

Dungeness River Audubon Center—2018 Annual Report

Hot Cider Nights

Enjoy the railroad bridge lights *then* warm up at the Dungeness River Audubon Center.
Open until 6pm! Fri/Sat, Nov 23, 24, 30 & Dec 1
Holiday shopping & hot cider 4-6pm



From the President



Dear Members,
It has been an honor and pleasure serving as board president the past two

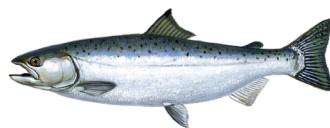
years. These are incredibly exciting times for the Center! I will be stepping off the board now, but will continue to be involved in the first and second grade programs at Greywolf, as well as with River Festival and the GO Committee. As a volunteer, being in the schools and helping with River Festival have been the most rewarding for me. For lack of better verbiage, watching kids learn in an experiential manner is just awesome. Going into a second grade classroom and having 90% of the kids remember from when you visited them the year before, that feathers are what makes a bird a bird, gives me goose bumps every time. It reinforces to me the incredible job we do, the impact we make, and the importance of continuing to refine and expand our programs. I thank you all for supporting the Center, and my kindergarten and second grade daughters thank you as well! I can't wait to see what we can accomplish in the future.

Greg Voyles, President

Building New Partnerships

In 2018 the River Center had the pleasure of entering into an educational partnership with the Feiro Marine Life Center of Port Angeles. Thanks to the support of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Bay Watershed Education and Training grant our two educational centers have had the opportunity to collaborate on our NOW (North Olympic Watershed) school curriculum and outdoor experiences. The program was designed to build off of the experiences students have with both organizations. Fourth and fifth grade students from the Crescent, Port Angeles, Sequim, and Port Townsend school districts participated in the program. Our program also included producing and delivering teacher development workshops, for the first time.

Fifth grade students explored the habitat of the Dungeness River in Railroad Bridge and collected data to see if our park is suitable for salmon. They had a lot of fun doing real world science!



Highlights

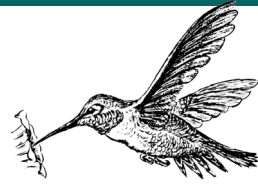
Highlights

- ◆ New Community Programs – *Learn by the Light of the Moon* and *Focus On* series
- ◆ Bridge Crossings exceed 225,000
- ◆ Capital Campaign goes public
- ◆ River Center in partnership with Feiro receives NOAA BWET Grant to provide a combined 4th and 5th grade experience
- ◆ 15th Annual Olympic Bird Festival
- ◆ River Center Promotional Video Released
- ◆ Holiday Bridge Lighting with “Hot Cider Nights”
- ◆ Sequim High School Student Representatives joined the Board



