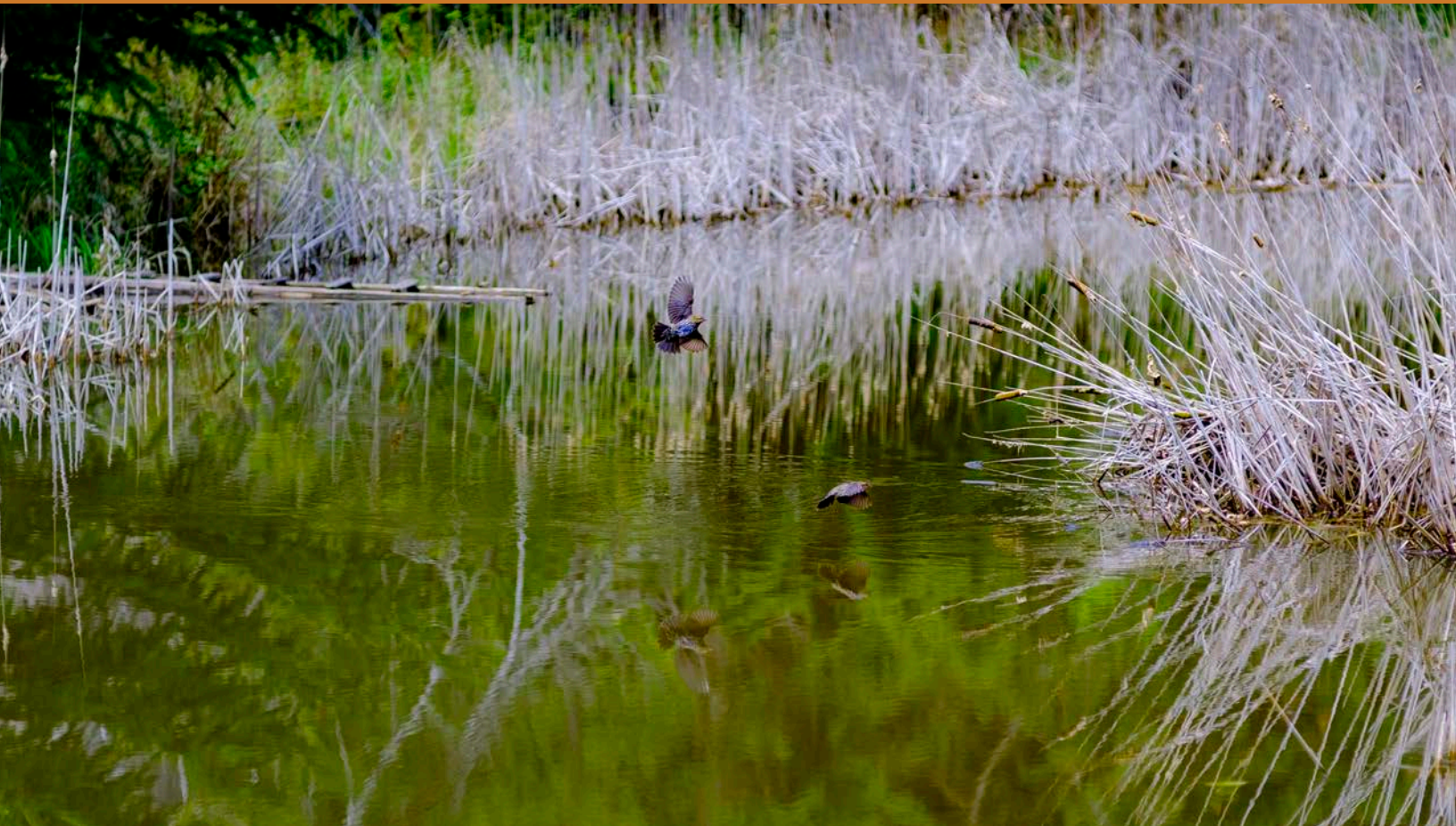




THE GALIANO CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2021





Land protection, ecological restoration, and expanded infrastructure for nature-based learning experiences – 2021 marked milestones on many fronts for the Galiano Conservancy and revealed once again the strength of our dedicated ecosystem of members, donors, volunteers, partners, staff and Board.

