

# The Galiano Club - 2023 Annual Report

## 99<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

### Galiano Club

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*One Acre of Land on which Hall now stands  
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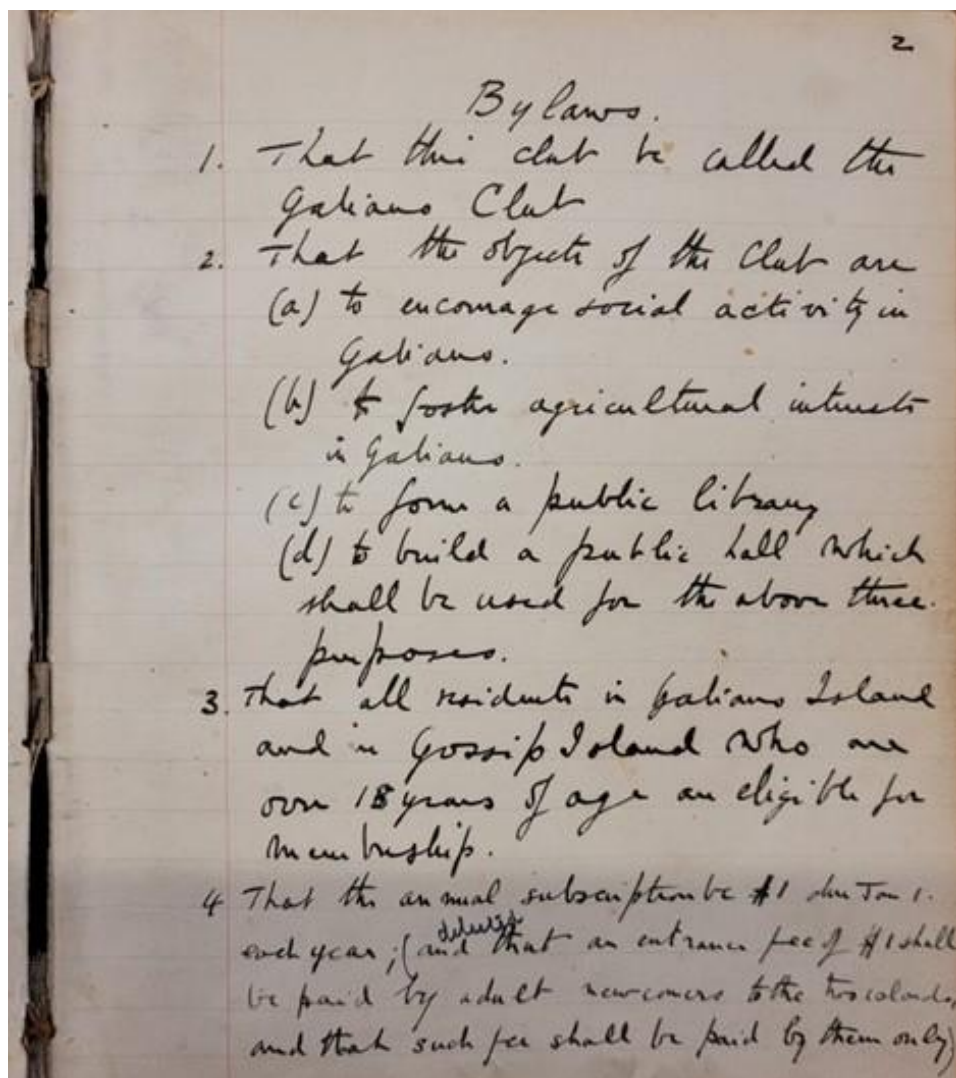
# The Galiano Club - 1924 to 2023

## Introduction

This Annual Report covers 2023 and some of the activities of 2024. The Annual General Meeting of 2023 was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in person at the Community Hall.

