

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Contents

From the President	1
Share the Harvest	1
Courses & Workshops	2
“New” Hobbit House	2
Dinner & Entertainment Series	2
Annual Appeal from the Vice-President	3
Volunteers	4
Donors	4
Financial Summary	5
Donations & Fundraising	5
Income Sources	5
Growing an Education	6
Media & Research	6
Contact	6

From the President

It was with excitement and trepidation that we launched our first Annual Report last fall. That report was sent out to a small group of loyal donors, at the time numbering over just over a dozen people.

Scarcely a year has passed, and we are now presenting our second Annual Report – online for all to see. And our donors now number close to 100 – an exciting sign of the growth that the Wintergreen community has experienced this year.

Over a third of our funding now comes from programs – workshops, courses, concerts, and other special events. And we have enjoyed incredible success with foundations, notably the Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation (Frontenac CFDC) and The Home

Depot Canada Foundation. We're building other kinds of partnerships too, with other charities, with schools, with farmers, and with various small businesses.

The best part of Wintergreen continues to be meeting the people who walk through our doors. We welcomed close to 600 visitors this past year, and they all enriched our worlds, sometimes in surprising ways. We look forward to making new friends in 2011.

With heartfelt thanks to all of our supporters,

Rena Upitis, *President & CEO*

Share the Harvest

Wintergreen's first annual Gala celebrating all things local was held on October 23, 2010. The lodge was filled to capacity as guests mingled and enjoyed local foods, wines, and Steamwhistle beer, while listening to live music by the Fireweed Trio and Sheesham and Lotus.

We raised over \$3000 through the silent auction for an endowed fund for school gardening programs, which will be administered by the Community Foundation for Kingston and area. For more information, visit

“Events – Share the Harvest” on the Wintergreen Studios website at www.wintergreenstudios.com.

Please join us at next year's gala, scheduled to take place at Wintergreen on September 24, 2011.





Courses and Workshops

This year's workshops included pastel drawing, guitar technique, yoga, fused glass, 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 offered extended workshops on the craft and practice of writing. We are delighted that both Helen Humphreys and Lorna Crozier will be joining us again in 2011. The full workshop calendar will be posted early in 2011.



The "New" Hobbit House

CJ Dalton and Rena Upitis taught a five-day August workshop on cordwood building. The course participants continued to volunteer their time throughout the early fall, and the "new" Hobbit House was completed in October. The result is a delightful gem that takes its rightful place as one of Wintergreen's many charming outbuildings.

"Hearing Lorna read her poem about the carrots was a moment I will never forget."

Dinner & Entertainment Series

We launched an overwhelmingly successful dinner and entertainment series in January 2010. After eating a delicious Wintergreen meal, guests enjoyed music by Terry Tufts, Rick Fines, Sean Weima, Scott Hughes, and the Fireweed acoustic trio. Readings were delivered by Helen Humphreys and Lorna Crozier.

Another series of dinners, concerts, and readings will begin early in 2011.

Annual Appeal from the Vice-President

Dear Friends of Wintergreen,

As I write to you on this chilly November morning, I find it hard to believe that a year has passed since we launched our first Annual Giving Campaign. Much has transpired since last year, and our successes are largely due to our growing group of loyal Wintergreen friends. I thank you for your continuing and heartfelt support of Wintergreen.

It is my pleasure to celebrate with you some of our accomplishments over this past year. Participants in workshops, meetings, and retreats continue to be enthusiastic about our offerings, and offer warm praise for the instructors and volunteers who make Wintergreen a reality.

We have also been moved by the generous contributions of donors. All donations made to Wintergreen will continue to be applied directly to costs associated with running workshops in our three program areas.

Every donor will be issued a tax receipt for the 2010 year. In addition, each 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 at www.wintergreenstudios.com and click on "make a donation." You will then be issued a receipt directly from Canada Helps.

We would like to acknowledge your gift by offering a tuition discount. All tuition discounts are transferable, so if you can't take advantage of the discount, you can pass it on as a gift to a family member or a friend.

With warmest thanks,

Serena Manson, Vice-President



Volunteers (in alpha order)

Board of Directors

Rena Upitis, President

Serena Manson, Vice-President

Ann Patteson, Treasurer
(term ended 2010)

Helen Turnbull,
Secretary-Treasurer

Katharine Smithrim

Lawrence Scanlan
(elected 2010)

Wintergreen Studios would not exist were it not for the extraordinary dedication of its many volunteers. Beginning with the volunteer Board of Directors (listed to the left), right through the volunteers who work on marketing and design, in our gardens, on our programs

committee, as well as the many volunteers who helped make our first gala such a success, Wintergreen is enriched by the spirit that the volunteers bring as well as by the many hours that they so willingly give to the enterprise. Thank you, one and all.

TJ Clark
Jossilynn Flewelling
Dorina Friedli
Hannes Friedli
Faye Ginies
Miguel Hahn
Malcolm Hamilton
Dawson Hamilton
Will Hamilton
Sylvia Harvard
Kate Heming
Kristina Inrig

Lorrie Jorgensen
Serena Manson
Lila MacDonald
Andrew Milliken
Philippe Mineau
Adam Newlands
Anna Peterson
Lynn Rainboth
Gary Rasberry
Hayden Rasberry
Sandy Sellers
Billy Shipton

Patty Shipton
Peter Shipton
Karen Smereka
Katharine Smithrim
Phoebe Tietzen
Theo Tietzen
Helen Turnbull
Sarah Kim Turnbull
Rena Upitis
Zinta Upitis
Leah Vine



Donors (in alpha order)