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“Focus On” Series

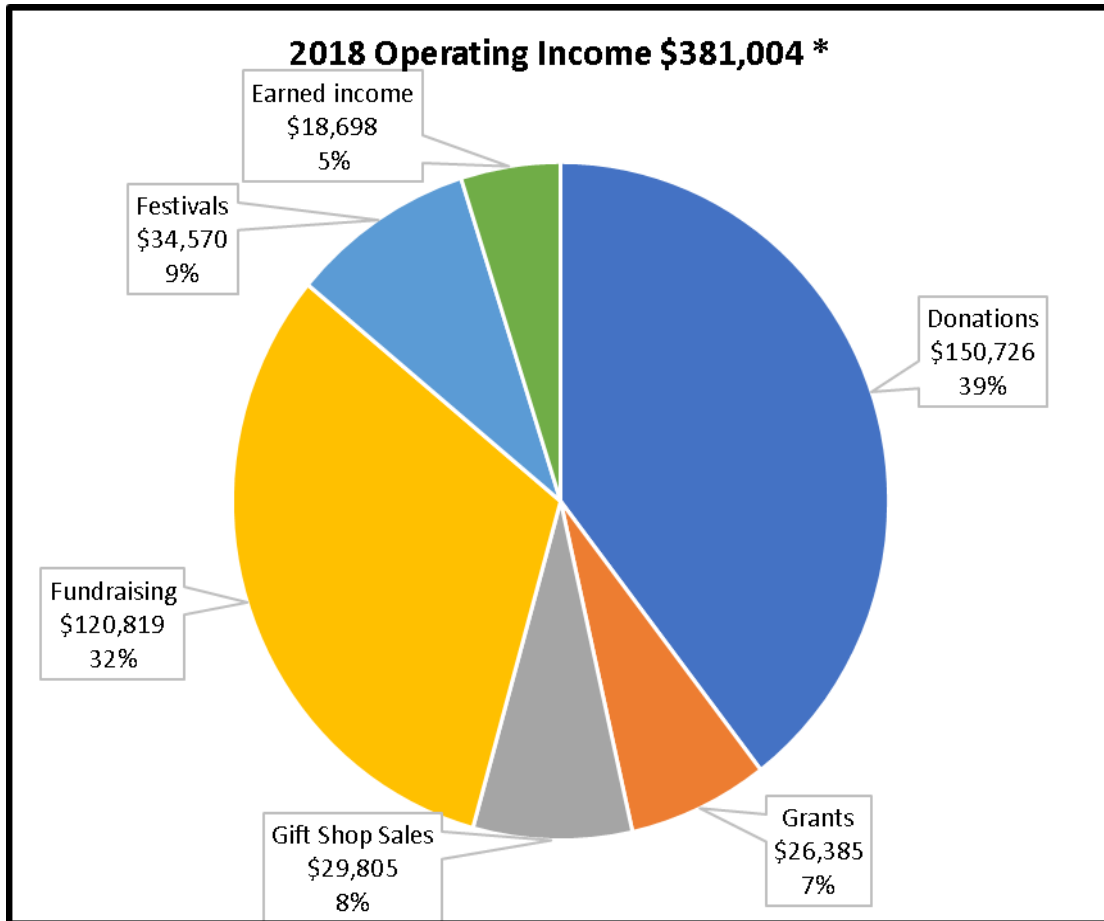
In an effort to meet the demand for more educational programs, 2018 saw the introduction and the successful development of a new monthly program called the “Focus on Series.” Held during the fall and winter the program fills an important gap in our community programming and encourages people to visit the center and park all year for educational enrichment. We based the new series on Ken Wiersema’s extremely popular Crows and Swallows classes. Each session of the series, like Ken’s classes, takes a closer look at the specific story of one particular type of animal like hummingbirds, raccoons, owls, and even slugs! Participants of the program were immersed in some of their favorite animals’ natural history and cultural stories along with many photos from local photographers. The series was very well received, averaging over 50 participants per session, and was repeated in the fall with some refinements and a whole new set of creatures focused on. We are excited for the future of this program and plan on making it a staple of the community programs we provide inside the center.

Learn by the Light of the Moon

The *Learn By the Light of the Moon* speaker series was a new addition to our educational programs line-up in 2018. After Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe added a new roof and power to our outdoor amphitheater, we were looking for ways to take advantage of that beautiful learning space. We decided to host a speaker series and bring in local scientists, authors, organic farmers, etc., and provide a platform for them to tell our community about the incredible work they do. We wanted to hear from the people who understand our natural world, and explore the different ways that we can help protect it. What better place to learn about the natural wonders that we all love about our home, than in the beautiful Railroad Bridge Park? What better night than on the full moon when the park is filled with extra energy and light? The series was a great success; many people joined us for evenings of discovery and wonder. The new 2019 line-up of speakers has already begun. Check your calendar for the next full moon! See you there.



2018 Financial Summary



***Operating Income and Expenses do not include the Capital Campaign donations, grants or expenses.**

The Center's Legacy Fund is used to supplement cash needs of the operations. There were no withdrawals made for operations from the Legacy fund in 2018 or 2017.

