



## President's Report for 2023

Welcome Everyone.

2023 began with our "Succulent Sunday" event held at Trish and Tim Baker's beautiful home and garden on Oceanview. Many thanks to Ingrid Wray for organizing the beautiful succulent plantings and to Barb San Severino for leading the painting workshop on small canvasses. Great time was held by all.

We held our first "The Art of Wine" curated by Katelynne Katona, one of our Directors and a sommelier, particularly in BC wines. Painted Rock Winery owner, John Skinner regaled us with the history of the vineyard and his journey to develop the highest quality, award winning wines.

We worked with the Lions Bay Bird Friendly Small City team and the banners this year featured birds native to Lions Bay. The banners will be donated to Lions Bay Bird Friendly for their use in fundraising for their group. We are also working with The Butterflyway Project here in Lions Bay to feature pollinating insects and plants for the 2024 banners and to bring awareness of the importance of these pollinators in our community.

ArtSpark!, our program for kids and youth ran a new hip hop dance program led by Jazz McLaughlin which was well attended. We are currently looking at a writing workshop for the fall conducted by KC Dyer and renewing our art workshops with Barb San Severino. We are always interested in new ideas for ArtSpark! so please let us know if you have something that you would like us to research and present. This program is important as it is bringing in new family memberships and increasing our exposure to new and younger families in Lions Bay.

We also were able to hold our annual Christmas Fair in November with the hall full of artisans and artists, Christmas music from Dan Pocock and about 150 guests attending. Always a great start to the Christmas season. Our 2024 Lions Bay Calendar was for sale at the Fair and we were able to again raise funds for Lions Bay Arts with the help of local business and individual sponsorship of the calendar.

Our Board of Directors has undergone changes this year with the retirement of David Butler, Ingrid Wray and Karen Dodd. They have contributed their individual skills and energy to creating an exceptional team that has allowed Lions Bay Arts to develop into a true community asset. We wish to thank them all for their commitment to Lions Bay Arts and hope they continue to be involved in our ongoing events and activities.

And finally, we sadly bid goodbye to Glen Dodd who passed away earlier this month. For those of you who were at our AGM last year, you experienced the passion and financial commitment Glen brought to Lions Bay Arts through Dream Harbour Wealth Advisors. This commitment was shared by his wife, Karen and we will be forever grateful for their stepping forward to help in ensuring a long term future for Lions Bay Arts.