



WINTERGREEN STUDIOS

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



British novelist E.M. Forster is widely known for these two words: *only connect*. Over time, this phrase has come to denote the moral importance of authentic connections between people, across the barriers of race, class, and nation. We also take it to mean the connection between people and the natural world, and never more so than in this phase of the ever-present pandemic.

When I wrote my message a year ago, I focused on the ways that Wintergreen had responded to the crisis by creating online offerings, from the Virtual Land Art BioBlitz to the series of videos on Wild Edibles. This work continues. But we have also become deeply aware that perhaps our most important contribution has been to make the land available (when restrictions have allowed) for intimate retreats, deep in the forest and far from the tensions of a daily landscape of small black rectangles on a Zoom screen. Our beautiful woodland cabins—among them the Hobbit House, the Parthenon, the Beach House—have offered a

cherished space for individuals, couples, friends, and young families. Space (and time) to star gaze, to cook simple one-pot dishes over an open fire, to play a game of cards, to wander down the trail to the lake, to marvel at the wildlife, to scurry up the Cliff Trail to view the Lodge nestled below. And as our visitors have been nourished by the land, we, too, have been nourished by their presence.

We will continue to offer a variety of outdoor retreats and programming in the coming year, as well as developing courses for Wintergreen's virtual school. There are plans to bring back on-site workshops and courses as well, as we anticipate that it will soon become safe to gather indoors once again (although we have learned that nearly everything we do can be done outdoors!).

We look forward to connecting with you.

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President, Wintergreen Studios

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WHAT IS WINTERGREEN STUDIOS?

Wintergreen Studios embodies joyful ways of living in balance with the natural world. Our programs and facilities inspire people to live harmoniously, to become more resilient, and to return to their homes, workplaces, and communities nurtured and rejuvenated—ready to make a difference.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Woodland Explorations

692
forest retreats

1,314
species
identified

50
pollinators observed
by students



Project Bee

330
virtual and in-person
participants

10
gardens planted by
local students

17
workshops
delivered



ACTIVITY REPORT

118%

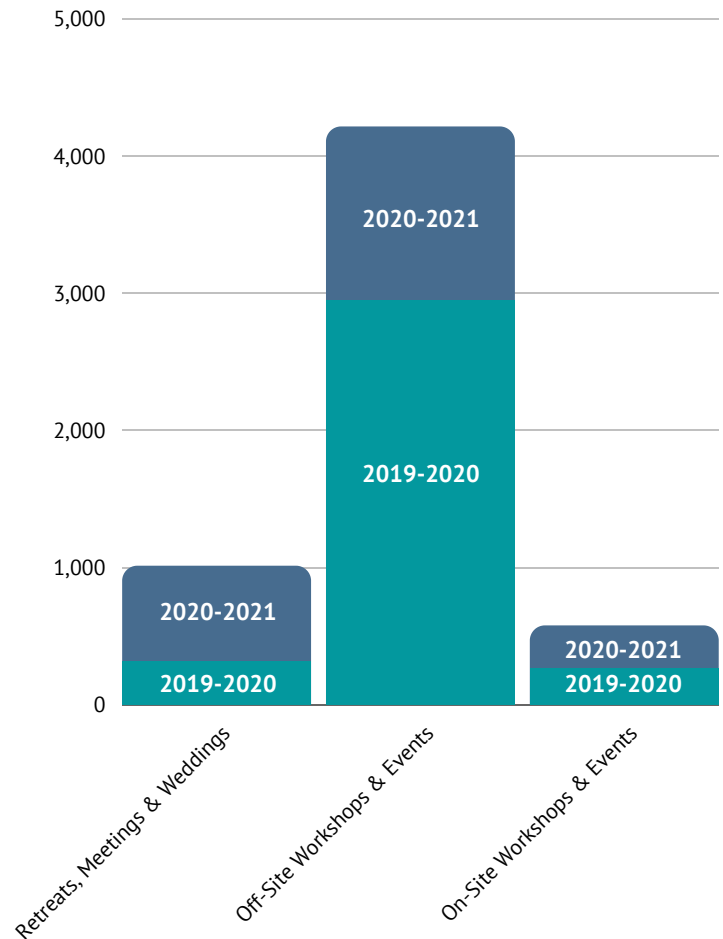
TOTAL INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

For retreats, meetings and weddings
held at Wintergreen Studios

16%

TOTAL INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

For off-site workshops and events



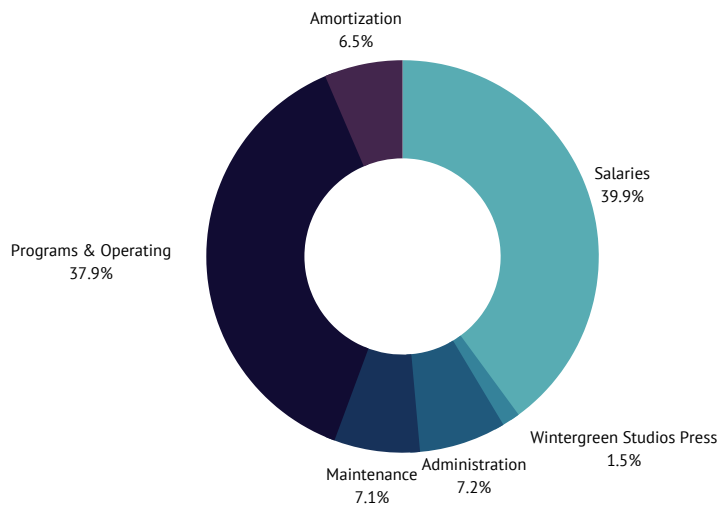
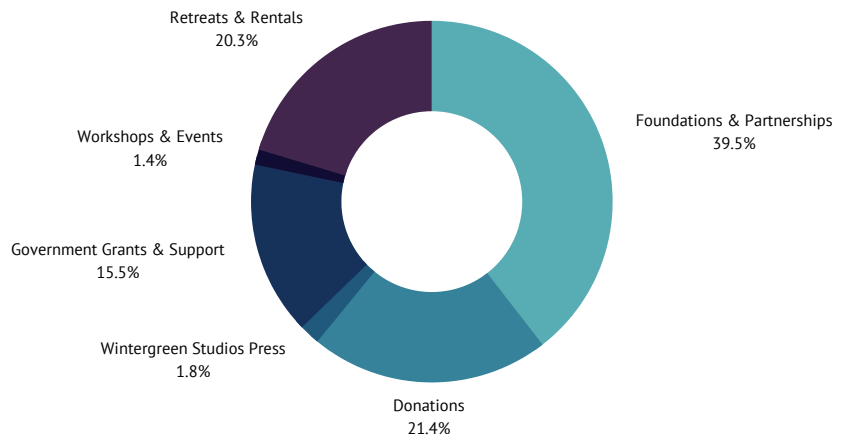
What an amazing and wonderfilled piece of property is Wintergreen! To think that such a place exists! Well, I never. So much creative thought and labour to make this Shangri-la. I felt like I had been dropped into some fantasy forest.

-Irwin Streight



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE
\$180,321



EXPENDITURES
\$176,291

BALANCE SHEET

	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$613,061	\$572,214
Total Liability	\$337,577	\$320,759
Total Equity	\$275,484	\$251,455

INCOME STATEMENT

	2021	2020
Total Income	\$180,321	\$183,218
Total Expenses	\$176,291	\$175,207
Net Income	\$4,030	\$8,011

VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

Volunteers

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