

**Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council
Annual General Meeting – December 2, 2021**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

Submitted by Deborah Strong

A year like no other, 2020 brought big challenges as the world reeled from the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic and then came to terms with the subsequent reality that it was going to be with us for an undetermined amount of time. Despite these unprecedented times, the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council was able to continue to provide meaningful and innovative support to artists on Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna.

In 2020 we launched the first Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition. Originally conceived as a live event supplemented by an online exhibition and printed catalogue, it was necessary to re-think the concept. Instead, the entire focus became the online and print aspects of the event. When it launched in July, the online exhibition featured 63 artists representing each of our island communities, working in 2-D, 3-D, and multi-media, and at varying stages of their careers from emerging to well-established professionals. A full-colour exhibition catalogue featuring all participated artists was printed and distributed. As a result, participating artists have received ongoing, far-reaching exposure.

Arts on the Islands was spearheaded by a committee based on Mayne Island and you can read more about it in the Mayne Branch report (page 3). A major funder for Arts on the Islands was the Capital Regional District Arts Fund. The event also received in-kind support from Opus Art Supplies and Metropol Printing. The online platform for the exhibition was provided on a fee-for-service basis by the Federation of Canadian Artists. Countless volunteer hours donated by the Mayne Island committee members went into bringing Arts on the Islands to life and making it a success. Funds remaining due to the cancellation of the live portions of the event will be allocated towards producing a second Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition in 2021.

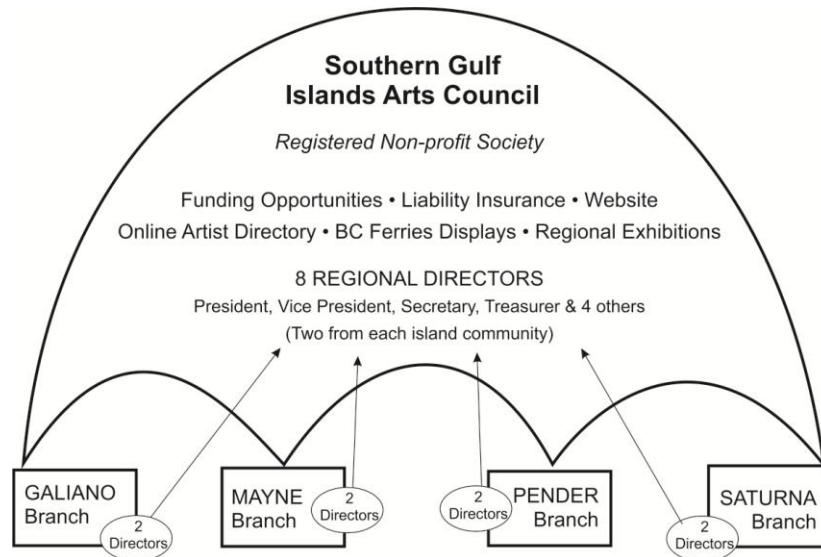
Another initiative in 2020 was the establishment of an Online Artists Directory on the www.artsontheislands.org website, targeting creative individuals who live and work in the Southern Gulf Islands. The directory was developed as a free benefit to our members with the goal of having a cohesive online resource that could be self-administered by the artists themselves. The directory launched late last year and is now populated by artists from each of the island communities.

Initiatives such as the Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition and the Online Artists Directory have raised awareness about the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council and served to boost the organization's membership. We will continue to work to support our members with initiatives that enhance the capacity of the arts communities in the Southern Gulf Islands.



BRANCH REPORTS

Under the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council’s organizational structure adopted in 2019, members from each island community have the opportunity to form a Branch. Each Branch has autonomy over its activities and finances while operating under the organizational umbrella (see diagram below) the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council and capitalizing on the advantages of being part of a regional non-profit society. The first Branch to form has been on Mayne Island (2019) and we look forward to seeing additional branches form in the future.



Mayne Island Branch Report

The Mayne Island Branch (known locally as Arts on Mayne) is an enthusiastic group that organizes art exhibition, arts programming, and a range of arts-related activities in the community.

We regularly exhibit in the island’s library but that space was temporarily closed in March 2020, shortly after the opening of a beautiful textile show *Quilt Creations* by the Mayne Quilters, and it soon became apparent that there would be no in-person exhibitions for the foreseeable future. The branch adapted by hosting four online shows: *Quilt Creations* moved online, Ann Marie Camilleri had a solo photography show, there was an open-themed show for all Mayne artists, and then *About Face* – a mask-themed show that launched in October.

Prior to the onset of the Pandemic, Arts on Mayne provided funding support for a series of winter Life Drawing sessions in the Agricultural Hall. Later in the year we were able fund the printing of individualized memory books created by Mayne elementary school students working in isolation, and in the fall we supported a series of textile workshops for the island’s weavers. In July we applied for and received a grant from the Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission to continue to support arts programming.