The fund balance as of December 31, 2018, was \$1,626,432 compared to \$1,676,500 at the end of 2017.

2018 - 2017 Operating Income Comparison

Income	2018	2017
Donations*	\$150,726	\$148,964
Grants**	\$26,385	\$89,566
Gift Shop Sales	\$29,805	\$24,635
Fundraising	\$120,819	\$114,602
Festivals	\$34,570	\$30,919
Earned income***	\$18,698	\$19,618
	\$381,004	\$428,304

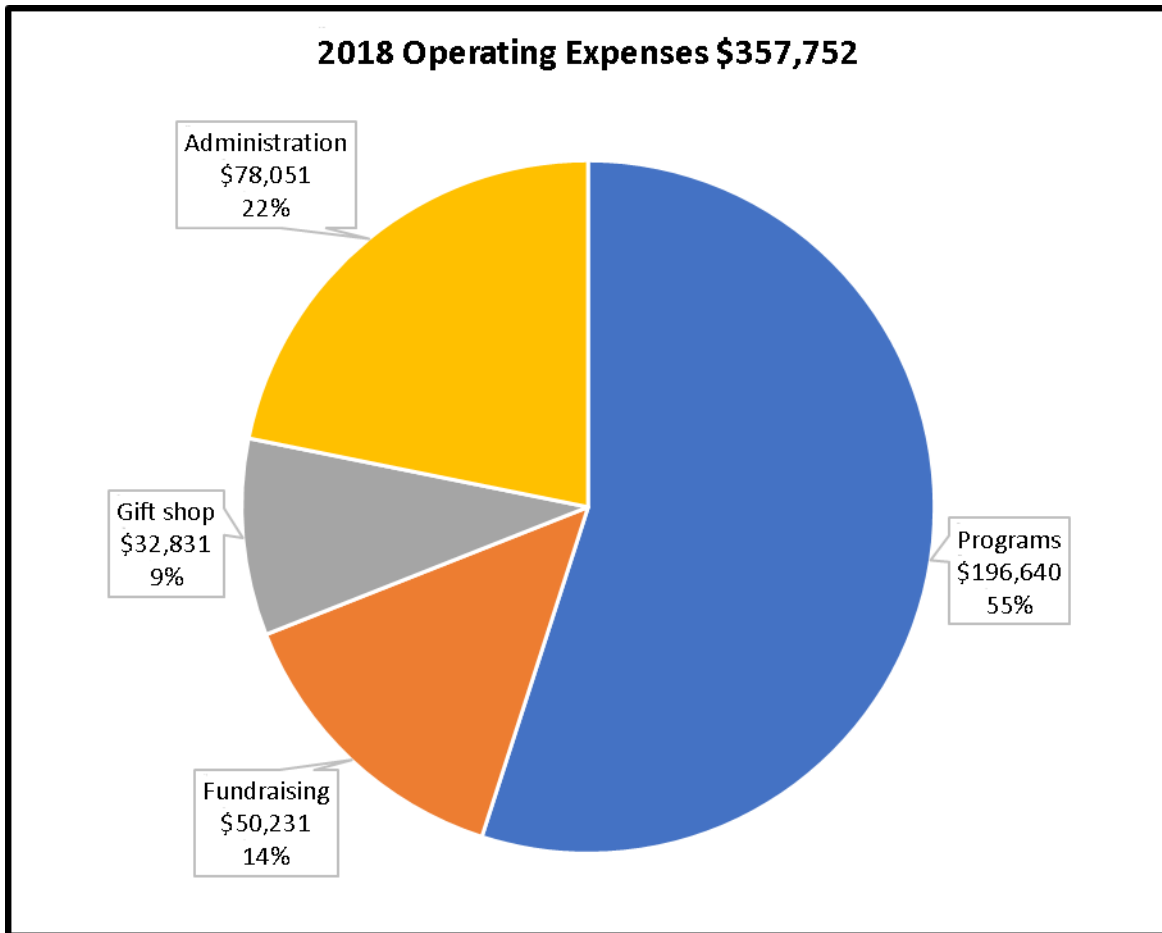
* Does not include \$226,926 and \$134,863 in capital campaign donations for 2018 and 2017, respectively.