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

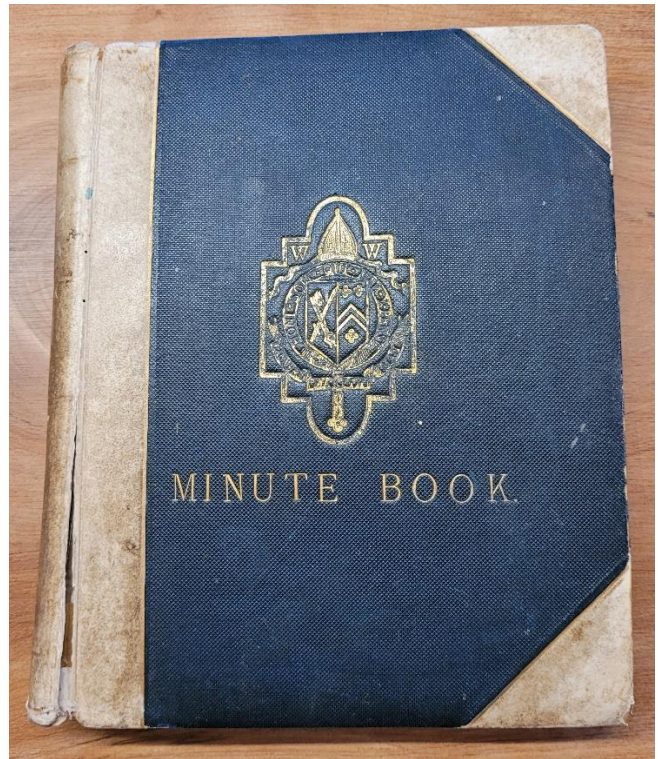
- a) encourage social, recreational and educational activity in Galiano
- b) foster agricultural interests in Galiano
- c) form a public library
- d) build a public hall which shall be used for the above three purposes





## History of The Galiano Club By Allan Forget

Though the population of Galiano Island in 1924 was fewer than 200 persons, a small group of islanders got together that year with a most ambitious idea. The decision was made to form a social organisation, simply named The Galiano Club, with the first objective being, “to encourage social action in Galiano”. Since then, the Galiano Club has done this in so many ways, made so many meaningful contributions to the island community.



### Galiano Club's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1999

Within just a couple of years the Club had built a “public hall”, the first on the island (now named the Galiano Community Hall). It was, and is, a place for “social action” — weddings and memorials, craft fairs and dinners, theatre and cinema, dances and sports. The Hall has been used as both a polling station and as a vaccination centre. The first “moving picture show” was seen here in 1934.

A rare, outside of Ottawa, awarding of the Order of Canada, took place in the Hall in 2007. Badminton was played here in the 1940s, floor hockey in the 1960s, ping-pong in the 2000s.

Both the Galiano Players and the Galiano Concert Society use the Hall as their main venue. Though other large meeting places now exist on the island, more often than not when an event is said to be “at the Hall” it is the Club-managed Galiano Community Hall being referred to.

The Club has taken important “social action” in other directions, all of benefit to the island community. In 1951, the first equipment for the Galiano Volunteer Fire Department was purchased by the Galiano Club. The Club financially supported the creation of the Galiano Light and Power Company in the 1950s which resulted in, among other projects, the first lighting of the Sturdies Bay wharf. A public library was established on the island in 2000 with the sponsorship of the Galiano Club. The Island’s first public park, the Bluffs (which contains the reconstructed Japanese Charcoal Pit Kiln), was created in 1948 under the stewardship of the Club. The Club went further, taking on responsibility for the Mt Galiano lands in 1992, the Community Heritage Forest in 2005.

The Galiano Club has also involved itself with food and agriculture. An annual agricultural fair was held in the Hall during the 1930s and ‘40s. The Club sponsored Galiano Club Community Food Program was established in 2008 to provide community meals - Monday’s “Soup and Bread”, the annual NettleFest, Community Picnic and Winter Solstice Dinner - manage a Food Bank, operate a demonstration greenhouse (located on the school grounds), run a fruit gleaning project, Annual Stock Up Market, Meet Your Maker (collaboration between growers, markets and restaurants) and garlic growing co-op.

The Galiano Club managed the Island’s first and only garbage dump (initially in the Bluffs and later on Porlier Pass Rd) for a couple of decades from the early 1950s. Toward the end, this operation also included recycling elements which eventually led to establishment of the Galiano Island Recycling and Resources Society (GIRR) managers of the successful Recycling Depot and the Redirectory store.

In the early 1970s, the Club excavated below the Community Hall building to create space for a teen centre which became, some years later, a home for the parent participation pre-school. Concurrently, in 2010, the Club built nearby a kid’s play area with swings and slides.

The Galiano Club should finish century #1 satisfied that it has successfully served the Island community and can look forward to doing so for another 100 years.

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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.

## **The Galiano Club Constitution - 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. 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 – 2023 - 2024**

- Sonia Baker
- Marianne Bos
- Beth Boxall
- Karen Harris
- Judy Hayes—President
- Robert Matson
- Judy Parrack—Treasurer
- Patrick Ramsay
- Marina Roy - Secretary
- Allison Whitlock
- Carol Wilson

**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 2024. The Community Food Program completed a Strategic Plan in 2018. As part of long term planning, the Food Bank was moved to the South Galiano Fire Department in the old Fire Hall. This allowed for a permanent set up of the Food Bank and considerable storage for more bulk purchases.

