



Annual Report
2024-2025





LINC's Year in Review

Lasqueti Island/Xwe'etay lies in one of British Columbia's smallest fourteen ecological zones, the Coastal Douglas Fir Zone, home to some of the rarest and most diverse vegetation in the province. Covering a small area of lower elevation lands along southeastern Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and a fringe of the mainland along the Salish Sea, the CDF Zone is seriously threatened today by growing human settlement. LINC supports the protection of ecologically significant properties on Lasqueti Island, in partnership with provincial conservancy organizations, and promotes land stewardship education for the benefit of current and future generations.

Last year, in March, LINC began its year with volunteers coming together to clear and maintain the Salish View Conservancy trail.

In May, a talk by anthropologist Audrey Lin on the History of The Coast Salish Woolly Dog was presented to a full house at the Arts Center.



Top: Marine Island by Gordon Scott; upper right: Aurelia aurita (moon jelly) off False Bay dock by Bruce Beales; lower left: Etching plate and print by Ronaldo Norden of Mount Trematon as seen from Johnny Osland's Nature Reserve

On May 25th, 2024, we held our Annual General Meeting and yearly report, an opportunity for members to renew their annual membership, followed by a hike to the newly acquired Marine Island by the BC Parks Foundation.

In June, Duane led a group onto the Ecological Land Reserve to observe the rare prickly pear cactus in bloom. Also, in June LINC hosted a Foraged Food Feast at the hall, providing a locally catered full meal to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Community Services Recovery Grant.

In July, LINC hosted a reading and book signing at the JFC to launch "Voices for the Islands", Sheila (Izzy) Harrington's book documenting the events that led to the evolution of conservancies in the Gulf Islands.

Monitoring and maintenance on conservancy properties is an ongoing process. A large-scale holly tree removal on the BCPF Young Point property took place in September with the help of many volunteer LINC members.

Throughout the year, LINC accommodates and assists biologists and scientists visiting the nature reserves on projects for conservancy organizations. If you would like to partake in this work, please contact LINC to learn more (linc@lasqueti.ca).

Thanks to Izzy, we saw the publication of summer and fall (2024) and spring (2025) LINC Newsletters.

We acknowledge that Xwe'etay lands and waters are within the traditional territories of several Coast Salish Nations. In doing so, we also acknowledge the many generations of Indigenous Peoples who called Xwe'etay Home.



Our Year End Appeal for donations raised over 17,000 dollars, well over our target goal, thanks in great part to Ronaldo Nordon's generous donation of 50 limited edition original prints featuring the John Osland Nature Reserve and Mt. Trematon. A film of Ronaldo's project and the opportunity to purchase one of these prints can be found on our website (linc.lasqueti.ca).

A Marine Island Public Opinion Survey conducted in February provided some thoughtful recommendations and helped LINC prepare a management plan for the newly protected island. LINC also conducted a simple inventory of the forest vegetation on Marine Island. We are attempting to understand the ecological history of the island, it's a curious story. This spring has already seen a flurry of LINC sponsored events.

A Fungi Film Fest of short films featuring mushrooms was shown at the JFC in February.

The continuing work ridding invasive spurge laurel from the south end was organized and carried out by volunteers this March. As well, the spring season began with the annual Salish View Nature Reserve trail maintenance, again thanks to our many willing volunteers.

Today we announce some changes in the LINC Board of Directors with Duane West leaving after many dedicated years. He will be missed as an experienced advisor and a practical worker. During the last year our new treasurer, Martha Konig, and retired Biologist, Norman Stacey, joined as LINC Directors. And today, we are happy to have Philippe Taillefer join us as our newest director.

Recently, the BC Parks Foundation announced the acquisition of two properties adjoining Squitty Bay Park and the Salish View Nature Reserve, increasing the size of that contiguous stretch of protected land to 568 acres, and ensuring much more activity for LINC in the future. Thanks for your part in this ongoing work.

Top: beaver dam at the Johnny Osland Nature Reserve by Gordon Scott; middle right: Kaia Bryce and Aigul Kukolj at the Fungus Fest! by Julia Woldmo; middle left: Fritillaria biflora (chocolate lilies) by Yves Parizeau; lower right: Duane West at the Spurge Purge! by Julia Woldmo



*LINC Board of Directors:
Gordon Scott, Wendy Schneible, James Schwartz, Ken Lertzman, Martha Konig,
Duane West, Kaia Bryce, and Norm Stacey*

Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy (LINC)
Financials: Year Ended March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME	\$ 38,256.48	\$ 79,309
Donations & memberships	\$ 19,917.73	-
Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC)	\$ 4,750.00	-
BC Parks Foundation (BCPF)	\$ 7,720.00	-
Grants	\$ 4,557.18	-
Interest	\$ 1,311.57	-
EXPENSES		
Amortization	\$ -	\$ 1,877
Insurance & accounting	\$ 2,754.30	\$ 917
Bank charges	\$ 78.00	\$ 99
Equipment	\$ 2,657.93	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 3,730.40	\$ -
Office	\$ 517.32	\$ 677
Rent	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 3,650
Outreach & administration	\$ 15,625.13	\$ 39,922
CSRF subcontracting	\$ 17,281.08	\$ -
Utilities	\$ -	\$ 97
	\$ 44,714.16	\$ 47,239
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	(6,457.68)	30,070

Statement of Financial Position: March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 483.10	\$ 41,716
Current account	\$ 18,466.60	\$ -
Term deposits	\$ 46,308.32	\$ 30,000
EQUIPMENT (net of accumulated amortization)	\$ 9,306.00	\$ 10,827
NET ASSETS	\$ 65,258.02	\$ 71,716

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