Through the generosity of the federal government, foundations, and many individual donors, our multi-year partnership with the Nature Trust of BC led to the protection of 65.5 acres at Cable

Bay, an ecologically diverse coastal Douglas-fir forested area with a long history of use and habitation by Coast Salish Peoples. At the Millard Learning Centre (MLC), we completed Phase 1 of the ambitious ‘Cedars for the Next Century’ project to restore the Chrystal Creek watershed’s ability to absorb freshwater and sequester carbon through native reforestation and wetland creation. We also expanded MLC facilities for our education programs with a rustic new backcountry campsite designed to host up to 24 individuals. And the 3rd annual Feed the People workshop, led by esteemed Penelakut Elders Karen & Richard Charlie and “Baldy” & Nicole Edwards, brought together participants from across the Gulf Islands around action on reconciliation, local food self-sufficiency, and reducing the Island’s hyper-abundant deer.

In 2021 we thanked Avi Bryant for two years of service as our Board Chair and Neil Friedenbergh for his two terms as a Director and welcomed Sheila Anderson and Ian Chunn to the Board. We waved goodbye to Reed Osler, our long-time Education Coordinator, and to Jennifer Stackhouse, our Development Coordinator, as they moved to other shores. Our profoundest gratitude goes to our superb staff, our members and supporters, and all those who work with us to protect the lands and waters of Galiano Island, inspiring sustainable living on the Island and beyond.

Stephanie Cairns

We acknowledge that we live and work within the asserted, unceded, and traditional territories of the Penelakut, Hwlitsum, Lelum Sar Augh Ta Naogh and other Hul’qumi’num-speaking peoples as well as others who hold traditional rights and responsibilities in and around what is now known as Galiano Island. The Galiano Conservancy is grateful to, and has much to learn from, these original and current knowledge keepers of the lands and waters we are working to protect and restore.

COVER PHOTOS: Top – Wilkinson Trail, Millard Learning Centre; bottom – Pond, Millard Learning Centre – Photos by Jim LaBounty

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Photo by Chessi Miltner

Land Stewardship

- Monitored covenants encompassing **231.2 ha** of protected land
- Actively stewarded **7** protected areas totalling **192 ha**
- Maintained **12 km** of public trails in the Mid-Island Protected Areas Network and established **1.5 km** of new trails at the Millard Learning Centre

Land Acquisition

Cable Bay Conservation Campaign

- **\$2.4 million** raised in partnership with the Nature Trust of British Columbia including **133** donations made by the Galiano Community
- **1 km** of undeveloped coastline and **26.5 ha** of diverse coastal Douglas-fir forest protected forever
- New **Qw'xwulwis - Cable Bay Conservation Area** created adjacent to the Pebble Beach Reserve and North Galiano Rockfish Conservation Area



Photo by Dylan Aiko Smith

MLC Infrastructure

- Completed rustic “backcountry” camping area consisting of **12** tent pads, **4** picnic tables, **2** composting toilets, **5000 gal** water storage capacity, **1** greywater system for camp sink, **1** animal-proof food-cache, **1** anaerobic compost digester, and **1** firepit



Cable Bay – Photo courtesy of The Nature Trust of BC
Sea Blush (*Plectritis congesta*) and Fairy Slipper Orchid (*Calypso bulbosa*) – Photos by Emily Francis

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Learning & Outreach

- **82** in-person program days delivered to **1322** participants (42% regional and 58% Galiano community)
- Reached **7496** people on GCA Social Media platforms with new "Fergus & Friends TV" online puppet show
- Delivered **8** "Nature Zoom Camps" to **130** at-risk youth in collaboration with Parent Support Services Society of BC
- Achieved record attendance at "Teacher Pro-D Summer Camp", which has resulted in booking of new school groups for 2022
- **251** people attended 9th annual Musical Walkalong for Learning event, which raised **\$34,538** for the Environmental Education Bursary Fund!

New Local Education Programs:

Staff bonded with Galiano kids through new programming delivered in collaboration with local organizations:

- "Science Power Hour" with the Galiano Activity Centre
- "Nature Ninja Camp" with the Galiano PAC
- Galiano School "Nature Classroom" Programming
- "Beach Buddies" with the Galiano Playgroup