** Does not include \$60,000 in capital campaign grants for 2017.

*** Includes income from camps, classes, presentations and rentals

All income amounts are from internally prepared, unaudited year-end financial reports.

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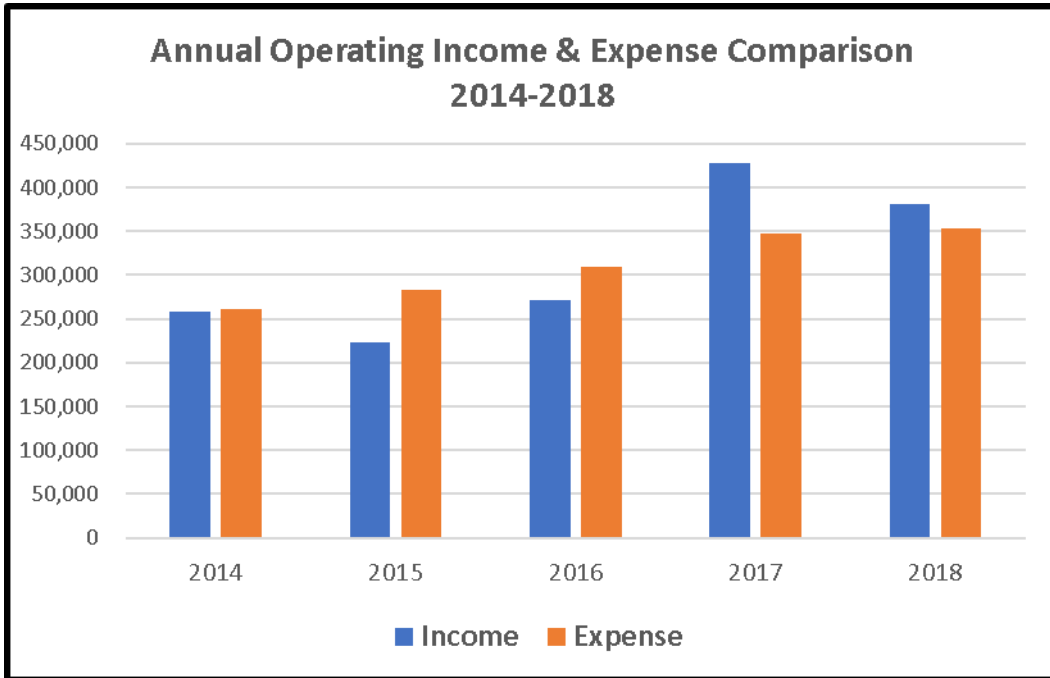
About 71% of salary and benefits have been allocated to program costs, 15% to administration, 10% to fundraising and 4% to the gift shop based on a consistent method of time tracking.

2018 - 2017 Expense Comparison		
Expenses	2018	2017
Programs	\$196,640	\$191,880
Fundraising	\$50,231	\$42,502
Gift shop	\$32,831	\$29,162
Administration	\$78,051	\$83,612
	\$357,752	\$347,156