**Honorary Life Members** – Currently the Galiano Club has four Life Members - Robert Bateman, Allan Forget, Margaret Howell and Jane Wolverton, who have been recognised for their tremendous contributions to the Galiano Club. 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**

This year we are reporting on our 99<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Galiano Community. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Galiano Club becomes 100 years old. The unofficial Galiano Club historian, Allan Forget, has contributed an overview of the past century to this report.

**Research** - The Club became involved with two research initiatives in 2022. The data from the observation well (an unused Galiano Club well) is now coming in and Hydro-Geologist, Al Kohut, has approached the province about including this well in the provincial system of observation wells. Secondly, UBC is in their first year of a ten-year study on climate change related to vegetation and deer on the three Galiano Club properties.

**Lands** – The Galiano Club is looking forward to transferring land in the Community Forest to the Galiano Affordable Living Initiative Society for an affordable housing project. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure process is complete, and the next step is the conveyance. All the trespass events in the Community Forest have been resolved.

**The Galiano Club Community Food Program** – The Food Program continues to be the largest program of the Galiano Club, both in terms of staff time and costs.

**Funding and Volunteers** - The Galiano Club has been fortunate to receive funding and support from a variety of sources for the programs and capital upgrades. In 2023, we received funding to support the Food Program from New Horizons for Seniors, the United Way Southern Vancouver Island, Vancouver Island Health Authority Community Wellness grant and the Victoria Foundation. Thrifty's continues to give the Food Program a discount on grocery purchases.

In addition, the Food Bank initiative of the Food Program was supported by Food Banks BC for additional refrigeration and by the Sara Spencer Foundation for a coffee/smoothie bar for the new Food Bank. 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, food at cost and donations.

Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission provided grants to support Gleaning and Winter Gardening. The Victoria Foundation provided a second grant through the Community Recovery Fund to update our systems and processes. A Southern Gulf Island Emergency Program Resiliency grant allowed the Galiano Club to replace the two generators at the Hall with new ones. The Meet Your Maker conference and Microgreens workshop was supported by KTCP, the Province of B.C. and Canada Food and Agriculture.

In addition to grants, the Galiano Club depends heavily on individual donations and support from the community. The community enthusiastically supports the two annual Club fundraisers, the Blackberry Festival and the Christmas Market—including chocolate sales. Pre-ordering for pies and chocolate, begun during the pandemic, has been very successful and we are continuing with that process. In addition, we received \$72,566 in donations, the majority for the Food Program, which includes the Food Bank.

There are volunteers who support every Club initiative. Whether it is preparing frozen meals for distribution, working at Soup and Bread or the events such as Nettlefest, cutting broom in the parks, participating in the plays or pantos or helping in the School Garden, volunteers are critical to the sustainability of these initiatives.

The Board of the Galiano Club would like to thank the Galiano community for your support (financial, volunteering and other contributions). The organisation exists to make our community a better place. Your support validates that the initiatives we have undertaken are valued.

### **Executive Director's Report – Alison Colwell**

**Cinema Galiano** - In 2023, the Galiano Club hosted Cinema Galiano, bringing a range of documentaries, first run movies and classics to the Community Hall. Unfortunately (with a few exceptions – “Bones of Crows” had an attendance of 101 people, Barbie had 46 people) there was an average of fewer than 20 people a screening, making it not cost effective to pay the \$1,000 licensing fee to publicly screen movies. At the end of the year, the decision was made to halt Cinema Galiano for the present time.

**The Galiano Community Hall - Hall Usage** – Rentals at the Hall continued to be affected by Covid 19. The Hall was booked 259 times in 2023, but this is still down from the 378 times in pre-pandemic 2019. Losing this rental revenue has negatively impacted the Club, because Hall rentals only cover 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 Galiano Players.

**Hall Maintenance** - There were only a few repair projects/upgrades undertaken in 2023. Some small electrical upgrades, and a new shed was built to house the new emergency generators, which were purchased with a grant from Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program Resiliency Fund.

This year (2024) fundraising efforts are directed towards raising matching funds to build a foundation under the Hall.

**Community Support** - Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible community support that the Galiano Club receives. 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. 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.

There were 208 members in 2023 and as of the 2024 AGM there are 183 members.

This past year was the 99<sup>th</sup> year of the Galiano Club. The Club is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> this year and 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***



## The Galiano Club Community Food Program Looking Back at 2023 and Ahead to 2024

**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 2023, there were 45 soup kitchens and the Program served 5,622 people a meal in the Hall – compared to 2,593 in 2022 (and yes – that’s almost double!). Soup continues to be delivered to the Community School on Mondays. Attendance last year reached all time highs. A record was set in July for 132 people. It was exceeded in October with 148 people coming for lunch, and then broken again in November when 164 people were served lunch. On Galiano on Mondays, the Community Hall is the place to be!



