

Filberg Gift Shop Annual Report

Respectfully submitted by the Gift Shop Coordinators, Anne Marie Bowen and Mo MacKendrick

We are pleased to report that 2023 was the best year for the FGS since its inception about fourteen years ago.

Our community continues to generously provide good quality, vintage donations. As these pieces and collections are received, each donor is thanked, with an email message. Our skilled volunteers sort, clean, refurbish, price, prepare and display each item for sale. Displays are continually updated, and about five times a year, the entire Lodge is reset with seasonal themes.

Our shop continues to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 to 4:00, and Fridays from May to September. For five weeks prior to Christmas and to support Christmas in the Park we are open three days a week. For each opening a Team Lead with the support of a knowledgeable cashier and two more volunteers monitor sales, welcome visitors and serve as ambassadors for the Association.

About 3600 volunteer hours were contributed by the FGS dedicated volunteers. The Gift Shop was open 130 days and we welcomed more than 10,400 visitors. And, \$78,761.70 was transferred to the FHLPA.

None of this would happen without the ongoing support of the Board of Directors, Linda Thomas and our 28 amazing volunteers. This support truly appreciated.

The “ little shop that could” is looking forward to our future endeavours