Wildsight Golden

We gratefully acknowledge that we work, live and play on the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations and the home to the Métis Nation Columbia River Society.



Wildsight Golden: Mission Statement



Wildsight Golden works to maintain biodiversity and healthy human communities in and around our region. Wildsight Golden empowers people to conserve, restore, and enjoy the Columbia and Rocky Mountain regions through education, research, and community action.

Wildsight Golden AGM March 16, 2023 <u>AGENDA</u>

- 1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- 2. Welcome message from Chairs, Jennifer Greenwood & Natalie Ebsworth, followed by introduction of 2022 Board Members.
- 3. Rules for the AGM
- Please ensure you have signed in as participating in this AGM & to be entered in the draw for the Brandi Romano painting
- You can only vote if you are a member
- If you are moving or seconding a motion, please state your first and second name and the motion.
- 4. Approval of agenda.
- 5. Approval of Last Year's AGM Minutes.
- 6. Highlights of 2022/23 Programs
 - Community Outreach and Events (me)
 - Climate Task Force (Calvin)
 - Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project (Rachel)
 - Get Wild Day Camp (Me)
 - West Bench Ecology Project (Gemma/Annette Natalie)
 - Golden Community Weed Progam (Rachel)
 - Conservation and Forestry (Aita)
 - Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Project (Meg Natalie)
- 7. Treasurer's Report (Joan)
- 8. Election of Board Members
- 9. Motion to adjourn
- 10. Draw for Painting by Brandi Romano



Wildsight Golden AGM: March 30 2022 Minutes

In attendance:,

Mathew Zaleski, Tyler Garwood, Susanne Schraff, Kate Corrigan, Wesley Routley, Joan Dolinsky, Aita Bezzola, Sam Foster, Jen Greenwood, Leslie Adams, Hanna Sander-Green, Jenna Schulhof, Natalie Ebsworth, Solange Morin, Verena Shaw, Calvin Beauchesne, Brittany Verbeck, Cæn Nagao, Rachel Darvill

Meeting called to order: 7pm

- 1. Meeting begins with Joan: reads and reiterates our mission, and delivers a land acknowledgement.
- 2. Motion to adopt agenda: Jenna, seconded by Wesley Router
- 3. Motion to approve 2021 minutes: Jen, second by Anna
- 4. Highlights: Joan
- 5. PowerPoint document of Joan's presentation: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-

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Community Outreach & Events (Leslie & Joan) - summarized from PPT presentation

- Big thank you to our volunteers (Joan), and to Kiana Froese who was hired to coordinate and engage volunteers
- Climate Action Task Force (Calvin): small group but continuity of members present has facilitated some actions
- Conservation and Land Use Planning (Joan)
 - New ideas from Tyler
 - Tyler is hoping to run a local bioblitz event at Cedar Lake/West Bench
 - Give a facelift to the Giant Cedars walk organize a work party
 - Message from Aita
 - If people want to get involved, great
 - LP plan
 - Working with neighboring groups (i.e. Wlidsight Rev) on initiatives
- Community Invasive Plant Program (Joan), run by Rachel, coordinated by Martha. Final report is on the website
- Upper Columbia Swallow Enhancement project (Joan), run by Rachel, Verena
 - SIB and Ktunaxa collaborated
 - Volunteers (60+ citizen scientists)
- Get Wild Summer Camp (Kate), run by Kate Corrigan,
- Plant Awareness Project, (Joan), run by Meg
- Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Project (Joan), run by Meg
 Vanishing Bighorns Art Exhibit (Joan), coordinated by Meg
- The Time of the American American American American American

7. Treasurer's report - Hanna

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Motion to adopt treasures report: Joan, seconded by Caren Nagao

- 8. Many thanks to donors, sponsors, and granting agencies.
- 9. Election of Officers:
 - 1. Standing for re-election: Meg Langley, Joan Dolinsky, Aita Bezzola, Jenna Schulhof, Jennifer Greenwood, Brittany Verbeek
 - 2. Brief bio/overview of new interested members: Tyler Garwood, Sam Foster, Calvin Beauchesne, Kate Corrigan, Mathew Zaleski
 - 3. Call for nominations from the floor: Calvin nominates Natalie Ebsworth, seconded by Jenna
 - 4. Motion to pass all interested new board members as a slate: Aita, seconded by Jenna
 - Natalie
 - Mathew
 - Calvin
 - Tyler
 - Kate
 - Sam
- 10. Draw for Hanako Nagao painting: Mathew wins! Leslie will get in touch to coordinate pick up.
- 11. Motion to adjourn: Karen, second by Tyler