The numbers have grown over the years since the Soup Program began in 2011. In 2014 (the first time community members were invited in for soup), there were an average of 40 people per lunch. Even in 2017 there were only 80 people. In 2022, the average was 60

people as Galiano emerged from Covid. But in 2023 there were at least 100 people for lunch each week. The Program had to buy more soup bowls last year! In 2023, 4,756 meals were made and frozen compared to 3,604 in 2022 and an additional 933 soups were frozen. Meal demand has gone back (and beyond) pre-pandemic numbers.

This year the Program reached the milestone of 30,000 frozen meals made for the community, since the start of the frozen meals program in 2012. Meals are available from the Hall on Mondays and on Wednesdays through the Health Care Program - Better at Home meal delivery service.

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 2023, over 564 volunteer shifts were worked comprising 2,256 hours for a value of over \$45,120 if the volunteers were paid the going island rate of \$20 per hour.



### **Games Night**

Games Night was held on eleven months last year. (The missing month was when the water froze at the Hall.) Games is a fun, high energy family night, with the kids playing twister and the adults playing Scrabble or Backgammon or Crib. Plus, there's always a big dinner with donuts or other dessert.

### **Frozen Meals Delivery Program**

Meals continue to be delivered every Wednesday to seniors through the Better at Homes Program.

### **Community Potlucks - 2023**

- **Nettlefest 2023** - Nettlefest was April 16<sup>th</sup>. Both the foraging walk and the cooking class were cancelled this year - due to low registration. But the potluck dinner was attended by 75 people and was a really sweet event.



- **Community Picnic** - We had a successful Community picnic in September at the Community School. Approximately 110 people came to enjoy the sunshine, race zucchinis and enjoy the other activities.



- **Winter Solstice Dinner** - We held a successful Solstice celebration on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hall. Myron Sebelius, Rob Foster and Sandy Moodie built an incredible bonfire, Jack Garton led the kids lantern parade. 120 people came and enjoyed the meal. The Sturdies Baybs Choir sang and Jack Garton performed.

### **Galiano Food Bank**

2023 was another big year for the Food Bank, but also a year of waiting and preparation. In March 2023, the Galiano Club entered discussions with the South Galiano Fire Department, when the department offered space in the old Fire Hall building. Internal renovations were estimated at \$5,000 which was covered by a donation from a Club Board Member. The new space is big enough for an inside waiting area, coffee station, plus the “store” area, new fridge/freezer and storage. In April 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Fire Department to relocate the Food Bank to the old hall. The Club worked with the Fire Department to secure grant funding to replace the roof of the old building, and then spent the remainder of the year waiting for the roofer to come.

Food Banks BC also gave the Food Program funds to purchase a new fridge and freezer for new building.



Unfortunately (unfortunate because it reflects the food insecurity in this community), records were set at the Food Bank in 2023 with 31 clients in one day in October. There was a total of 1,115 client visits in 2023, that is a 16% increase in the number of visits over last year – compared to 955 in 2022. In 2023, there were 75 individual clients. This year there were 31 Christmas Hampers distributed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The hampers supported 70 people, a small reduction from the year before. In March 2024, the Food bank was finally moved into the new space. It is spacious and wonderful!

### **Workshops**

In 2023, the Food Program held a series of preserving workshops: Beginners Jam, Marmalade Making, Pressure Canning Tomatoes, and Chutneys.

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

In 2023, students in all three classes, with teaching by Alison Colwell, baked bread. Each student – even the Kindergartners – made their own loaves of bread to take home at the end of the day.

**Elders Lunch** - On May 30<sup>th</sup> the Grade 3-4 class cooked lunch for their grandparents (and assigned grandparents). Teacher Cathy Buttery and Alison Colwell started this program 9 years ago. It has been held annually (apart from Covid) since then. Cathy retired at the end



of the 2022/2023 school year - and hopefully another teacher at the school will want to keep this tradition going.

### **New Projects**

It's been almost three years since the Food Program introduced a new project. But in the spring of 2024 two were begun.

- **Good Food Box** - After months of planning the GFB (or Good Food Box) Project started. People sign up for a box, pay \$40 and receive an equal division of the wholesale fruit and produce every two weeks. So far, there have been 10 GFB days and up to 29 boxes have gone out. The GFB operates out of the new Food Bank space to take advantage of the fridges. The private Facebook group created for GFB recipients has been super busy with meal photos and recipe sharing.



