

Gellatly Nut Farm Society

President's Report AGM June 15, 2011

We are very pleased with the continued improvements made by the Gellatly Nut Farm Society in 2010. We continued the transition into an effective society in cooperation with the Regional District of Central Okanagan. The Society received many positive comments from Park users and visitors throughout this time.

From a financial perspective, revenue exceeded \$30,000, a record level, because of the efforts by volunteers in picking, cleaning, sorting and selling over 6,000 pounds of nuts. Society members sold products from the Heritage House, the Lions Centre local market and our Harvest festival in September. Expenditures and operating expenses did exceed revenue for projects; however, the amounts are within budget. Reserves support our program.

In October 2009, a joint GNFS and RDCO planning session took place to schedule projects for 2010 and 2011. A list of completed projects in calendar year 2010 is provided on the reverse side of this report. The planned projects in 2011 include the following:

Gellatly Nut Farm Society:

- complete the installation of the "Okanagan Treasure"
- caulk the spaces between barn logs
- add foundations to the Beach house
- add foundations to the 1945 house
- continue nursery research
- participate in the Peachland Fall Festival, and
- purchase a 8-passenger touring vehicle for senior and handicapped visitors

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- replace the heritage house roof
- ongoing support by management and staff – verbally named

The opening of the playground and the homecoming of the sculpture took place Sunday June 20th, 2010. In May 2011 the artist Frances Bezeau unveiled the sculpture with the assistance of RDCO Chair Robert Hobson, Mayor Sharon Sheppard and Mayor Doug Findlater.

We have a unique combination of park, beach front, historical site, working nut farm and now an art venue. We know that this facility is a **jewel!** Visitors and local users of our Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park are enthusiastic supports and voice their appreciation.

Volunteers are a key factor in our success. I very much appreciate the Executive and Board members for their dedicated effort throughout the year. Also I thank many, many volunteers that support our Society during the harvest period (September to November) in serving hundreds of visitors.

Thank you for your dedication.

S. Carl Zanon,
President GNFS

Reference information on projects - 2010

Gellatly Nut Farm Society

- o completed the 1905 barn restoration
- o replaced cedar shingles on barn
- o purchased period artifacts for the heritage house
- o purchased children's playground
- o set up sculpture "Okanagan Treasure" – artist Frances Bezeau
- o started a nursery program to germinate and grow seedlings
- o participated in Lions Community Centre market
- o held our Fall Festival in September, 2010
- o purchased "Virtual Tours" package illustrating ten video scenes and nineteen still photographs
- o promoted the largest "**manoka walnut**" campaign. The current champion is Valentina III at a height of 2.69 inches (6.82 cm). Wow!

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- o provided dedicated support in the operation and maintenance of the Nut Farm
- o purchased materials for playground installation
- o installed the playground

Photographs:

