

2023 AGM VOLUNTEER REPORT

2023 has been a very busy time for the Nicola Valley Art Centre. Our volunteers continue to support us in various ways: volunteering in the Gift Shop, teaching programs to children and adults, running ukulele lessons, helping with the many gallery shows, decorating the Arts Center spaces and putting in a lot of work behind the scenes organizing and planning.

An enthusiastic group of volunteers look after our mobile trailer, taking it to street markets, Garlic Festival, festivities in Spirit Square and various communities as part of our outreach program.

Volunteers are our lifeline; they make everything possible. We have had several new volunteers join us this year, some of which also became Artisans selling their items in our Gift Shop.

The Gift Shop is open 5 days a week for 7 hours each day, which requires approximately 1700 volunteers hours a year just to maintain. On top of this we require volunteers to meet about once every 6 weeks to rearrange the shop to refresh it for our visitors and add new items.

We have 5 -6 Directors, who meet for 2 hours each month. They also perform numerous tasks to keep the Art Centre running smoothly. All of these duties totalled approximately 1400 volunteer hours this past year. Some of our volunteers are grouped into committees headed by a director, which helps the NVCAC run smoothly.

As you can see it takes a lot of volunteers donating a lot of hours of their time to keep the Nicola Valley Arts Centre open and successful. Please consider joining us as a volunteer - have fun, meet new people and explore your creativity with us!

We thank all of our volunteers --- we cannot do it without you.

Sarah Molnar, current Director of Volunteers and Sharon Pawliuk, past Director.