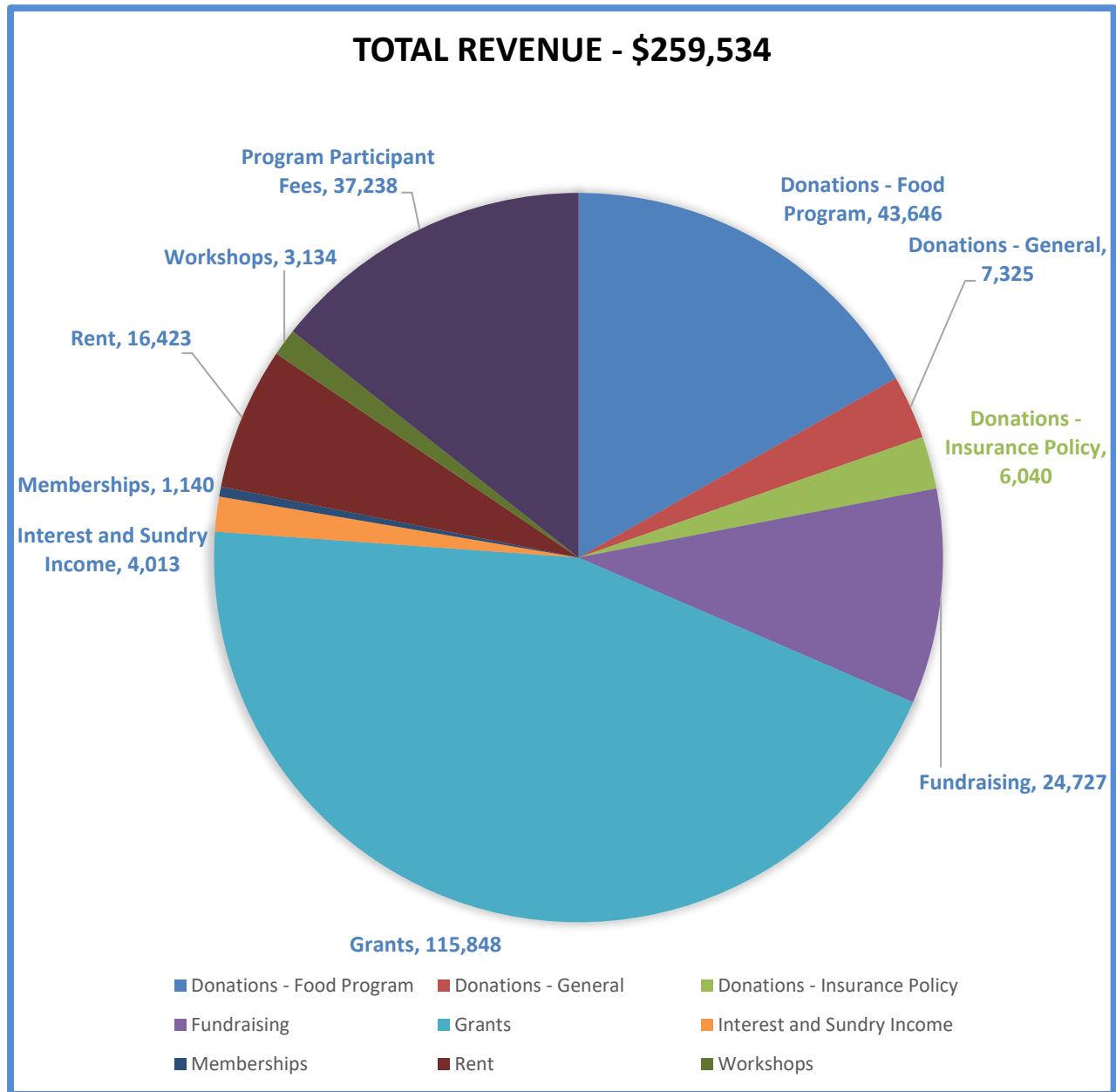
Pit Kiln - The Japanese Pit Kiln is in the midst of some repairs due to damage sustained from the winter storms. The Galiano Club would like to thank Steve Nemtin and Allan Forget for all their hard work in repairing the sign and continuing to provide guidance in how best to complete the other repairs. If community members are interested in assisting with the ongoing work please contact Steve.

Community Forest - Broom removal and trail maintenance is ongoing. The Galiano Club was successful in applying for a grant to hire someone for the summer who among other duties will be responsible for completing some broom removal and trail maintenance.