- **School Lunches for Kids in Need** – Working with the School District, and provincially funded, the Food Program started providing lunches for those students in need at the school. Six students receive a boxed lunch each school day from the Food Program.

**Emma Davis**

**Food Program Coordinator**

### **Meet Your Maker**

In February 2023, the Program hosted the 3rd annual Meet Your Maker, a series of events aimed at connecting Galiano growers with each other and with restaurants and grocery stores. The event is structured as an in-person Tradeshow Meet & Greet market at the Hall. There were seven farms and seven restaurants at the tradeshow, including quite a number of folks who were either new to the island or new to their food work. This year more snacks were introduced (not possible before due to Covid) and that was a very positive addition to the vibe. The event provided a valuable opportunity for connection, and helped Galiano growers see themselves as more of a connected community, as well as built bridges



between growers and the restaurants, grocery stores and markets. It also served as an outreach, helping the Food Program deepen its relationship with both the growers and the food businesses.

### **Feed The People**

The Feed the People event, in partnership with the Galiano Conservancy Association, was cancelled due to the very sad loss of long-time collaborator and facilitator Penelakut Island Elder Karen Charlie.

### **Stock Up Market**

In October the Program held the 10th 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 were lots of people in attendance.



### **Gleaning**

This year was the second consecutive poor year in terms of fruit production on the island, mostly due to the tent caterpillars. However, it was not as bad as 2022: There were 15 picking sessions at 11 picking sites with 31 active community members who picked 1,259 lbs of fruit. There is a great team of returning “deputy” gleaning coordinators. This was the first year with the Food Program truck, and it made the logistics so much easier. The Program is grateful to the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission for their support of this recreation activity.

### **Garlic Co-op**

This was a solid year, and it was great to be back on track after the past few years of disappointment. There were 12 Active Members, 14 work parties over the year. 1,525 bulbs were planted and 1,397 healthy big bulbs were harvested. Seed was saved for next year, which will reduce costs significantly. The group dynamics were smooth with a good mix of physical ability to spread around the physical work. The Program is grateful to Galiano Septic for the donation of manure and delivery!

**Shauna Anderson**  
**Food Program Coordinator**

**School Garden**

In January, 2023, a decomposition project was completed with the grade 4-5-6-7 classroom and an indoor sprouting project was begun. With the grade 2-3s early season crops were started in the greenhouse. The K-1 class helped with sprouting yams in their classroom. Shauna began attending a series of school garden mentor workshops via Zoom, hosted by Farm to School BC. and began a public Instagram account where images of school garden projects are shared. [Galiano School Garden Instagram](#)

Through February, teacher on leave, Susie Johnson, continued to volunteer at the garden on a weekly basis. Her work was so helpful throughout the spring. With the support of the Galiano Club Board, Shauna was approved to attend the first Farm to School BC conference (May 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2023). Shauna also submitted a presentation proposal all about our School Nettlefest.

Promotion was begun for the Tomato Starts Group, with 10 community members signing up ahead of the start date of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

March means School Nettlefest, and a successful whole school event was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, with 48 students, parent volunteers, and staff in attendance. School District 64 published an article about the event [School Nettlefest 2023](#)

In April, a measurement project was begun in the garden. Collaborations between teacher Patti Pringle, who is a former school garden coordinator, have yielded many curriculum-centred garden projects. The Tomato Starts Group had many healthy seedlings, and many extra starts to share with school families come May 2023.

Shauna was excited to be selected to present at the Farm to School BC (F2SBC) conference in May 2023. Attending the conference at UBC was extremely inspiring. Shauna made connections with people working in garden education, school food programs and more. There were so many perspectives on food literacy, garden-based education, play-based learning to take in. Shauna's presentation went well. The audience was able to see the effect Nettlefest has on Galiano students - with improving skills and confidence being at the forefront. Shauna felt privileged to have had the opportunity to attend and present.

June 2023 was a blast. Students helped to transplant seedlings, make comfrey tea fertiliser, plant a three sisters garden early in the month garlic scapes were harvested for a hummus

classroom feast. Also harvested and enjoyed were many edible flowers, greens, and snap peas.

The second year of the Winter Garden Group began on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - focussed on starting crops for fall, winter and early spring.

The water hydrant that feeds the irrigation lines unfortunately was broken for most of the summer - however it was replaced on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This impacted the over-summer crops, but there was still a good harvest of herbs, tomatoes, peppers, garlic, potatoes, and from the fruit trees. Hand watering, mulch and proper fertiliser helped. September was the month of grapes. There was another bumper crop and students enjoyed them heartily during their return to school.

