

WINTERGREEN STUDIOS



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



From the President - Wintergreen Turns Ten!

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Last year I wrote of plans to bring as many people as possible to Wintergreen for our 10th anniversary year. We succeeded! It was a banner year – there were over 1,000 workshop participants attending the five-day Land Art BioBlitz alone. Because we were successful in obtaining several grants to host the BioBlitz – from TD Friends of the Environment and Canada Green Corps, among others – we were also able to bring several school groups to Wintergreen. The entire event was most capably organized by Monica Capovilla. She did such a great job that the Board recommended she be hired full-time as Program Director at Wintergreen. This is a big moment for us – a full-time position that will involve workshop and event planning, as well as seeking long-term funds to ensure that the position remains viable in the years to come. Part of that funding will come from grants (we hope) and our long-term partners. Part of it will come from program revenues.

And part of it will come from our Anniversary Campaign, which was launched in May of this year and will run until May 2019. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 over the two-year campaign. And we're well on our way.

Our 10th anniversary year was organized around a series of seasonal anchors, with events and activities that featured the educational, cultural, and environmental foci of Wintergreen. We plan to use these seasonal anchors again. They just make sense – to the people who come to Wintergreen, to the people who read our funding applications, and in terms of featuring the land where Wintergreen is located. We will open each season with a labyrinth walk, coinciding with the equinox or solstice. Here's what to expect for the remainder of 2017 and the first part of 2018:

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Fall programming opens with a Labyrinth Walk on the Fall Equinox, Friday September 22. Other fall workshops include our annual Camino event, during which time we will launch Peter Coffman's new book called (wait for it...) *Camino*, published by Wintergreen Studios Press. The seminar on Death and Dying will also take place this fall.



Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk: Thursday December 21. Winter programming will focus on outdoor activities – snowshoeing among them – as well as quiet gatherings around the woodstove in the lodge, where one of the most important human activities of all – storytelling – will help sustain and nourish us through the winter months.



The Spring Equinox Labyrinth Walk will take place on Friday March 23 (well, OK, that one is just a shade later than the actual equinox). As the sun begins to warm us and the forest awakens, we will explore the diversity of Wintergreen's land through the arts – poetry, music, sculpture. The culminating spring event will be our 4th annual Land Art BioBlitz.



The Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk will take place on Friday June 22, followed by summer sessions focusing on gardening, and on Indigenous teachings and embodied knowing. We also invite families and special interest groups to enjoy Wintergreen's facilities and land for private retreats during the summer months.

Join us as often as you can. We will do incredible things together

Rena Uptis, President and Founding Director

Financial Summary

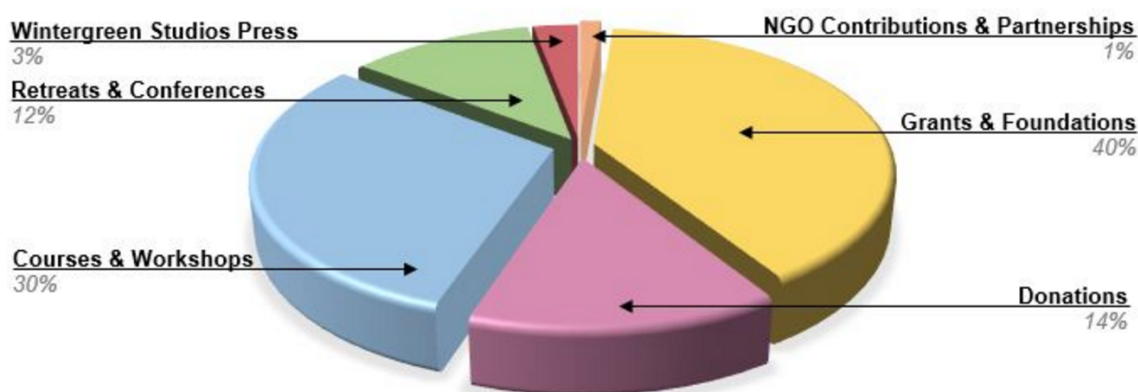
BALANCE SHEET	2017	2016
Total Assets:	\$611,123	\$547,359
Total Liability:	\$294,597	\$284,569
Total Equity:	\$316,526	\$251,412
INCOME STATEMENT	2017	2016
Total Income:	\$156,801	\$99,223
Total Expenses:	\$98,149	\$82,283
Net Income:	\$58,652	\$16,940

"If I had my way, every school child in Ontario would come to Wintergreen, or somewhere just like it, every year for a day. Or a week. Or a month."

- Susan Wismer, *Former Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo*



Income Sources



Highlights

"This experience, truly one-of-a-kind, could not have been replicated anywhere else. Wintergreen Studios has the amazing ability to create such lasting impressions and evoke the best in the people that visit its space, both land and lodge."

