

## **Chair's report to the AGM – May 7, 2022**

By definition, resiliency “is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties”. After two years of COVID we have embraced the notion of resiliency ensuring 2021 was a success on so many levels. Thanks to the amazing 80 plus FHLPA volunteers for keeping our financial ship afloat. Because of those amazing volunteers we were able to offer:

- Under the leadership of Anne Marie Bowen and Mo MacKendrick, the gift shop worked tirelessly to record a record year in sales and donations
- The sale of Legacy trees (as of December 31, 2021, 24 trees had been marketed). So many heartwarming stories.
- Artisan Pop-Up Markets that showcased a variety of artists in the lower field on weekends during July and August
- Three-Legged Dog Productions presented 3 live performances on the Rotary stage
- The Summer Kitchen had an amazing year – the best food and view in the Comox Valley!
- The Liz Stubbs cutting garden once again outdid themselves with amazing blooms and a solid income. It allows our visitors to take home a little bit of our park.
- Thanks to the Rotary Club of Courtenay, our iconic grape arbour was rebuilt and once again stands as the focal point of the park

Although we had to again postpone the Easter Event, the Filberg Festival, and our Christmas Faire in 2021, we managed to flip an expected deficit budget into an overall surplus of \$42K. Amazing work and dedication by everyone – we can't thank you enough!

A special thank you to all our Volunteers for not giving up on us during these difficult times. Thanks to your resiliency we are back even stronger!

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Craig, Chair of the Board

Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association