Richard Aubert
Gerrie Baker
Sandy Bickerstaff
Pamela Boyle
Christa Bracci
Howard Bridger
Barbara Caldwell
Laura Cameron
Jamie Campbell
TJ Clark
Susan Clinton
Susan Creasy
Kathryn Davidson
Brian Davis
Jennifer Davis
Holly Dean
Julia duPrey
Pierre duPrey
Angela Elster
David Freedman
John Freeman

Dorina Friedli
Hannes Friedli
Teilhard Frost
Sarah Gibson-Bray
David Hahn
Malcolm Hamilton
Sylvia Harvard
Sharon Hickey-Sano
Mary Ann Higgs
Betty Anne Howard
Tom Huffman
Juliet Huntly
Kristina Inrig
Brenda Johnson
John Johnson
Kevin Kapler
Maria Klawe
Philomene Kocher
Jeanne Langford
Laura Langford
Stuart Langford

Barbara Linds
Rebecca Luce-Kapler
Tim Lyon
Heidi Mack
Susan MacLatchie
Serena Manson
Callista Markotich
Don Markotich
Kelly McGurrin
Barry Millman
Philippe Mineau
David Murphy Haglund
Adam Newlands
Jaimie-Lyn Oldfield
Ann Patteson
Karen Plunkett
Lynn Rainboth
Gary Rasberry
Rick Rooney
Doug Ross
Linda Ross

Danny Schwartz
Sandy Sellers
Crystal Shea
Peter Shipton
Graham Shorting
Karen Smith
Katharine Smithrim
Angela Solar
Jonathan Solar
Mary-Alice Thompson
Helen Turnbull
Kim Turnbull
Rena Upitis
Zigfrids Upitis
Bhavna Valia
Marian VanBruinessen
Alice Vander Vennen
Leah Vine
Marion Watkins
Anne Marie Young

2010 Financial Summary

Balance Sheet

Total Assets:	\$544,527
Total Liability:	\$436,901
Total Equity:	\$107,626

Income Statement

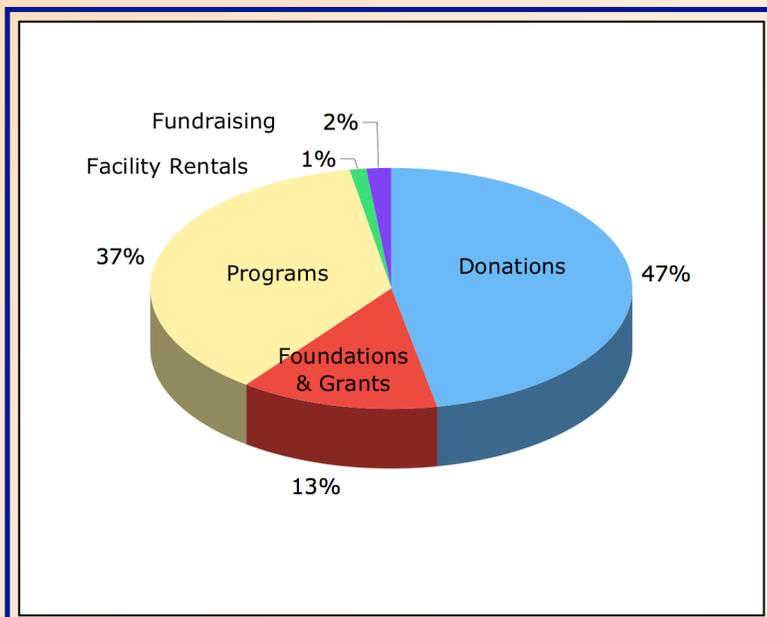
Total Income:	\$103,014
Total Expenses:	\$100,691
Net Income:	\$2,323



Donations and Fundraising

Our first fundraising gala was held on October 23, 2010. We enjoyed local foods and wines, and raised over \$3,000 to start an endowed fund with the Community Foundation of Kingston and Area to support school gardening programs. With the match from the Board of Directors, and the donations expected through the Annual Giving Campaign, we aim to raise \$70,000 in 2011 to support our arts and environmental education programs.

Income Sources



“A key objective for 2011 will be to continue to diversify our income sources and forge strategic partnerships.”

Helen Turnbull
Finance Committee Chair



Growing an Education

Under the caring tutelage of Faye Ginies, a Queen's University intern specializing in heritage gardens, we designed and planted a series of flower and vegetable gardens in the meadows surrounding Wintergreen. In addition to the perennial flower and herb gardens, we planted a Wartime Victory Garden featuring vegetables that produce a high yield in a small amount of space. A Three Sisters Garden, based on the Six Nations tradition of planting squash, beans, and corn as companion plants, was also planted. These gardens served as a focal point for visiting school groups throughout the early fall. The project culminated in a partnership with Earthworx, Compostec, and the Worm Factory. We were supported throughout the process by a local initiatives program grant from the Frontenac CFDC, one of several grants we received from the FCDC in 2010.

9780 Canoe Lake Road
Township of South Frontenac

Phone:

613 273 8745

Mailing Address:

PO Box 75
Yarker, ON
K0K 3N0

E-Mail:

info@wintergreenstudios.com

Website:

www.wintergreenstudios.com

*bringing
balance
back*

Media Coverage & Research

Our work has been highlighted in local newspapers and national magazines. An article by Lindy Mechefske recently appeared in the Queen's Alumni Review and a letter to the editor appeared in Canadian Geographic last fall. In November 2009, research describing the use of the arts to promote ecologically sound practices was presented at an international conference in Rome, the genesis of which took place at a Learning Through the Arts Institute held at Wintergreen Studios in 2008.



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.