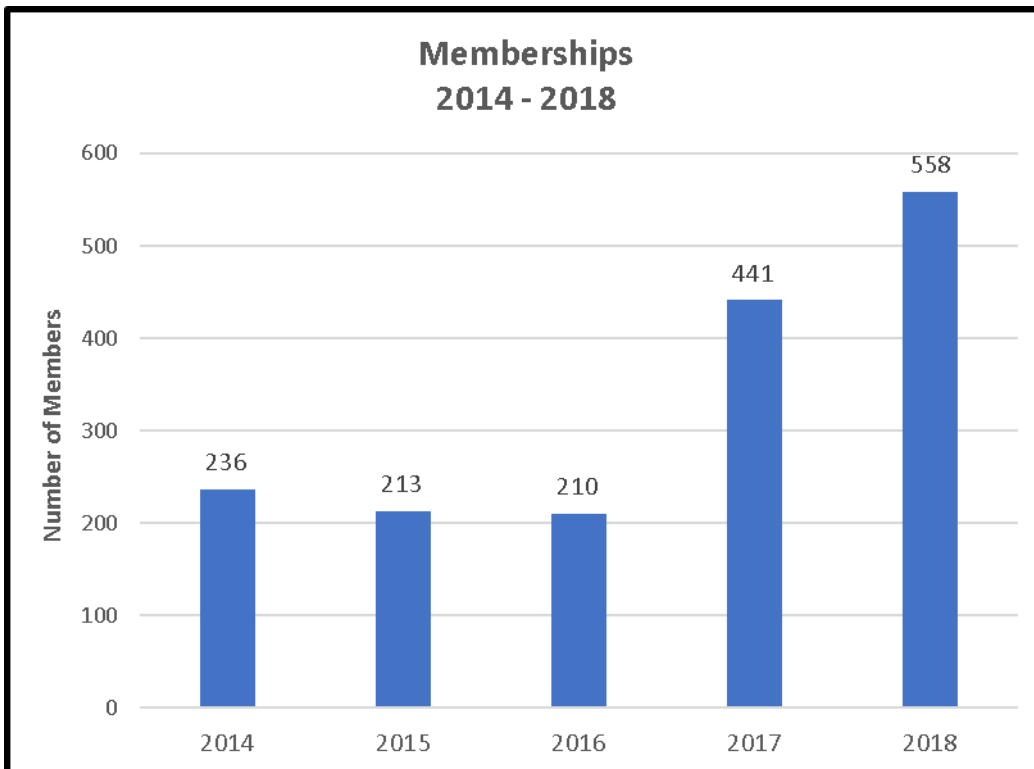
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Financial information prepared by Wanda Schneider, River Center Treasurer

2014—2018 Comparisons



The blue bars that denote annual income do not include capital campaign donations or draws that may have been made from the Legacy fund.



Membership in the River Center is an easy and effective way to show that you support and appreciate the Center and Park. Because membership entitles you to vote, you can have an important role in shaping its course. Members elect our Board members and vote on major policy changes. Your vote counts, and your contributions are vital to the continued success of the River Center.

Thank You to our 2018 Donors

The Dungeness River Audubon Center 'family' remains solid thanks to the strength of its programs, generous supporters, and vibrant partnerships. We are grateful to the growing community of River Center members and donors for their commitment to supporting our mission. Your gifts enable us to operate the Center, maintain the Park, and provide many free and low-cost programs.

Capital Campaign Committee Progress

The Capital Campaign public phase kicked off in June 2018 with the unveiling of a sign at the entrance to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's planned new road and parking lot, the first step of the expansion project. The Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) had previously prepared a video, website content, brochure, and background documents. The next step was to send fund-raising letters to members of DRAC and OPAS in September. Grant applications

resulted in three awards this year. CCC members contacted local organizations for donations and opportunities to speak to their membership, resulting in several donations. They raised public awareness of the project through the website and social media, as well as articles and an ad in the PDN and Sequim Gazette. Fund-raising activities included booths at the Lavender Festival, Farmers' Market, Nature Mart, and Hot Cider Nights, with events being planned for 2019 including a golf tournament.

Donors include memorial and honorary gifts as well as donations of \$100 or more . In 2018 we received donations in memory of Bob Norton, Virginia Clark, Edna Kridler, Margaret Lotzgesell, Marty Sanden & Ginny Stripp.

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