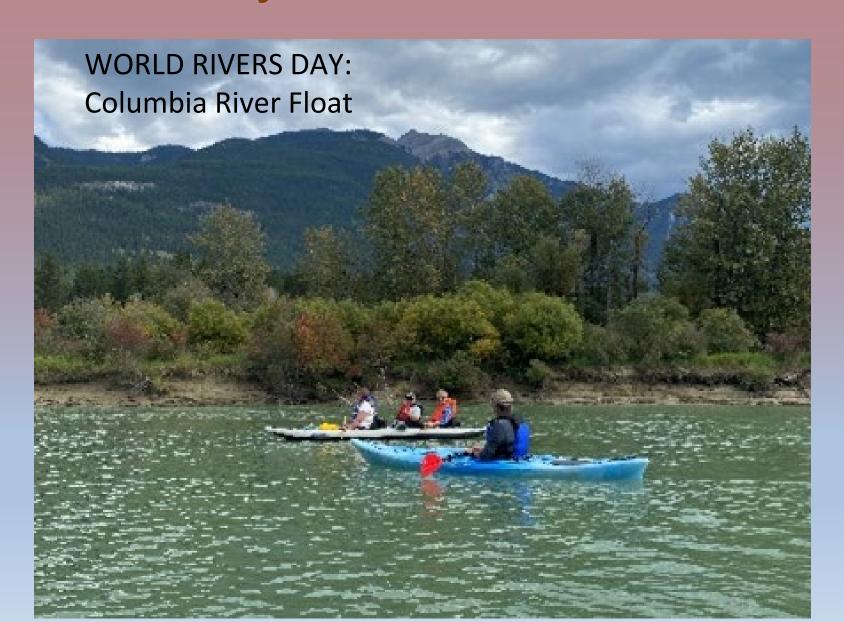
BIOBLITZ

The first ever Golden bioblitz was held in May of 2022. With the help of a handful of wonderful folks, we were able to record over 100 observations and 48 species at cedar lake over the course of an afternoon.









MIGRATORY BIRD DAY: Breakfast & birding with Verena Shaw





Winter Speaker Series 2022/2023

February 2022: Carmen Dolinsky - Introduction to the Mushroom and its Relationship to Biodiversity

March 2022: Dr. Annette Lutterman - Human & Wildlife Coexistance as we explore our Great Outdoors

January 2023: Cat Cowen - The Grizzly Bear at Home: An Inside Glimpse of Bear Behavior and Conservation in Interior Mountain Ecosystems

January 2023: Mirjam Barrueto - Wolverines in a changing landscape and warming climate



OTHER:

February 2022: Held membership drive

February 2022: Partnered with the Columbia

River Metis Society and held a Snowshoe

Tour

March 2022: Published a week of facebook

posts for International Day for forests

June 2022: Volunteer led Plant Walk

Summer: Farmer's markets

July 2022: Interpretive events led by Summer

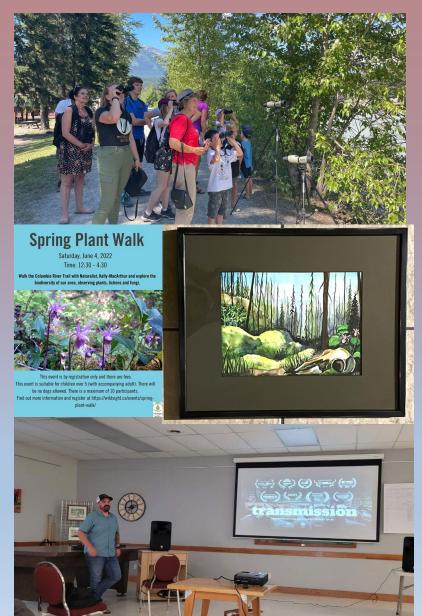
Staff, Danika

September 2022: Screened the film

Transmission with a discussion after with BC

Sheep Society board members

Had over 20 articles published in the Golden Star



Climate Action Taskforce

- -Climate Champion initiative
- -All Candidates Forum on the Environment
- -Climate Trivia at the Island
- -Presentations to Town Council and Regional District
- -2040 Film Screening
- -'Climate wishlist' letter writing workshop