As the year progressed, with no shows in the library or other venues, and not much else going on as we grappled with pandemic isolation, we were able to focus a great deal of attention on the First Annual Arts on the Island Regional Exhibition. The event was spearheaded on Mayne by a committee consisting of Deborah Strong, Mary L Griffin, Kenneth Newby and Bill Maylone. Original plans included an online show and printed catalogue plus a 10-day exhibition in the Agricultural Hall in July. The committee swerved to re-align with the new reality of the pandemic and focussed entirely on the online exhibition and catalogue. We welcomed 62 artists from Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna working in a range of 2-D, 3-D and multi-media artworks into the exhibition. Three jurors – Suzanne Northcott, Rhys Edwards and Rolando Lampitoc – had the challenging task of assessing the art. Funding from the CRD Arts Commission helped make the event possible. Without the live exhibition, enough funds remain to ensure Arts on the Islands will continue for a second year before we must seek a new grant. The online exhibition is scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2020 prior to the launch of the 2021 exhibition.

In the fall, Arts on Mayne took the lead organizing the island's annual Fall Studio Tour for the first time. The tour took place November 13-15, just before strict isolation guidelines were issued, and featured 17 locations, including home studios, shops, and the community centre, where artists were able to cautiously welcome visitors. Despite the challenges, it was a successful event and we are looking forward to the Fall Studio Tour being a regular part of Arts on Mayne's annual calendar. Feedback from participants suggests that a Spring Studio Tour might be a future addition.

Throughout this strange year, Arts on Mayne was able to keep working to create exhibition opportunities, support arts activities and keep connections going. Board and committee meetings took place outdoors or via Zoom – tricky at times given connectivity issues – but where there's a will there's a way!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Despite the challenges of 2020, the Southern Gulf Islands financial position remains strong. A robust membership base ensures administrative costs, including insurance and web hosting fees, are adequately funded. The Statement of Operations shows Mayne with a \$416 deficit due to ongoing expenses but given the branch has a healthy surplus, this is of little concern with the expectation that once we resume more normal operations post-pandemic, the Branch will once again resume building surplus funds.

SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ARTS COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DRAFT

Unaudited

As of December 31, 2020

| Revenue | Galiano | Mayne | Pender | Saturna | Regional | Combined Totals |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Grants | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$5,500.00 |
| Memberships | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,950.00 | \$1,950.00 |
| Pender Art Guide | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fundraising Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Exhibition fees | \$0.00 | \$450.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$450.00 |
| Sales commissions | \$0.00 | \$14.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$172.70 | \$186.70 |
| Catalogue sales | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$912.00 | \$912.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$0.00 | \$1,464.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,534.70 | \$8,998.70 |
| | | | | | | |
| Expenses | Galiano | Mayne | Pender | Saturna | Regional | Combined Totals |
| Advertising | \$0.00 | \$473.63 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$813.55 | \$1,287.18 |
| Printing | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,405.63 | \$1,405.63 |
| Programming | \$0.00 | \$1,155.63 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,155.63 |
| Fundraising | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Pender Art Guide | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Membership Dues | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$189.06 | \$239.06 |
| Rental | \$0.00 | \$35.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$35.00 |
| Insurance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$925.00 | \$925.00 |
| Website | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$348.01 | \$348.01 |
| Travel | \$0.00 | \$31.60 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$115.14 | \$146.74 |
| Bank fees | \$0.00 | \$18.64 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$126.23 | \$144.87 |
| Misc | \$0.00 | \$115.59 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$434.42 | \$550.01 |
| Total Expenses | \$0.00 | \$1,880.09 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,357.04 | \$6,237.13 |
| | | | | | | |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures | \$0.00 | (\$416.09) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,177.67 | \$2,761.58 |

SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ARTS COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Unaudited

As of December 31, 2020 **DRAFT**

| <u>ASSETS/LIABILITIES</u> | | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | (Year end, Dec 31) | (Year end, Dec 31) |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Bank Account - CIBC | | \$14,182.54 | \$11,327.32 |
| GIC - CIBC | | \$10,155.08 | \$10,096.00 |
| Cash | | \$137.35 | \$206.00 |
| Total Assets | | \$24,474.97 | \$21,629.32 |
| Liabilities & Net Assets | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Galiano | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Mayne | | \$0.00 | \$127.00 |
| Pender | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Saturna | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$0.00 | \$127.00 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Galiano | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Mayne | General | \$3,141.74 | \$4,234.00 |
| | Capital Fund | \$10,155.06 | \$10,096.00 |
| | Grants | \$1,250.37 | \$1,804.00 |
| | Cash | \$137.35 | \$200.00 |
| Pender | | \$13.00 | \$13.00 |
| Saturna | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Regional | General | \$7,630.87 | \$5,149.32 |
| | Grants | \$1,746.58 | \$0.00 |
| | Cash | \$0.00 | \$6.00 |
| Total Net Assets | | \$24,074.97 | \$21,502.32 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | | \$24,074.97 | \$21,629.32 |