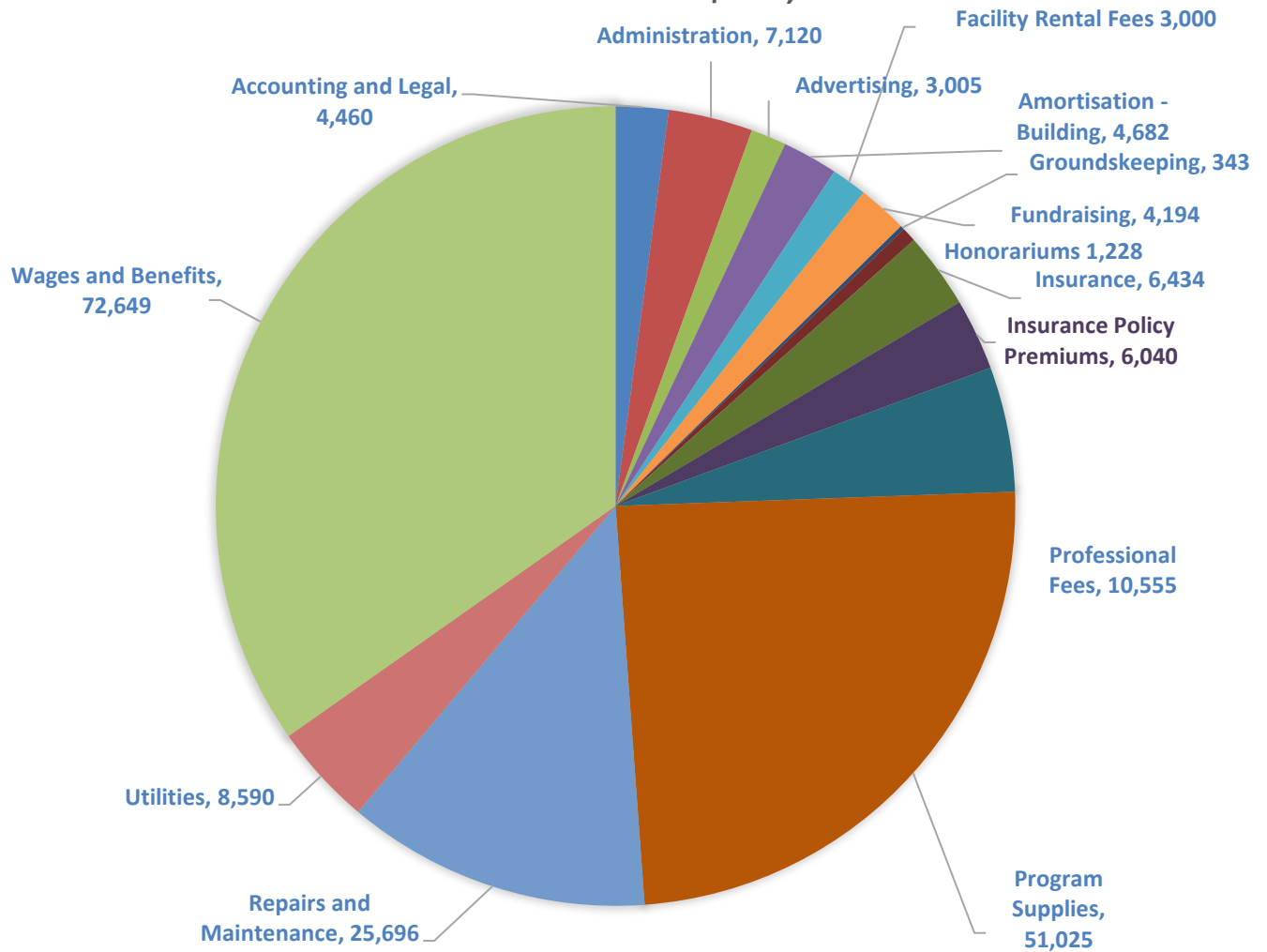
Affordable Housing - The rezoning phase for the Gulf Island Galisle Affordable Rental Housing Society housing complex has been completed and now the application has been forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) to complete the subdivision.

Breaches in the Community Forest - There were two separate breaches within the boundaries of the Community Forest. One on the pan handle where trees were accidentally cut down on Club land. The Galiano Conservancy has now completed the planned restoration in the cleared area of the Community Forest. Our other breach was on a strip of land off Sunnyside Drive that is part of the Community Forest. All of the breaches have been addressed.

THE GALIANO CLUB FINANCIAL PICTURE - 2022



TOTAL EXPENSES - \$209,021



- Accounting and Legal
- Administration
- Advertising
- Amortisation - Building
- Facility Rental Fees
- Fundraising
- Groundskeeping
- Honorariums
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