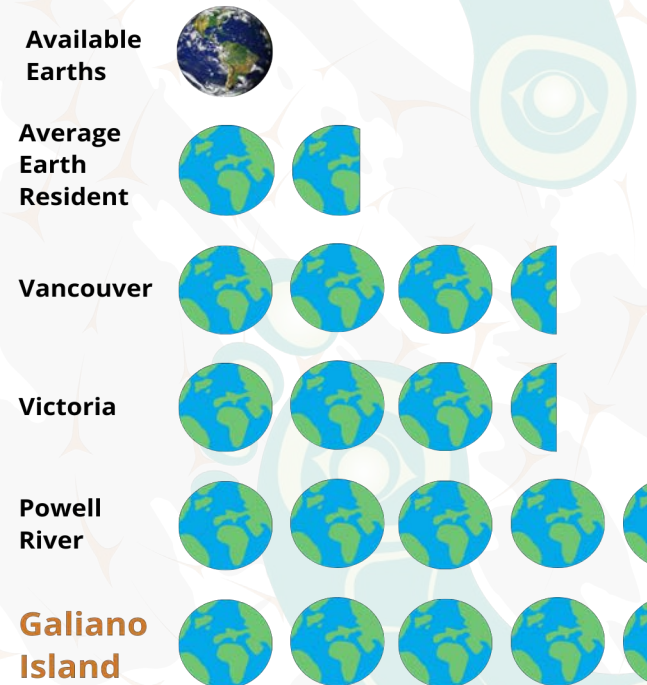


The Generation Station now has pedal-powered music!

Photos by Ivy Genosko

One Island, One Earth

Ecological Footprint Project Results



- **4.3 Earths** would be required to support the global population if everyone had the lifestyle of the Galiano Island Community
- Galiano Island currently exceeds the annual productivity of Galiano's ecosystems by **29%**
- Solar Energy harnessed on Galiano currently produces **1.5%** of Galiano's electricity usage
- The Galiano Community is currently consuming **13.5%** of their diet from locally-produced food sources



Check out more project results on our interactive online map.



<https://map.galianoconservancy.ca>

One Island, One Earth Logo (background) designed by Shar Wilson

Ecological Restoration

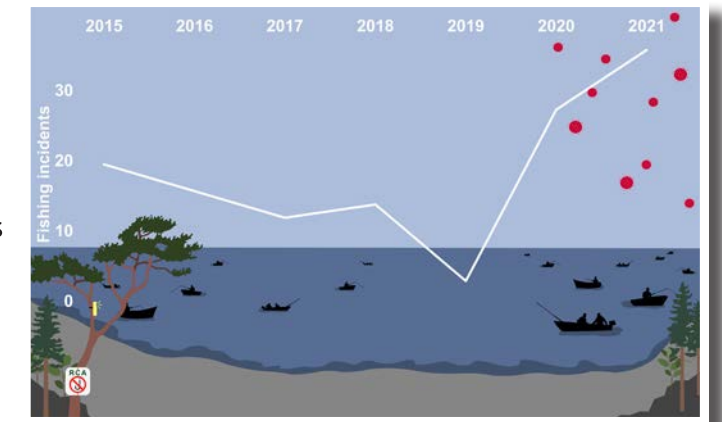
- **177** volunteers contributed a total of **950** volunteer hours to restoration projects
- **>100 ha** managed for target invasive species
- Restoration treatments initiated on **2.7 ha** of degraded pasture land, with **350+** native plants established and **17** groundwater wetlands created
- Follow-up treatments, management activities, and annual monitoring performed on restoration sites totalling **6.3 ha**
- **>2600 kg** of garbage/recycling removed from restoration sites at the Millard Learning Centre



Adam (Restoration Coordinator) and Cedana (Sustainable Food Systems Coordinator) gaze upon new growth in cold frames - Photo by Emily Francis

Nursery & Forest Gardens

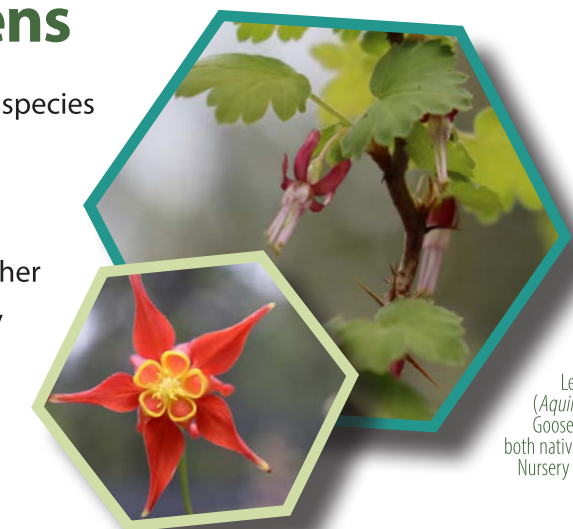
- Propagated **167+** native and/or edible plant species
- Provided **1755+** native or edible plants for restoration projects and to the community
- **285+** people participated in workshops or other events at the food forest and native plant nursery
- Community volunteers contributed **>292** volunteer hours
- **250+** bags of Forest Garden Tea sold