Climate Action Task Force

Summer and Winter Clothing Swaps



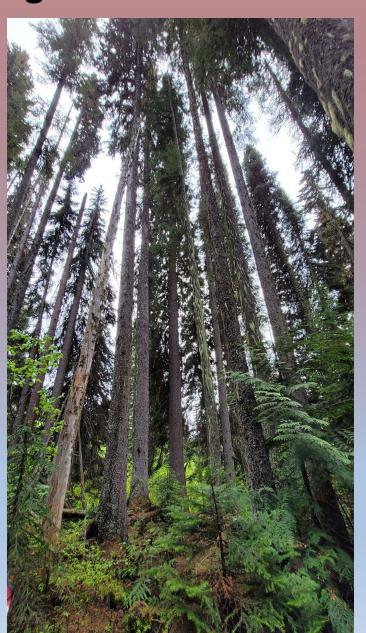
Conservation & Land Use Planning

In the last year there was a lot of focus around logging in the ITR in collaboration with Regional and the other Wildsight branches. A large focus was responding to referrals from BCTS, Canfor, Louisiana Pacific and Downie with comments advocating for protection of old growth forests (particularly in the ITR), avoiding activity in caribou habitat, maintaining sufficient connectivity and healthy ecosystems.



Conservation & Land Use Planning - other work

- Response to LP's Forest Stewardship Plan
- Letter of Support for Pacific WoodTech's
 Tenure Transfer in support but advocating
 to use it as an opportunity to reduce cut
 volume in our TSA
- Fibre Use Study support letter to work towards reducing unnecessary forest biomass waste, and improved air-quality
- Learning about community forests in preparation for plans for one in golden
- Supporting Gemma & West Bench project planning
- Relationship building with Rod & Gun Club
- Communication & advocacy against
 GORMA trail plans on west bench
- Participate in GBRAC & Trail Alliance

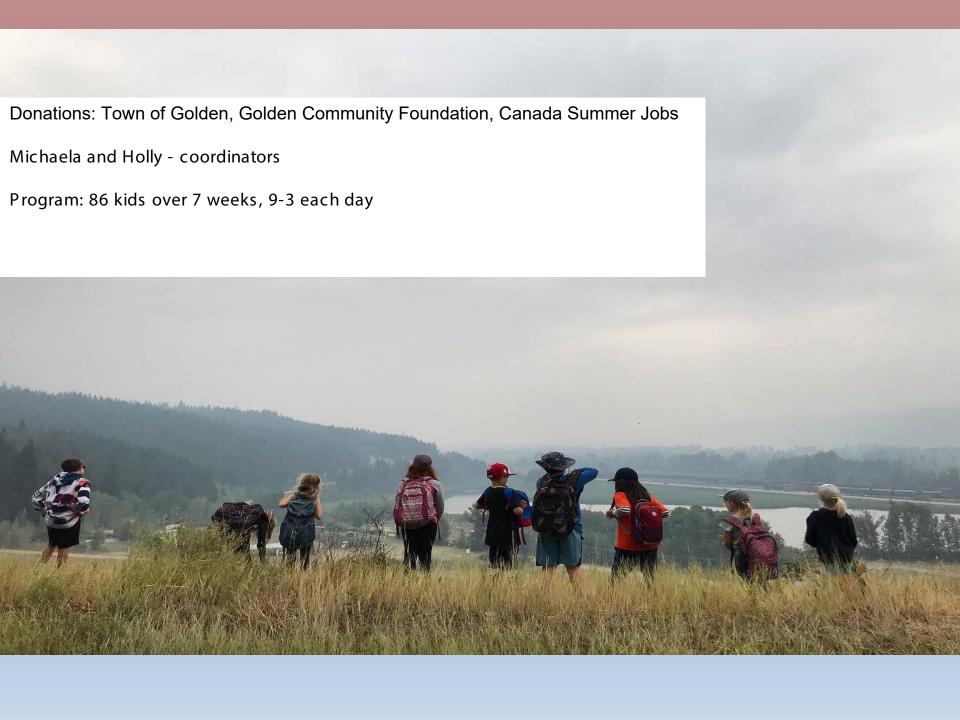




Get Wild! Summer Day Camp



"We aim to inspire youth to connect with our community and nature with fun, inclusive outdoor activities"



Guests and speakers:

- Joan Dolinsky: geography, native plants, animals, birds
- Meg Langley: native plants
- Martha Fowlie-Nuefeld: invasive plant scavenger hunt, weed challenge
- Jenna Fullerton: story time yoga
- Devene Dunn: Metis elder, weekly indigenous storytelling





Activities:

- Bear Refuge
- S kybridge
- Climbing Gym
- Confluence
- Eco Ranch
- Glacier rafting
- Emerald Lake and Wapta Falls
- Rocky Mountain Buffalo Ranch
- Golden Museum
- S pirit S quare
- Edelwiess Slough
- Reflection Lake
- Keith King
- Spray Park
- Outdoor Pool





Community Invasive Plant Program

- Program was initiated in 2010. First project of its kind in the Columbia Basin
- Project Coordinator last summer; Martha Fowlie-Neufeld in 2022.
- Program works to increase public awareness about the envir, social and economic impacts.
- Works in partnership with the Town of Golden and CSISS public outreach and non-toxic IP removals.
- Since 2010, the total number of bags of invasive plants that have been removed by the program is 2,519.











Are you curious about a weed in your yard? Bring your plant (or photo of it) to our table at the Farmers' Market, where we will tell you what it is and how to manage its spread!

JUNE 16, JUNE 30, & JULY 21 -- 11AM-3PM -- SPIRIT SQUARE



CIPP Accomplishments in 2022

- Focused on 15/19 sites within the Town of Golden; all mechanically treated.
- 128 bags of weeds removed in 2022.
- Priority invasive plant species removed.
- Used Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) data sharing.
- Restoration techniques applied to some sites. Developed management techniques for specific species.
- Developed site maps and key details for each site.
- Experimental tarp treatment for toxic Cypress Spurge (see photo)
- Coordination with ToG re: weed removals.
- Public/private landowner outreach, e.g.:
 - educating those passing by removal sites.
 - weekly online outreach series, "Weedy Wednesday Recipes" – video series.
 - "What's In My Backyard?" posters were created and shared.
 - outreach with private landowners door-knocking with pamphets.
 - Signage "No Dumping", restoration (Cypress Spurge)
 - three farmers markets.
 - · eBlasts and PRs in Glden Star
 - community partnerships, cycling club.
 - Organized and facilitated two 15th Annual Community Weed Pull Events – free pizza for 26 volunteers (Golden Disc Course and Alexander Park)
 - Led five Get Wild! Kids Camp events.
 - Final Report



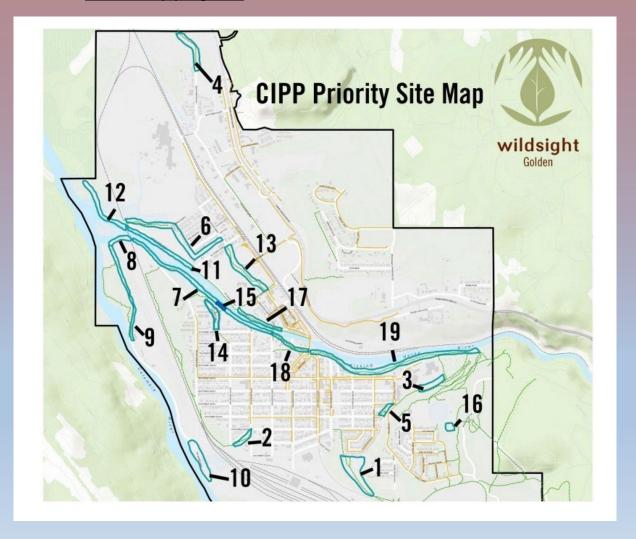
Figure 3. Tarp covering a Cypress Spurge infestation in Site 15 in the Kicking Horse River riparian area.



Coordinator found a deceased bat that had been stuck to the burrs of a Common Burdock plant.

The CIPP continues to be effective for keeping invasive plant populations as manageable as possible within the Town of Golden, with continued public outreach, along with the idea of further reclamation/restoration efforts using native plants.

Final reports from previous few years is available online: https://wildsight.ca/branches/golden/invasive-weeds-community-program/



Thank you!



Questions?

