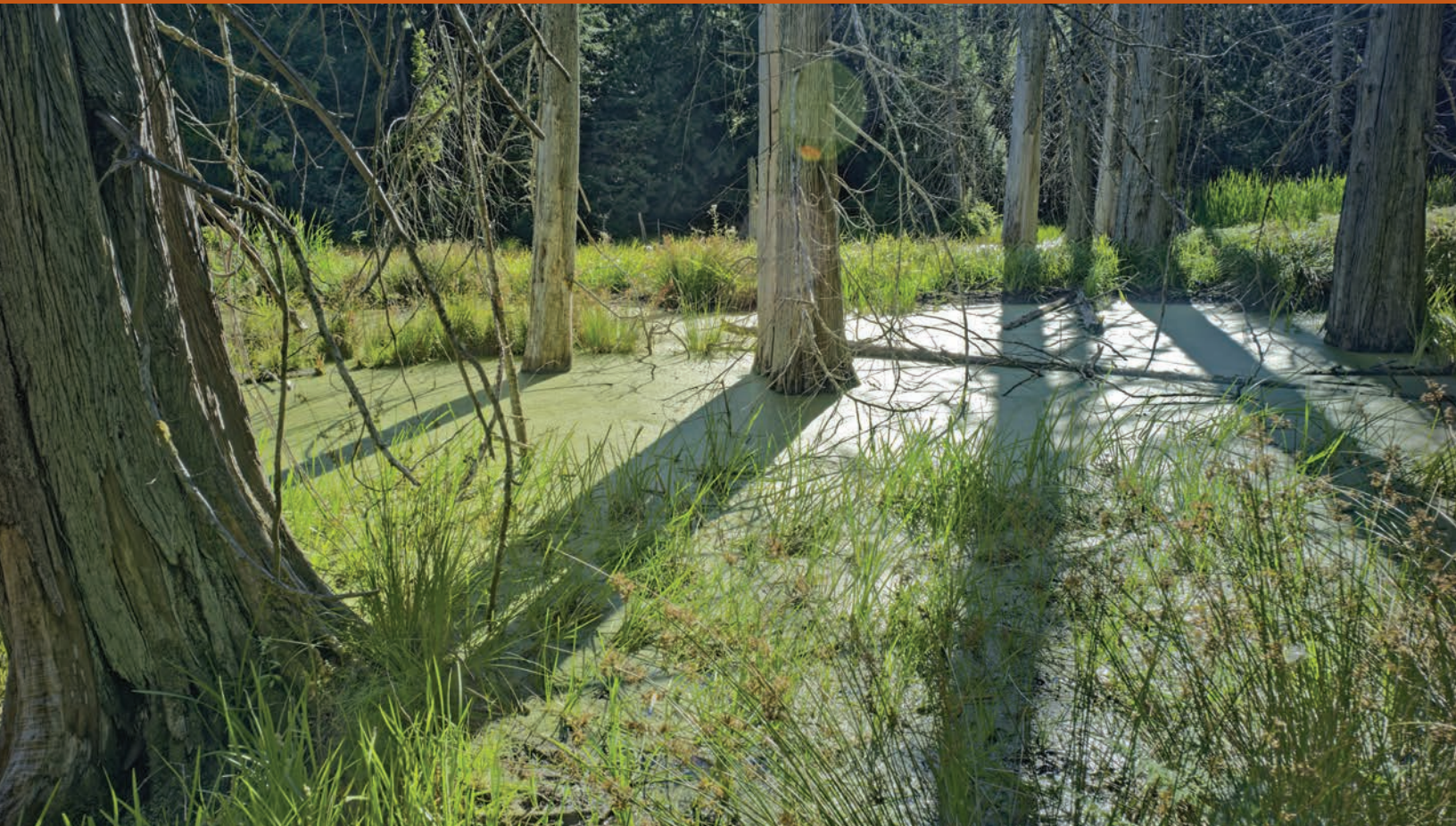
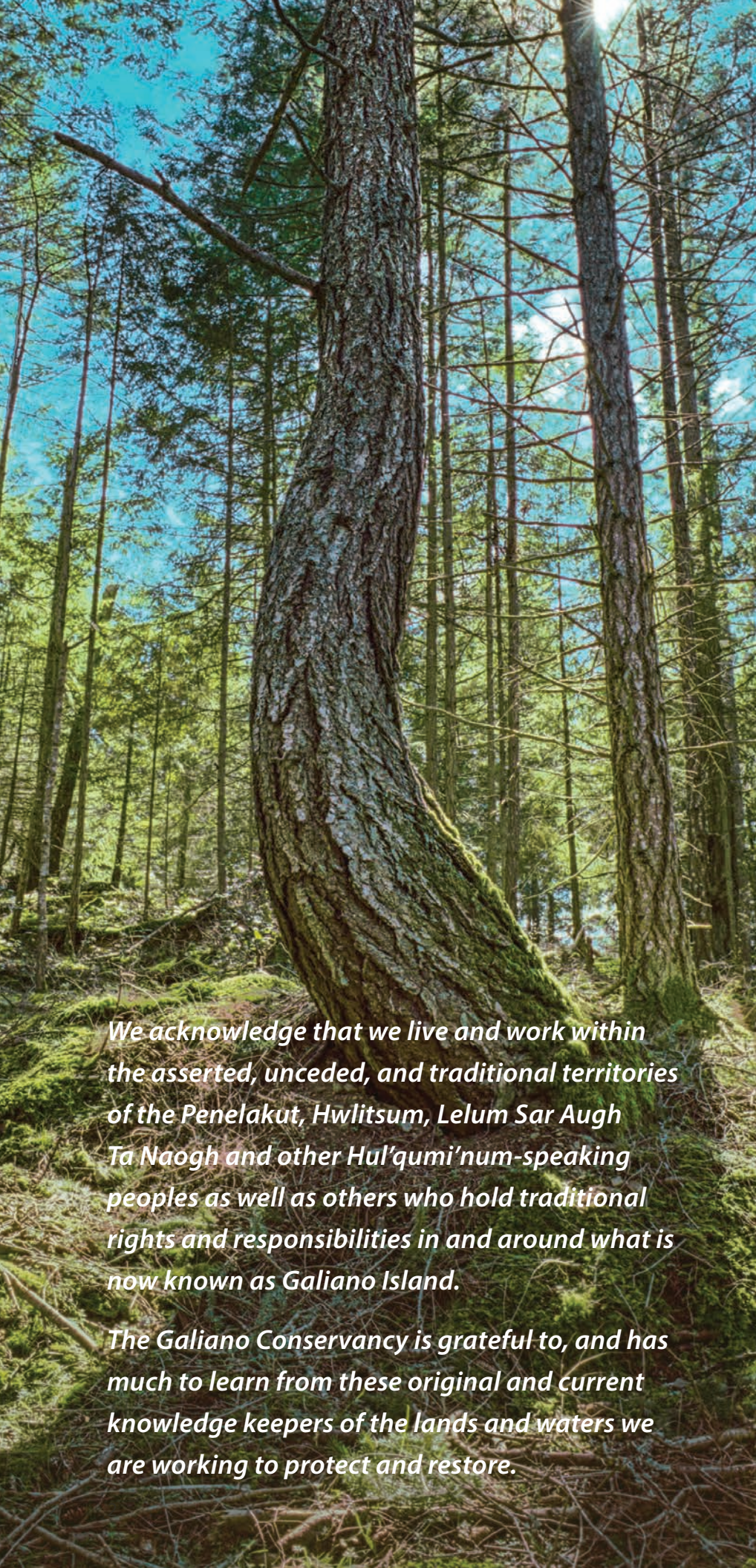




