

2024 AGM VOLUNTEER REPORT

2024 has been another busy year for the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council. Our volunteers continue to support us in various ways: volunteering in the Gift Shop, 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, working alongside our summer students to make appearances at street markets, Garlic Festival, festivities in Spirit Square and Rotary Park, as well as in various communities as part of our outreach program.

The Gift Shop alone requires approximately 1800 volunteers hours a year to keep open and looking lovely, which involves volunteers rearranging the shop about once every 6 weeks to refresh it and add new items.

We have 5 - 6 Directors, who meet for at least 2 hours each month. These dedicated directors also perform numerous tasks as they arise to keep the Arts Council and all its programs running smoothly. These duties, as well as the extra events that volunteers help out with, totalled approximately 2600 volunteer hours this past year.

It takes many volunteers donating hours of their time to keep the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council operating so successfully in Merritt and nearby areas. As you can see by the numbers above, over 4000 hours of volunteer time were put in this past year!

We thank all of our volunteers wholeheartedly. You are crucial to our success and growth, and we cannot do it without you. If you are not already involved, please consider joining us as a volunteer - have fun, meet new people and explore your creativity with us!

Sarah Molnar, Director of Volunteers