



Cowichan Station Area Association

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2017-18 Nominations to Board of Directors Annual General Meeting - May 16th, 2017

President	
HILARY ELSE	<p>Hilary was born and raised here in the station. She had a wonderful childhood attending Cowichan Station School and she is delighted to have The HUB for her family to create, play and attend classes and functions in regularly. She became a Clinical Herbal Therapist in 2002, and she has run her own home-based merino wool clothing business going on 10 years now. She also currently teaches children's capoeira classes at The HUB and home schools her three children. She enjoys vegetable gardening, food preservation, sewing and the 'old ways'.</p> <p>As her children age she finds herself participating in community at an exponential rate. With her family's creativity and abundant energies she is looking forward to more involvement in organizing fundraisers and working on projects wherever needed.</p> <p>As a rural living family values connections in community, Hilary sees The HUB being the main community center for many residents in the local areas. She wants to see The HUB continue to grow and be an inclusive place for everyone.</p>
Vice-President	
MELANIE WATSON	<p>Melanie was born and raised in Cowichan Station and attended school in the hallowed halls of what is now our beloved HUB. She grew up waiting for the Dayliner to come along and squash her pennies on the railroad track, playing around the gravestones in the churchyard, swimming in the river and completely taking for granted what a safe and beautiful place she had landed in.</p> <p>Having now seen and lived in many different parts of the world she is passionate about building and maintaining community, as a way to bring people together in a culture that does not often take this basic human need into account.</p> <p>She has been a professional musician, a teacher, a photographer, a bookseller, an event manager, a volunteer co-ordinator, a tour guide and a lock-keeper on the river Thames beside Tower Bridge.</p> <p>Melanie has recently moved back to the Cowichan Valley after spending the last 7 years living in the UK. She is looking forward to being of service to the HUB and our community and is excited to be starting the HUB Film Club which will be showing great films once a month in the gym! Stay tuned for more info on this!</p>

Secretary

MITZI MOGDEN-DUPUIS

Mitzi moved to Cowichan Station with her family (Scott and Brody) from North Vancouver in August 2015, with the goal of becoming part of a healthy, spirited and nurturing community. Always a dream to have a backyard to enjoy, she couldn't have imagined just how much space the Cowichan Station would suddenly offer.

A life-long purveyor of good customer service, she enjoyed many years in her role as communications manager for small cap resource companies; and has strengthened her skillset by recently graduating the Business Administration program at Capilano University.

Mitzi wants to live in a world surrounded by neighbors who are as colourful as the pages in their mandala colouring books, to eat food sourced by friends and to be accepted as one of many madcap characters who played their part in the story of a flourishing, socially concerned community.

When she's not 'HUBbing it', you can find her exercising er running away from farm fresh chickens (in true city girl style) and inventing new recipes as she figures out what is and is not edible in her (gratefully) inherited garden.

Treasurer

NATASHA AYERS

Natasha grew up in Cowichan Station and is a former student of Cowichan Station Elementary school. Now living in Cowichan Bay, a mother of three and part-time school teacher, Natasha has an academic background in Linguistics and Education, experience with small business and community work, and significant family and cultural ties to Mexico. Having lived abroad and travelled widely, Natasha recognizes the exquisite natural beauty of the Cowichan Valley and the unique character of her home community. She offers her skills and passion to the board in all areas, but especially as Chair of the Koksilah Working Group - volunteers working to raise awareness of, and protect the Koksilah Watershed.