Graphic by Hailey Davies

Wildlife Conservation

- **8** cameras monitored fishing pressure in **3** Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs) bordering Galiano over **15** weeks
- Suspected fishing incidences in RCAs rose again in 2021, occurring on **35.8%** of days monitored (on average), suggesting recreational fishing behaviour changed during the pandemic
- Continued multi-year project monitoring bull kelp beds surrounding Galiano
- Continued multi-year project monitoring red-legged frog populations in **3** wetlands at the Millard Learning Centre



Left to right: Red Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) and Wild Gooseberry (*Ribes divaricatum*), both native plants propagated in our Nursery - Photos by Emily Francis

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Thank you to the many donors, fundraisers, walkers, musicians, painters, and volunteers, who all helped us to raise nearly \$35,000 for our environmental education bursary fund! A special thank you goes once again to the Zita and Mark Bernstein Family Foundation for helping us surpass our fundraising goal!

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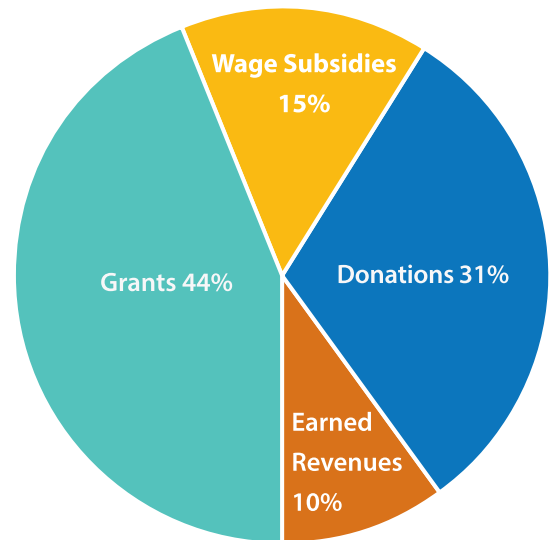
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FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE FOR 2021

In 2021, we continued to feel the impacts of the pandemic on our education programs until autumn, when demand began to return to normal. Consequently, earned revenues in that department were higher than in 2020, but still less than half of those in 2018 or 2019. In contrast, sales revenue, primarily from plant nursery sales, reached an all-time high, accounting for nearly half of all earned revenues. A significant increase in wage subsidy revenue reflects both an increase in the number and length of seasonal positions offered and the COVID-19 payroll support received through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program. Grant revenue was steady relative to 2020, but accounted for a notably smaller portion of total revenue than in recent years. Strong community support for the Cable Bay land acquisition campaign resulted in a large increase in donations during 2021, though unrestricted donations declined. Expenses increased only slightly in 2021, due largely to higher payroll costs, and closely mirrored previous years in relative proportions. Net revenue largely reflects donations raised in 2021 for Cable Bay Campaign expenditures made in 2022.

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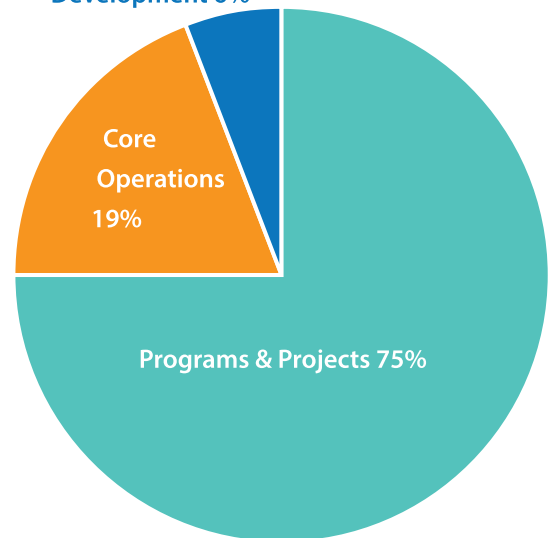
Grants	\$ 355,364
Wage Subsidies	\$ 122,657
Donations	\$ 247,079
Earned Revenues	\$ 82,469
Total Revenue	\$ 807,569



Organizational Expenses

Programs & Projects	\$ 505,925
Fundraising & Development	\$ 42,328
Core Operations	\$ 127,826
Total Expenses	\$ 676,079

Fundraising & Development 6%



NET REVENUE \$ 131,490

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