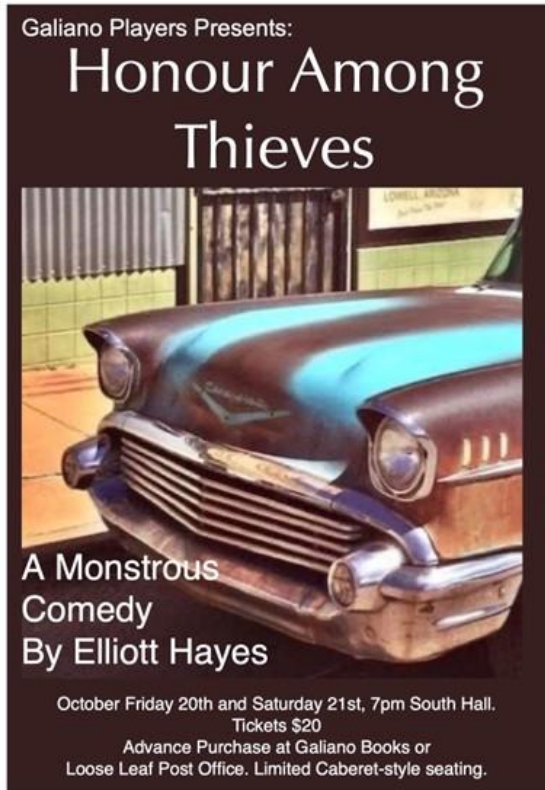
October 13<sup>th</sup> was Galiano School Applefest. Three Food Program coordinators, ten volunteers, nine school staff and 46 students came together to enjoy and learn all about apples. In November, students helped to plant garlic and mulch our garden down for winter. Our garden was full of overwintering beets, cabbage and kale thanks to the Winter Garden Group.

In December, a School Garden grant by F2SBC was approved, meaning the replacement of rotten and falling down fence posts will be done in 2024. This was a great way to finish 2023 and look forward to 2024.

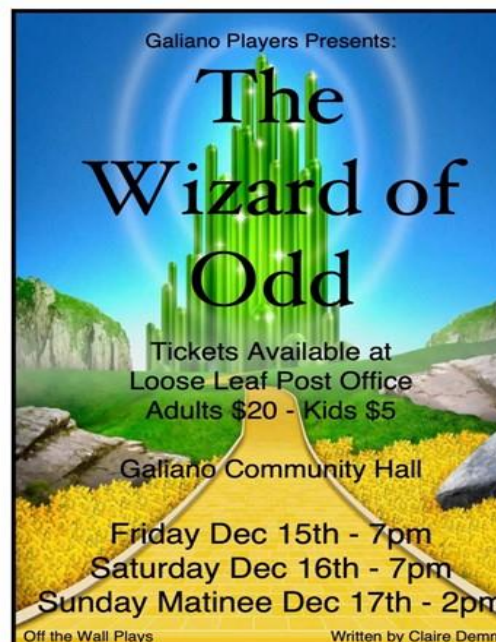
In 2023, Shauna was thankful to be supported by the Club to attend the BC Seed Gathering at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University campus in Richmond, BC. This was a 2-day event full of learning.

## Galiano Players 2023 - Sonia Baker

In March, 2023 we staged a two person play for two nights, called "Honour Among Thieves". It went very well with Joy Wilson and Christian Stechishin playing the roles. This year has not been a very busy year for the Players.



The annual Pantomime went ahead in December, 2023, now with Brahmi Benner at the helm. It was a whole new perspective on Pantomime. She bought in lots of kids and many songs. It was wonderful!



This year at the start of 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Galiano Club, we have already had the Variety show MC'd by Bonnie MacGillivray with many skits and songs. There will be a play in October and of course the Panto in December.

*Looking forward to seeing you all!*





## **The Galiano Club Parks and Community Forest Report – Allison Whitlock Committee Members – Marianne Bos, Diana Burgoyne, Marina Roy, Carol Wilson**

The Galiano Club has been a steward for island green spaces since 1948 when the Bluffs came into being. The Club manages the Nature Preserves of Mt Galiano and The Bluffs, home of the Japanese Charcoal Pit Kiln, and the Community Forest, places where everyone can enjoy the exceptional beauty of Galiano Island.



The Galiano Club received a generous donation to the Parks/Lands Committee of \$1,000, from a long time Galiano resident, to provide either for equipment or person hours to remove broom in the Community Forest. The Parks/Lands Committee decided to hire a local to remove broom.