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Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project (UCSHEP) 2021-2026

- <u>Bank swallows</u> a species with intrinsic value that provides immense mosquito control is facing the fastest population decline for a species in Canada with an estimated 93%-98% population loss in Canada over a 40-year period. This species requires urgent conservation action.
- <u>Barn swallows</u> (one individual eats up to 850 insects each day) have an overall population decline of 76% in Canada in a 40-year period.
- Both listed as Threatened (and protected) under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA).





Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project (UCSHEP)

The main overarching goals are:

- a) create and enhance breeding areas for swallows; increase habitat availability,
- b) complete effectiveness monitoring at all enhancements,
- c) build increased public awareness for swallow species and their conservation status, including Indigenous perspectives,
- d) coordinate citizen-scientists to inventory/monitor swallow nests,
- e) use Motus Wildlife Tracking to learn about bank swallow migration route and important areas outside breeding habitat.



Summary of UCSHEP Achievements

- -erected 5 ANS for Barn Swallow (4=12'x18', 1= 18'x24'). One structure (built in 2021) produced 1 nest with 4 chicks in August 2022.
- -65 nest cups provided by Windermere Rod & Gun Club and installed at all 5 ANS and 9 additional locations where structures were already in place enhanced breeding habitat availability.
- -enhanced Bank Swallow colony habitat adjacent to Blaeberry River that was overgrown with vegetation impeding clear fly-way access of swallows to colony. Tree/brush removal occurred in front of habitat.
- -70 volunteers in 2022. Data is still coming in and being entered/analyzed. All ANS and nest cups monitored weekly for effectiveness; located and monitored 144 active Barn Swallow nests at 41 sites (majority monitored weekly by volunteers).
- -13 private landowner visits and 6 phone calls regarding swallow inventories on private land and education around co-existence with swallows. Advice given on enhancement measures landowners can implement.
- -Developed posters, video, website/social media content, PRs, 2 presentations, 1 group training session, 18 additional individuals trained on site.
- -monitored 71 Bank Swallow colonies (2-3x during breeding season) in 2022.
- -progress made with Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Council and CP Rail on Bank Swallow habitat enhancement (re-shaping dirt piles in place) at Birchlands Creek. Work had been delayed at gov't level; still working on permissions for enhancement in CWWMA.



Artificial nest structure for Barn Swallows in Donald.

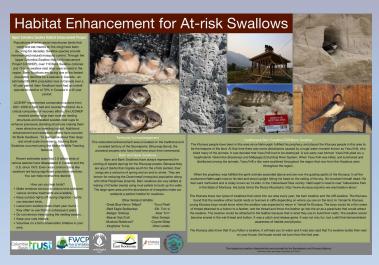


UCSHEP Achievements, continued

- -restoration and enhancement at a Bank Swallow colony at Windermere Lake Provincial Park (with BC Parks)
- -assisted with roof replacement to enhance and restore an old barn providing significant Barn Swallow breeding habitat in Invermere.
- -identified largest Barn Swallow colony at Golden Mill site (Pacific Woodteck). Company is now keen to work on co-existing including installation of nest cups and educating staff.
- -50 Bank Swallows tagged with Motus tracking tags in June 2023, at 2 colonies near Invermere (one on Shuswap Band land). Coordination with Canadian partners. Starting to provide unprecedented info on migration route/timing. 50 more to be tagged in 2023.
- -received Indigenous Nations (Ktunaxa, Secwepemc) content regarding swallows, which was incorporated on signage designed/printed and will go up soon!
- Coordination with BC Community Bat Program (Dr. Cori Lausen) on innovative bat/swallow structure that is going up in Parson. Lk Wind Rod and Gun Club building this with local Parsonite.
- -Developing collaborations and plans to move forward with enhancement in Athalmer (with District of Invermere) at Bank Swallow colony on large dirt pile. The DOI was going to remove pile in 2023, but now keen to work on swallow enhancement after we came up with proposal for enhancement. Re-sloping work to begin in 2023.
- -all monitoring and inventory data submitted to the provincial government's data warehouse.







If you want to learn more about the Upper Columbia Swallow Enhancement project, please consider attending events:

Bank and Barn swallows: Conserving and Creating Nesting Habitat (Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Webinar): Tuesday, April 4, 2023 12:00 p.m. PT / 1 p.m. MT https://fwcp.ca/events/#Apr-4

Conservation Actions for At-risk Swallows in the Columbia Valley (Wings Over the Rockies Lucheon Event): Friday,

May 12, 2023 12:30-1:30pm

https://wingsovertherockies.org/all-events/

Registration is required for both events available on the event pages.