- Callie Markotich, *Former Superintendent of curriculum, ALCDSB, on Land Art BioBlitz 2017*



Volunteers *(in alpha order; 2016/07/01 - 2017/06/30)*

Richard Aaron
Phil Abrami
Sara Beck
Diane Black
JJ Bosica
Jamie Campbell
Monica Capovilla
Sharon Carr
Peter Coffman
Erin Collins
Justin Connidis
Jason Crockwell
Lorna Crozier

Ken Cuthbertson
Ray DeVries
Gerry Dimnik
Matt Ellerbeck
Shannah Ernest
Faye Ginies
David Hahn
Bronwyn Harkness
Kurt Hennige
Jan Ingham
Kristina Inrig
Ahmer Kahn
Bruce Kauffman

Diane Laundy
Linda Ley
Julia McArthur
Leah Mighton
Alfred von Mirbach
Lorrie Potvin
Gary Rasberry
Hayden Rasberry
Paula Robert
Matt Saunders
Lawrence Scanlan
Kelly Skaug
Karen Smereka

Katharine Smithrim
Isidora Spielmann
Jesse Stewart
Donna Takacs
Wesley Tozer
Helen Turnbull
Alfred von Mirbach
Rena Upitis
Zinta Upitis
Susan Walker
Marion Watkins
John Wright



What do volunteers contribute?

During the past fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) our volunteers contributed the equivalent of \$86,130 by sharing their time and talents. Our volunteers prepare beautiful food, serve on committees, tend the gardens, teach during workshops, and otherwise contribute to our collective work. There were 51 people who volunteered at Wintergreen this past year, many of whom volunteered multiple times during the year. Of these, 9 were new to Wintergreen, and 42 were returning from prior years. Of the returning volunteers, 6 have been contributing to Wintergreen since 2007.



Donors *(in alpha order; 2016/07/01 - 2017/06/30)*

Alison Ahara
Laura Apol
Karen Boese
Frances Boyle
Jo-Anne Brady
Mary Lee Bragg
Brian Brittain
Sandra Campbell
Sharon Carr
Heather Clark Kembel & Gary Kembel
Peter Coffman & Diane Laundy
Mary Corkery
Elizabeth Paulette Coughlin
Jennifer & Brian Davis
Nathalie De Grace
Gerald Dimnik & Rupen Seoni
Suzanne Doerge
Kim Donovan
Julia & Pierre du Prey
Sarah Emery

Joseph Ferretti & Elaine Lau
Pat & Ken Fisher
Susan Ford
John Freeman
Dorina Friedli & Hannes Friedli
Dianne Goodyear
David Hahn
Rita Irwin
Philomene Kocher
Scott Lee
Michele Leering
Molly Li
Serena Manson
Callista Markotich
Murdoch Matheson
Julia McArthur & Justin Connidis
John McDougall
Ruth McKinney
David Murphy Haglund & Birgit Scheichl
Shirley Nisbet
Susan Olding

Donna Poirier
Lynn Rainboth
Lise Rochefort
Lawrence Scanlan
Julie Anne Schmeichel
Clara Sellers & Patrick Baud
June Simonson & Andrew Teteris
Karen Smereka & James Campbell
Katharine Smithrim
Carol Stephen
Sydenham Veterinary Services
Katherine Thompson
Mary-Alice Thompson & Paul Banfield
Helen Turnbull
Rena Upitis
Zigrids Upitis
Alfred von Mirbach
Marion Watkins
Susan Wismer

... and 3 anonymous donors!

What is Wintergreen?

Wintergreen Studios is an off-grid, arts and environmental education retreat centre, located on 200 acres of wilderness in the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve. We offer a variety of workshops and events, as well as retreat and meeting facilities for individuals and groups. Our activities encompass three sectors: education, culture, and the environment. Course topics range from poetry and painting to Indigenous teachings, as well as community conferences on renewable energy and local food projects. Through our offerings, we inspire people to live more simply and sustainably, all while appreciating and respecting the interconnectedness between the land and themselves. Guests learn new skills, engage in mindful living, and return to their homes and workplaces feeling renewed and refreshed.



<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Open Houses & Tours	620	440	451
On-site Workshops & Events	1,210	691	414
Off-site Workshops & Events	149	31	172
Meetings, Conferences, & Retreats	295	469	216
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,594	1,631	1,253

Who comes to Wintergreen?

We are always striving to increase our on-site programming at Wintergreen through retreats, meetings, workshops, and conferences. And we've been incredibly successful in our efforts. The numbers you see in the table to the left represent what we think of as "people days" (aka "participation opportunities"!). If someone comes for a single event on one day, that counts as 1. But when someone comes for a five-day event, then that counts as a 5. Most of the open houses, tours, day meetings, and events, as well as the off-site offerings are single-day events, while our on-site workshops, conferences, and retreats generally take place over several days.

Board of Directors (2016/2017)

Rena Upitis, President

Katharine Smithrim, Vice-President

Helen Turnbull, Secretary-Treasurer

Justin Connidis, Director

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Lawrence Scanlan, Director



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