The Parks/Lands Committee also had also held a broom busting event on May 11<sup>th</sup> in the Community Forest to clear some of the areas not previously cleared. Several volunteers came out to cut broom on the Mistletoe Trail and the Wild Fire Loop Trail.



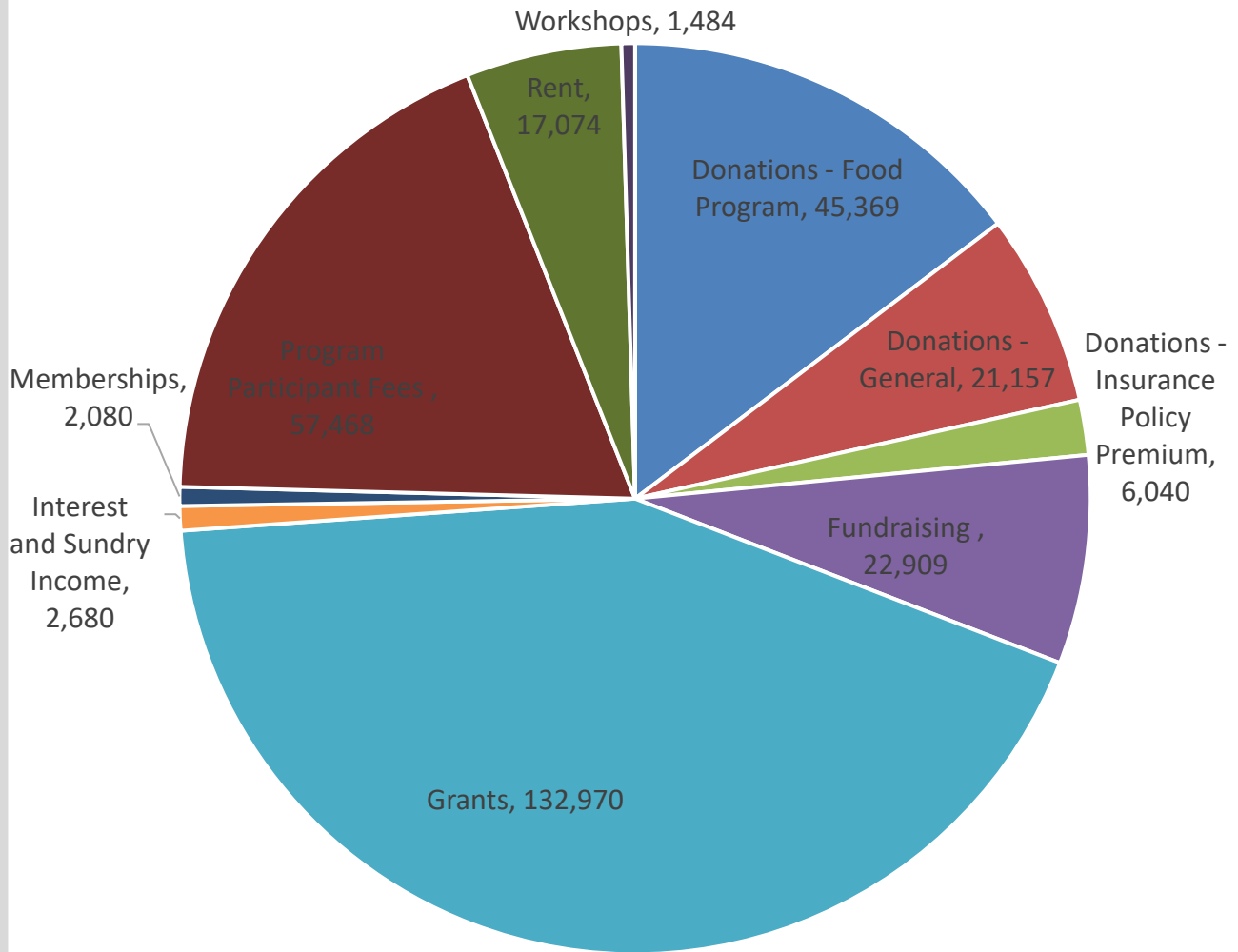
The Galiano Club was alerted to the fact that the Japanese Pit Kiln, which is located in the Bluffs, required repairs to the structure itself, and to build a boardwalk to the site. Steve Nemtin, who spearheaded the original project to repair and provide an information kiosk at the site, was asked to share any information and advice on repairing the site. A grant was applied for with the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society. We have been advised that we received \$50,000 in grant monies to complete repairs and to upgrade the two trails to the site. Steve Nemtin, Diana Burgoyne and Keith Erickson will be working together with the Galiano Club to complete this project.