THE GALIANO CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2022





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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.

Thank you for your support



Dear Friends of the Galiano Conservancy,

2022 marked another energetic year with myriad activities and achievements for the GCA. To name but a few: new species-at-risk monitoring projects were initiated for Dungeness crab and sharp-tailed snakes; the Mid-Island Protected Areas Network trail system was expanded to include the Tranquility Bluff Interpretive Trail and trails in the new Qw'xwulwis – Cable Bay Conservation Area; a solar-powered rainwater irrigation system and greenhouse were installed for our Food Forest and Native Plant Nursery; in-person Nature Education programs returned and many successful community events were held, including the 10th-Annual Musical Walkalong for Learning fundraiser and the 4th-Annual “Feed the People” workshop.

Two major projects illustrate the broad scope of our work. The “One Island, One Earth” project provided valuable insights into our island’s biocapacity, our community’s ecological “footprint” and “fingerprint”, and identified the tangible actions needed to reduce our consumption. The findings, that if all people globally lived as we do on Galiano, the equivalent of 4.3 “Earths” would be required, highlight the stark necessity of further protecting and reducing our impacts on natural habitats to maintain and restore biocapacity, and of adopting more sustainable habits to move our consumption towards a One Earth budget. At the Millard Learning Centre, the multi-year “Cedars for the Next Century” project is restoring the 26-hectare Chrystal Creek watershed from a previously clear-cut pasture and agricultural land back to a flourishing forested wetland ecosystem. Decades of litter and dilapidated structures have been cleared, ditches and old roads removed, soils decompacted, 50 wetland pools excavated, and native plants—most grown at the MLC—established and fenced. Already, the blue-listed northern red-legged frog are using the new wetlands for breeding, and a remarkable diversity of birds and invertebrates are moving back into the restored habitat.

In 2022 we welcomed Holly Schofield and Chris Tollefson to the Board and thanked Avi Bryant for 4 years of service. We bid a fond farewell to our administrator Carly Bilney and to our education coordinator Emily Francis, both of whom moved off-island. We welcomed new staff—Martine Paulin as Development Coordinator and Hilary Jones as Administrator—and promoted existing staff to new roles—Michelle Thompson to the position of Conservation & Climate Coordinator, and Ria Okuda to the position of Education Coordinator.

Everything we have accomplished this year was made possible by our diverse ecosystem of members, volunteers, donors, partners, staff, and Board. Your passion and dedication give the GCA the strength to continue thriving and making a difference. We cannot thank you enough! We appreciate your continued support, and look forward to another great year ahead.

STEPHANIE CAIRNS, Chair

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NURSERY & FOREST GARDENS

- Propagated **167+** native and/or edible plant species
- Provided at least **2000** native and/or edible plants for restoration projects and community gardening
- Community volunteers contributed **>222** volunteer hours
- **325** people participated in workshops, tours, and other events at the Food Forest and Nursery
- **225** bags of Forest Garden Tea produced



Camas Lily (left), Food Forest echinacea by Josli Rockafella (right)

LAND STEWARDSHIP

- Monitored covenants encompassing **231.5 ha**
- Stewarded **334 ha** of protected land through fee-simple ownership and management agreements
- Maintained over **16 km** of public trails in the Mid-Island Protected Areas Network, including **2.5 km** of new trails established at the Qw'xwulwis – Cable Bay Conservation Area, and **70 m** of boardwalk constructed on the Tranquility Bluff Trail at the MLC

Sea Blush in Retreat Island Nature Sanctuary by Heather Magusin



Jeanne Erickson painting at 2022 Walkalong

LEARNING & OUTREACH

- **744** off-island K-12 students participated in programs
- **33** program sessions provided to local Galiano youth
- Delivered **6** online education programs for **70** at-risk youth in collaboration with Parent Support Services Society of BC, and **3** online Pro-D presentations for teachers
- **5** in-person adult education programs provided to **64** participants
- **187** people attended the 10th annual Musical Walkalong for Learning event
- **12** bursaries awarded through the Environmental Education Bursary Fund

Scan to watch a time-lapse video of Cedars for the Next Century - Phase 2 Wetland Restoration



MLC central valley before wetland restoration in 2020 (above) and after in 2023 (right). Photos by Leh Smallshaw - Rewilding Water & Earth Ltd.



ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

- Over **185** volunteers and **7** volunteer interns contributed over **1,400** volunteer-hours to restoration and conservation projects
- **>100 ha** managed for target invasive species
- Restoration treatments completed on **5.5 ha** of degraded pasture land, with **950+** native plants established and **65** groundwater wetlands created (for a total area of **0.5 ha** of open water)
- Follow-up treatments, management activities, and annual monitoring performed on restoration sites totalling **8 ha**
- **>3885 kg** of garbage/recycling removed from restoration sites at the Millard Learning Centre

