

# President's Report 2023



We are proud of our many achievements in 2023 – with much work yet to come!

## Intermunicipal Committee

During 2023 we made presentations to all five West Shore municipalities (Langford, Colwood, View Royal, Metchosin and Highlands), with a request for them to appoint a member of their Council as a representative on an arts and culture centre intermunicipal committee. Councils have appointed Colby Harder (Langford), David Grove (Colwood), Gery Lemon (View Royal), Sharie Epp (Metchosin) and Karel Roessingh (Highlands) to join PACS members Judith Cullington and Chris Fraser on this committee. The committee has been meeting since November 2023, and has a mandate to gather the information required to have a grant-ready project by early 2025.

## Accessibility and Inclusion Study

PACS has long held the goal of making the arts and culture centre a place that is accessible, inclusive and welcoming to all, including people with physical and mental challenges, neuro-diverse, gender-diverse and culturally diverse individuals. Thanks to a partnership with the West Shore Arts Council, PACS was able to access \$25,000 in funding from the BC Arts Council. This was supplemented by grant-in-aid contributions from Langford, View Royal, Metchosin and Highlands, and a donation from Elements Casino View Royal. This allowed us to hire C+O Consulting and Howard Jang Associates (the team who prepared the 2022 [Feasibility Study](#)) to research and provide extensive advice on making the centre truly accessible, inclusive and welcoming. The [Accessibility and Inclusion Report](#) is available on the PACS website.

## pARTy for the Arts

Who doesn't love a party? In April 2023, PACS hosted a pARTy for the Arts at the Royal Colwood Golf Club! Over 100 business, community, and arts leaders from across the west shore joined us for an event that showcased local arts. We highlighted the need for an arts and culture centre—and strong partnerships to get us there.

Huge thanks to our sponsors for this event: Royal Colwood Golf Club, Gablecraft Homes, Langford Physiotherapy, Aragon, Coastal Community Credit Union, Primerica, Jenner Chevrolet,

Coastline Photography, Andrew Pearson (Coldwell Banker), and Thom Klos Creative. Contributors included The Rising Circus, Elevate Dance, the Royal Bay Secondary School Jazz Band, cellist Silvina Samuel, and artist Jim Dodd.

## Social Media

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn! Our social media following has been gradually growing over the year. We are working on short videos to include in our social media posts.

## Thank you and more!

Thanks to all of you who are members and subscribers to our newsletter.

I would especially like to thank this year's Board of Directors: David Stocks, Al Lehmann, Jim Bryant, Dorothy York, Lee Colwill, Duc Le, Chris Fraser, and Mozhy Mohaghegh. You are a small but mighty team, and it is a pleasure to work with you!

Judith Cullington

President