For the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Galiano Club, the Parks/Lands committee is setting up six Geo Caches in the three parks. We will be providing a bingo card with the GPS coordinates to children and their families to find the Geo Caches and stamp their card with the stamps found in the Geo Caches. They will then be able to turn this card in for a commemorative coin. Each coin has original artwork on each side. These designs were done by Simon Doty-Housden and Keirah Kerr. You can pick up your card at the Jamboree on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

As always, we would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out the Galiano Club by clearing trees on the trails of the three parks.

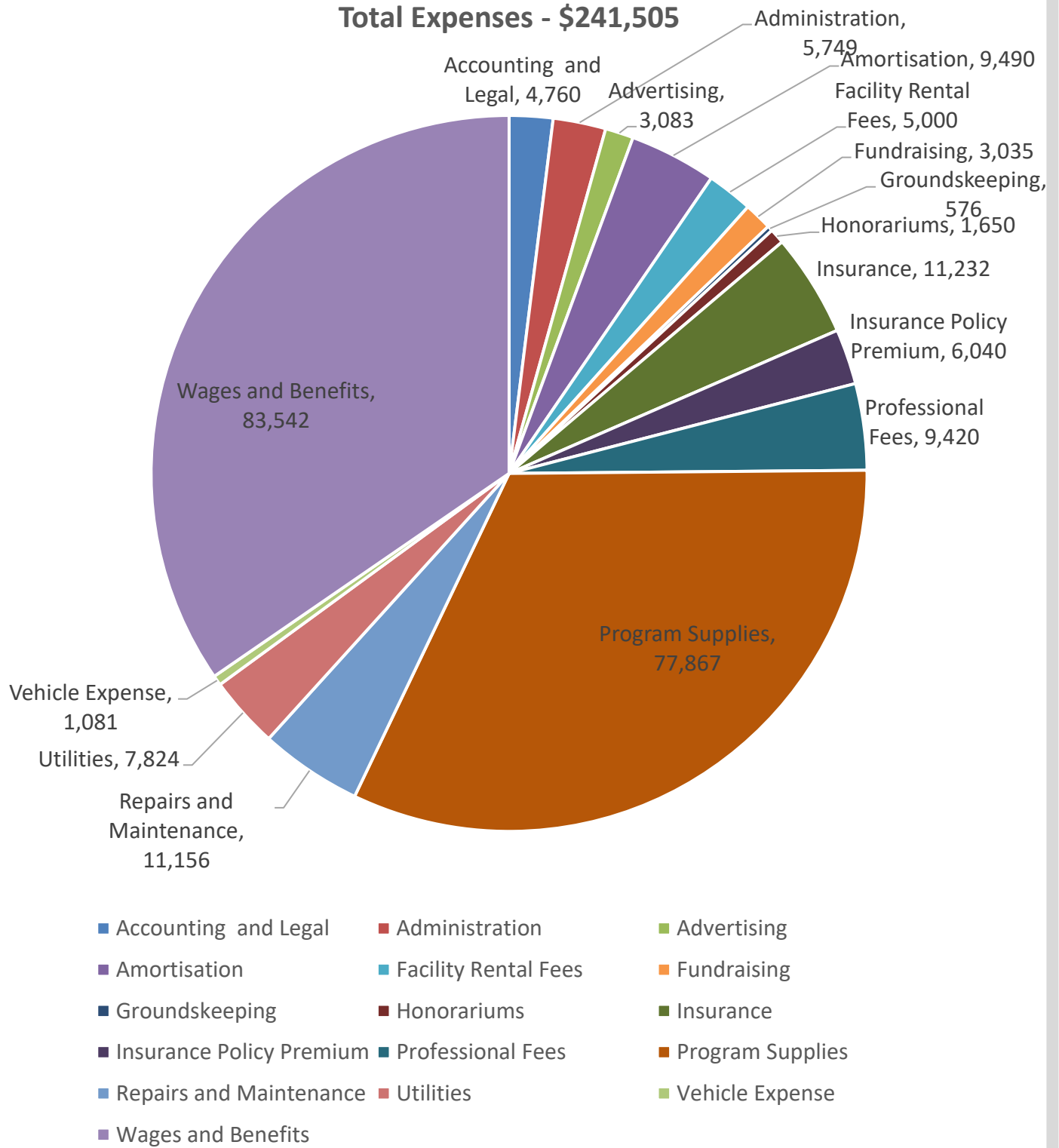
# THE GALIANO CLUB FINANCIAL PICTURE - 2023

Total Revenue - \$309,231



- Donations - Food Program
- Donations - General
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### Total Expenses - \$241,505



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