

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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From the President

Many of our activities this year have focused on sustainable living and environmental education.

Over 1000 people have come through the doors of the Wintergreen lodge since last year at this time. Every one of our visitors was made aware of the fact that Wintergreen's facilities are off-grid and solar-powered.

And it's not just the people who come to Wintergreen who hear about our facilities and commitment to reducing consumption of energy and other valuable resources. We have offered several presentations detailing the work in our gardens and the traditional building techniques we employ. We gave a talk at the Ban Righ Centre at Queen's University last fall, about the Three Sisters

Garden (squash, corn, beans) and the Victory Gardens. Another presentation at the *Learning Grounds Forum* at the Evergreen Centre located at the Toronto Brickworks, focused on our school gardens program. And in January of this year, we described the cordwood building process to over 300 staff at the local Home Depot.

Our focus on the environment also included the hosting of a Community Green Energy Retreat, described elsewhere in the newsletter.

In recognition of our environmental focus, we have been nominated for the *Royal Canadian Geographic Society 2011 Award for Environmental Innovation*. An honour, indeed.

Rena Upitis, *President & CEO*

Share the Harvest Volunteer Lunch

Last year Wintergreen held a gala in the fall to raise funds for our school garden program. This year we decided it was high time to give back to our gracious donors and volunteers, so we held a *Share the Harvest Appreciation Lunch* for 25 Friends of Wintergreen. It was a sparkling celebration of the harvest and of our community.

afternoon and evening, featuring local foods and wines, live music by musicians in our area, and a silent auction – and perhaps a rollicking



Corn and Scarlet Runner Beans in Wintergreen's Three Sisters Garden

Next year we will host the *Green Gala*, scheduled to take place September 24, 2012. Mark your calendars! It will be a festive

"The poetry weekend was beyond equal in my experience of workshops. It worked on every level. Thank you for creating this nourishing place ... such a banquet."

Courses and Workshops

This year's workshops included soap-making, guitar technique, yoga, and mixed media art. We held over a dozen different workshops ranging from two to six days in length.

During the summer months, we hosted two extraordinary writers: Helen Humphreys and Lorna Crozier, both of whom joined us for a second time at

Wintergreen. Next year we will again be featuring some amazing writers, including Steven Heighton, Helen Humphreys, Patrick Lane, and Lawrence Hill.

The full workshop calendar will be posted early in 2012.

Community Green Energy



The Wintergreen Initiative – A Community Energy Group was launched on June 25th, mid-way through a highly stimulating weekend retreat dedicated to community renewable energy. The retreat was organized by the Community Energy Network of Eastern Ontario (CENEO) in partnership with Frontenac County's Green Energy Task Force (GETF). Financial support was provided by the Ontario Trillium Fund and Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation. For more information contact Kristina Inrig at info@community-energy.ca.



Dinner & Entertainment Series

Our second dinner and entertainment series was even more successful than the first. After enjoying a delicious gourmet Wintergreen meal, guests enjoyed music by Terry Tufts, Rick Fines, Brian Yealland and friends, and Scott Hughes. Readings were delivered by James King, Helen Humphreys and Lorna Crozier, and James Raffan described his adventures in the Arctic through stories and images. The third series of dinners, concerts, and readings will begin in March of 2012.

Annual Appeal from the Vice-President

15 October 2011

Dear Friends of Wintergreen,

Wintergreen is launching its third Annual Giving Campaign. The donations we receive through the annual appeal contribute enormously to our ability to offer programs to a diverse group within our immediate community and from all across Canada. We thank you for your interest in our activities, and for your continuing and heartfelt support of Wintergreen.

This has been a year with many highlights. We were thrilled to have some of our most popular teachers return for a second or third time, including guitarist Rick Fines, writer Helen Humphreys, and poet Lorna Crozier. We have an impressive company of artists, builders, writers, and musicians lined up for 2012, and it is because of our generous donors that we have been able to assemble such a rich and varied program.

All donations made to Wintergreen will continue to be applied directly to costs associated with running workshops and educational programs. Every donor will be issued a tax receipt for the 2011 year.

As has been our custom since Wintergreen first opened its doors, every donation will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the Board of Directors.

There are several levels to this giving opportunity. We appreciate any support you may offer. Should you choose to contribute on-line, simply open our home page (www.wintergreenstudios.com) and click on "make a donation." You will then be issued a receipt directly from Canada Helps at www.canadahelps.org. Canada Helps allows you to make a one-time donation or opt for a monthly donation system.

We will also acknowledge your gift by offering a tuition discount for Wintergreen workshops. All tuition discounts are transferable, so if you can't take advantage of the discount, you can pass the discount on as a gift to a family member or a friend, which can be redeemed for any workshop in 2012.

With warmest thanks,

Katharine Smithrim, Vice-President



Volunteers (in alpha order)

Board of Directors

Rena Upitis, President

Katharine Smithrim,
Vice-President

Helen Turnbull,
Secretary-Treasurer

Serena Manson

Larry Scanlan

Miguel Hahn

Wintergreen Studios thrives because of the extraordinary dedication of its many volunteers. Beginning with the volunteer Board of Directors (listed to the left), right through the volunteers who work in our gardens, cook in our kitchen, and serve on our programs

committee, the people listed below have enriched our work and our lives. Thank you, one and all.

Philip Abrami
Julia Brook
Helen Coo
Buddy Crawford
Marilyn Crawford
Dorina Friedli
Hannes Friedli
Faye Ginies
Laurie Gough
David Hahn
Miguel Hahn
Dawson Hamilton

Kristina Inrig
Lorrie Jorgensen
Michelle Leering
Annemieke Little
Lindsay Little
Serena Manson
Chris Mechefske
Laura Mechefske
Lindy Mechefske
Anna Peterson
Gary Rasberry
Hayden Rasberry

Rick Rooney
Larry Scanlan
Sandy Sellers
Ryan Small
Karen Smereka
Katharine Smithrim
Helen Turnbull
Kim Turnbull
Rena Upitis
Zinta Upitis
Leah Vine
Marion Watkins
Brian Yealland

Donors* (in alpha order)

Terry Ann Carter
Brian Davis
Jennifer Davis
Julia duPrey
Pierre duPrey
John Freeman

David Murphy Haglund
Steve Lapp
James Raffan
Lynn Rainboth
Gary Rasberry
Larry Scanlan

Sandy Sellers
Peter Shipton
Helen Turnbull
Rena Upitis
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** List represents the period from Nov 2010 to Oct 2011 but does not include all donations from the 2010 Annual Giving Campaign nor the 2010 Share The Harvest Gala. This is the reporting period (Nov 1 – Oct 31) that will be used in subsequent years.*



2011 Financial Summary

Balance Sheet (ending June 2011)

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| Total Assets: | \$531,350 |
| Total Liability: | \$315,836 |
| Total Equity: | \$215,514 |

Income Statement

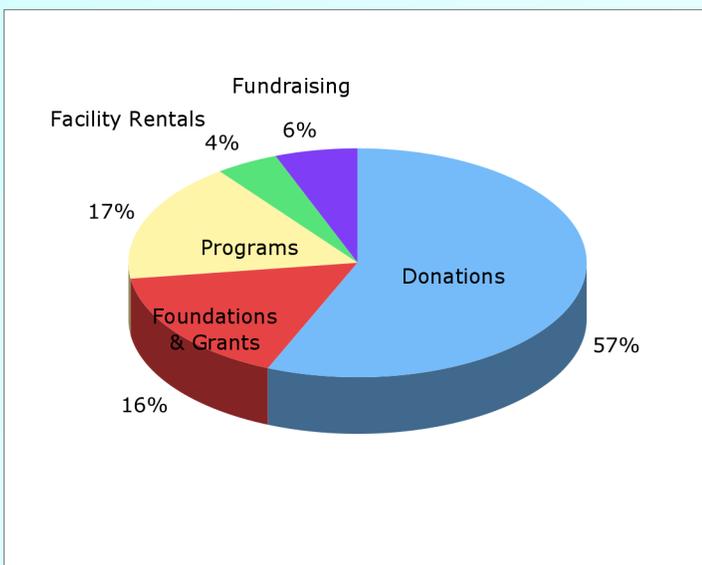
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| Total Income: | \$222,940 |
| Total Expenses: | \$122,328 |
| Net Income: | \$100,048 |



Donations and Fundraising

Two extremely generous donations in 2011 meant that we exceeded our \$70,000 goal for the 2010–2011 year by a considerable margin. With the match from the Board of Directors, and the donations expected through the upcoming 2011 Annual Giving Campaign, we aim to raise \$50,000 in 2011–2012 to support our arts and environmental education programs, as well as providing funds for capital expenditures on new facilities for overnight staff.

Income Sources



“A key objective for 2012 is to secure long-term funding for program staff.”

Kristina Inrig
Partnership Development
Director



Who Comes to Wintergreen?

This is the first year that we have kept track of the numbers of people coming through the doors of the Wintergreen lodge. To our surprise, we welcomed well over a thousand visitors – a third of whom came for the dinner and entertainment evenings featuring poets, musicians, writers, and story-tellers.

| Activity | Attendees |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Concerts | 335 |
| Open Houses | 156 |
| School Students | 300 |
| Workshops | 80 |
| 2010 Gala (October) | 115 |
| Retreat Guests | 180 |
| Total | 1166 |

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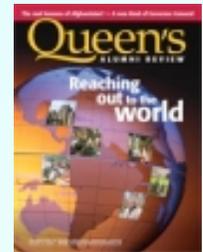
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balance
back*

Outreach & Research

Our work continues to be highlighted in local newspapers and national magazines. The genesis and mission of Wintergreen were highlighted in an article in the Queen's Alumni Review in November 2010. We have attended trade shows in Verona and Ottawa, and conferences in Toronto and Seville, Spain. Board members are currently working on a new research project involving the use of digital communication tools to enhance music education.



What is Wintergreen Studios?

Wintergreen Studios is a charitable education and retreat centre. Our sustainable off-grid facilities provide comfortable gathering places for meetings, workshops, and private functions. Guests learn new skills, engage in mindful living, and return to their homes and workplaces inspired and refreshed.