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

- **8** cameras monitored fishing pressure in **3** Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs) bordering Galiano over **17** weeks
- Suspected fishing incidences in RCAs declined in 2022, occurring on **22%** of days monitored (on average), the lowest level seen since before the pandemic
- Partnered with Hakai Institute and IMERSS to monitor for Dungeness Crab Megalopae in Retreat Cove and Whaler Bay
- Continued multi-year projects monitoring bull kelp beds surrounding Galiano and red-legged frog populations at the Millard Learning Centre
- **10** artificial cover object (ACO) monitoring sites established at MLC to detect presence of sharp-tailed snake



Bull Kelp by Rene Zich

Quillback rock fish (top), Red legged frog by Molly Dube, BCWF (bottom)

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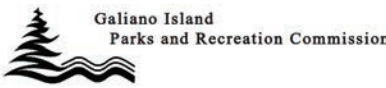
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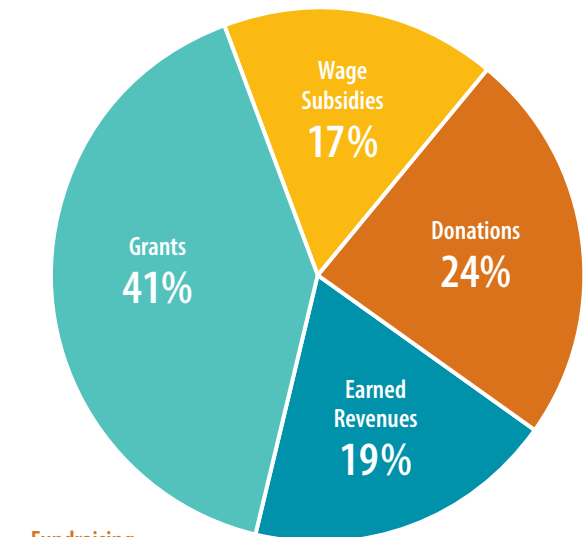
UVIC Restoration of Natural Systems students measure elevation before wetlands are excavated

Financial Landscape for 2022

In 2022 we saw a return to pre-COVID levels of demand for our Education Programs, leading to a dramatic increase in earned revenues. Interest revenues also increased exponentially due to higher interest rates, accounting for nearly 10% of earned revenue. Grant revenues and wage subsidies were similar to recent years, and reflect our staff's continued success in pursuing funding for ambitious projects and seasonal staffing. Donations remain foundational to our core operations and enable multi-year projects and programs to continue. In 2022, we received a generous \$100,000 gift from the estate of the late philanthropist Susan Bloom, the majority of which has been invested in our nascent Endowment Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation. Increases in expenses reflect inflation and larger project budgets.

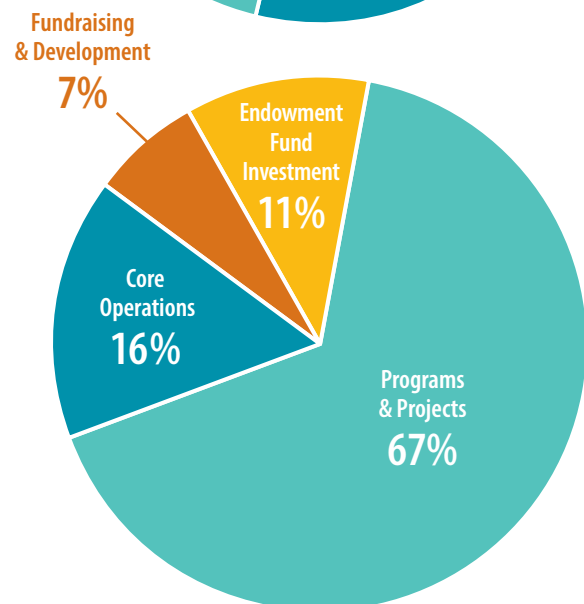
Revenue Sources

Grants	\$ 372,276
Wage Subsidies	\$ 149,481
Donations	\$ 215,351
Earned Revenues	\$ 168,445
Total Revenue	\$ 905,553



Organizational Expenses

Programs & Projects	\$ 547,710
Endowment Fund Investment	\$ 88,000
Fundraising & Development	\$ 56,402
Core Operations	\$ 128,011
Total Expenses	\$ 820,123



NET REVENUE **\$ 85,430**



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