Director At Large	
GERRY HUMENEY	<p>Gerry was born and raised in Vancouver BC, the youngest of seven children, making family an important part of his life. He finished high school at Templeton Senior Secondary School, during his years there he spent many weekends hiking and camping the North Shore Mountains and surrounding Provincial Parks. The outdoors were a big part of his youth, kindling his adventurous side.</p> <p>After graduation in 1980, he chose to serve in the Royal Canadian Navy and for the next 26 years with home port being Victoria, he travelled the world as a Marine Engineer retiring in 2006 as a PO1 Marine Engineering Artificer. He moved to Shawnigan Lake with his wife Tanis in 1998 and has called it home ever since. In 2000 his beautiful grand-daughter, Kayleigh-Ann, came along and has been with them ever since, making his home complete.</p> <p>Gerry has been involved in projects in a supervisory/leadership role while in the RCN giving him a diverse organizational background. His current job as Operations Coordinator at Wartsila Canada Inc. has provided him with Quality, Environmental, Health and Safety duties as well as organizing maintenance projects in a dynamic setting. Technical background aside, his hobbies include DIY projects around the home, designing and building small pieces of furniture, wood turning and wood carving. During all this, Gerry has developed a passion for the old school way of woodworking and is excited at the prospect of being able to pass on these skills to members of the community.</p>
RODGER HUNTER	<p>Rodger Hunter and his family made Cowichan Station their home in 1986 and moved here fulltime 16 years ago. Rodger's passions centre on family, community and the amazing environment where we live. Rodger has both a Masters degree in biology and public administration and is a trained negotiator, facilitator and executive coach. Over his long career he worked as a coastal and wetland specialist, Treasury Board analyst, treaty negotiator, senior provincial government manager and management consultant. From 2010 to 2015 his work focused on advancing whole watershed thinking and improved watershed management in the Cowichan watershed with the Cowichan Watershed Board. He has worked with many Boards over the years and would be pleased to join the Cowichan Station Area Association Board to help it continue to build a strong, resilient community.</p>
JEANNIE McINTOSH	<p>Jeannie McIntosh, Café Coordinator: Now a passionate senior, Jeannie spent much of her life in the UK engaged in laboratory work for hospitals and schools both in London then Rural areas. This experience of rural life and community changed her way of viewing things. After emigrating to Canada with her husband and small son she settled in Victoria, owned a successful small restaurant, and later became Coordinator for a large activities outreach facility for those who had been involved with the mental health system. Following that she completed her counsellor training and chose to counsel those less fortunate than ourselves. With retirement imminent she moved to Cowichan Station to rekindle her love for the Rural. She moved to Cow. Stn. 15 years ago and has renovated a cottage and land and once again immersed, as is her love, in Rural community. She enjoys the privilege of becoming President of the Cobble Hill Womens' Institute and participating on the Board for the CSAA.</p>

<p>DONNA SHAW</p>	<p>Donna Shaw is the Marketing Manager for Live Edge Design and stay at home mum of two. She moved to Cowichan Station in 2011 to start a hobby farm and family. When Donna isn't chasing the chickens or the toddlers around the farm she runs the Mini Musicians program at the HUB. A previous board member of Providence Farm and Providence Village she hopes to bring her experiences to the HUB, instilling a sense of community into her life and that of her children.</p>
<p>DIANE PERRY</p>	<p>As a teenager Diane ran away from Toronto to McMaster University. After marrying, and graduating she taught Social Studies in Dundas District High School. After living in Nova Scotia she moved to the USA with her husband and three children. Returning to Canada she was involved with University Women. A year in the UK produced another child and 5 years later a return to University for many more courses available now to women i.e. Geology. An opportunity to move further west occurred and she became involved with fund raising in Victoria. Joining Fair Voting BC with the other 20 directors (STV referendum campaign, May 2009) she realized that fund raising was her niche. Unfortunately Proportional Representation was defeated, as the bar had been raised to 60%, so a retreat to a political party was in order. Since then she has been heavily involved with fund raising for Pacific Opera Victory among other organizations. She is happily engaged in CSAA and delighted to be living in such a congenial village.</p>
<p>BAILEY WILLIAMSON</p>	<p>How many wineries, Canadian or otherwise, can claim that their winemaker met Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth? We're pretty sure we're in an elite club. Bailey Williamson, Blue Grouse Estate Winemaker, grew up in the Vancouver suburb of Burnaby. At university, Bailey wrote a food column for the school newspaper suggesting simple recipes for broke college students, and afterward, spent a good chunk of his life pursuing work in the culinary arts. In 1993 he relocated to Victoria and became involved in the "farm to table" movement.</p> <p>Working his way from the bottom up at several wineries, Bailey managed to learn enough about wine making to impress his wife Jenny, who was working in the wine industry in the State of Washington when they met. Bailey spent five years as Assistant Winemaker at Road 13 Vineyards before accepting the call of the Grouse to serve as Winemaker and Vineyard Manager for Blue Grouse. Bailey, his wife, and their family have settled in the Cowichan Valley where he tends vine and tank while pining for Her Majesty's next visit.</p>