Thank you to our funders and partners.

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Project

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Wildsight Golden Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Project

Final report available online at www.wildsight.ca/goldensheep

Work published by Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council along with presentation available on the website

Ongoing fecal collection to monitor stress hormones before, during and after construction. Data affected by resumed feeding by Rod and Gun Club.

Continuing to lobby MOTI to change the gates and jump-outs which bighorn sheep breach to gain access to the highway and SW facing slopes. Relevant to Radium area where fencing and overpass is being considered as use of these structures, which is the ministry standard, will likely result in breaching by sheep based on data from Kicking Horse Canyon.

Treasurer's Report

Wildsight Golden

Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
Class A Shares	2.50
Class D Shares	8.33
CVCU - Gaming Account Restricted	37,808.00
CVCU - Org 101	20,628.67
CVCU - Savings	27,309.35
Petty Cash	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$85,756.85
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	302.94
Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)	\$302.94
Total Current Assets	\$86,059.79
Total Assets	\$86,059.79
Liabilities and Equity	
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Wildsight Golden

Profit and Loss February 2022 - January 2023

	TOTAL
- INCOME	
Admin	0.00
Donations	4,726.48
Funds - BC Parks	2,500.00
Funds - Columbia Basin Trust	104,396.61
Funds - CSJG	13,991.00
Funds - CVLCF	11,250.00
Funds - Eco Canada	4,502.00
Funds - FWCP	7,925.52
Funds - Province of BC - Gaming	37,800.00
Funds - Town of Golden	9,747.43
Funds - Wildsight Regional	1,829.21
Funds - Yellowstone to Yukon	2,907.80
Interest	353.14
Program Fees	16,585.94
Services	9,261.92
Total Income	\$227,777.05
GROSS PROFIT	\$227,777.05
- EXPENSES	
Accounting & Legal	40.00
Advertising & Promotion	1,038.70
Bank Charges & Interest	431.06
Bookkeeping	3,119.01
Business, Licences & Dues	84.35
Contracts & Honoraria	122,862.58
Delivery, Freight & Postage	150.28
Directors Expenses	35.88
Insurance Expense	637.00
Meals & Entertainment	366.45
Mileage	7,797.53
Office Expense	475.00
- Payroll Expenses	1,181.86
Taxes	2,837.51
Wages	40,587.43
Total Payroll Expenses	44,606.80
Printing & Photocopying	179.94
Program Supplies	30,971.25
Registration Costs	787.25
Rent - Facilities	1,046.43
Rent - Office	5,236.00
Telephone Expense	352.39
To S.A.	0.00
Travel & Training	3,803.58
Utilities Expense	946.13
Volunteer Appreciation	363.31
WSBC	169.89
Total Expenses	\$225,500.81
PROFIT	\$2,276.24

Volunteers



So many people, so many things!!!

- Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project
- Community Weed Pull events
- Birding Breakfast
- Popcorn making
- Leading walks, talks, helping with movies
- Helping with events
- Putting up posters
- Sitting on Climate Action Committee, Environmental Education Committee, Forestry Committee
- ❖ Being the BEST BOARD MEMBERS ever

THANK YOU SO MUCH, WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU

Thank you to our 2022 Financial Supporters

Columbia Basin Trust Yellowstone to Yukon

Golden and District Community Foundation

Columbia Valley Credit Union Wildsight Regional

Government of British Columbia Community gaming Grant

Government of Canada Summer Job Program

Town of Golden Eco Canada

Fish and Wildlife Compensation Fund BC Hydro

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund

Columbia Shuswap Regional District BC Parks

Home Hardware Save On Foods

Rotary Club of Golden Brandi Romano

PLUS: Many individuals who donated one time and on a monthly basis

Election of Officers

Current Board Members standing for Re-Election:

Meg Langley, Joan Dolinsky, Aita Bezzola, Jennifer Greenwood, Natalie Ebsworth, Kate Corrigan, Calvin Beauchesne, Mathew Zaleski

Nominated New Directors: Sam Foster

Resigned Jenna Schuloff, Brittany Verbeck, Tyler Garwood

Thank you All!



Draw Prize
Brandi Romano, has generously donated this original painting to Wildsight Golden.



Kate Corrigan