



Spring . 2021

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE WE HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY LIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE LEKWUNGEN-SPEAKING PEOPLE, KNOWN AS THE ESQUIMALT, SONGHEES, AND WSÁNEĆ FIRST NATIONS



Lynn Hillaby  
VENC President

### President's Message:

Spring is in the air, and everything is renewing and changing. As COVID restrictions begin to ease, I think we can all agree that we are optimistically looking forward to renewing and restarting our lives; it's almost like making a mid-year resolution!

During this time of new beginnings there are also endings; my term as President of VENC is drawing to a close and I, as well as a few others, will be leaving our posts. While this is a little sad, we are all eager to welcome new members to the Executive Committee and start them off on the right foot. This is a purely volunteer organization. Our only asset is the time, energy and know-how that our volunteers give to the Club. It may seem intimidating to take on an executive role, but in order for VENC to go forth and remain vital, we all have to take a turn and contribute. Please make this the year you resolve to step up and give to your Club as we go forward into better times.

I want to close by thanking everyone on the current Executive. Working with this dedicated team has been a pleasure and has provided me with the chance to meet a diverse group of women who I might not have met in my regular VENC activities. It has been a joy and I look forward to seeing all of you in person very soon.

Yours truly, Lynn



### Many Thanks and a Virtual Hug

to all the volunteers during 2020-2021. Although most activities were on hold this past year, we welcome any Activity Leader who plans to stay on for the coming year. If you have not already done so, please confirm your intentions, or the name of your successor, before end of June to [VENCActivity@gmail.com](mailto:VENCActivity@gmail.com).

#### Executive Committee

- Lynn Hillaby, President
- Daphne Field, Secretary
- Inga Sheane, Treasurer
- Ali Lorhan, Membership Coordinator
- Josiane Herman, Membership Coordinator
- Margaret Olson, New Member Engagement
- Marianne Smith, Activity Group Liaison
- Diane Hopkins, Communications Coordinator
- Debi Jackson, Webmaster

#### Activity Group Leaders

- Art Gallery: Krysia Gallien
- Emergency Readiness: Lisa Ochsner
- Games Night: Julie Cohen
- Happy Appys: Kelly Hutton
- Knit & Chat: Margaret Olson
- Movies: Lisa Ochsner
- Poker: Peggy Burns, Inga Sheane
- Potluck: Eleanor Bell, Laura Shushkewich
- Pub Night: Ali Lorhan (Aly Tarrant)
- Restaurant: Eleanor Bell, Bernadette Allen
- Saturday Morning Brisk Walk: Carol Yanisch, Crea Milroy
- Saturday Morning Leisurely Walk: Renee Roy, Inge Sheane
- Scrabble: Janine Czerniak
- Sunday Brunch: Ali Lorhan (Aly Tarrant), Sherrill Davis
- Tapas: Donalda Rossman
- Vintage VENC: Christie Ulmer, Ann McCrea
- Wine Making U-Brew: Lesley Marshall, Ann Smith

#### Non-Executive Roles

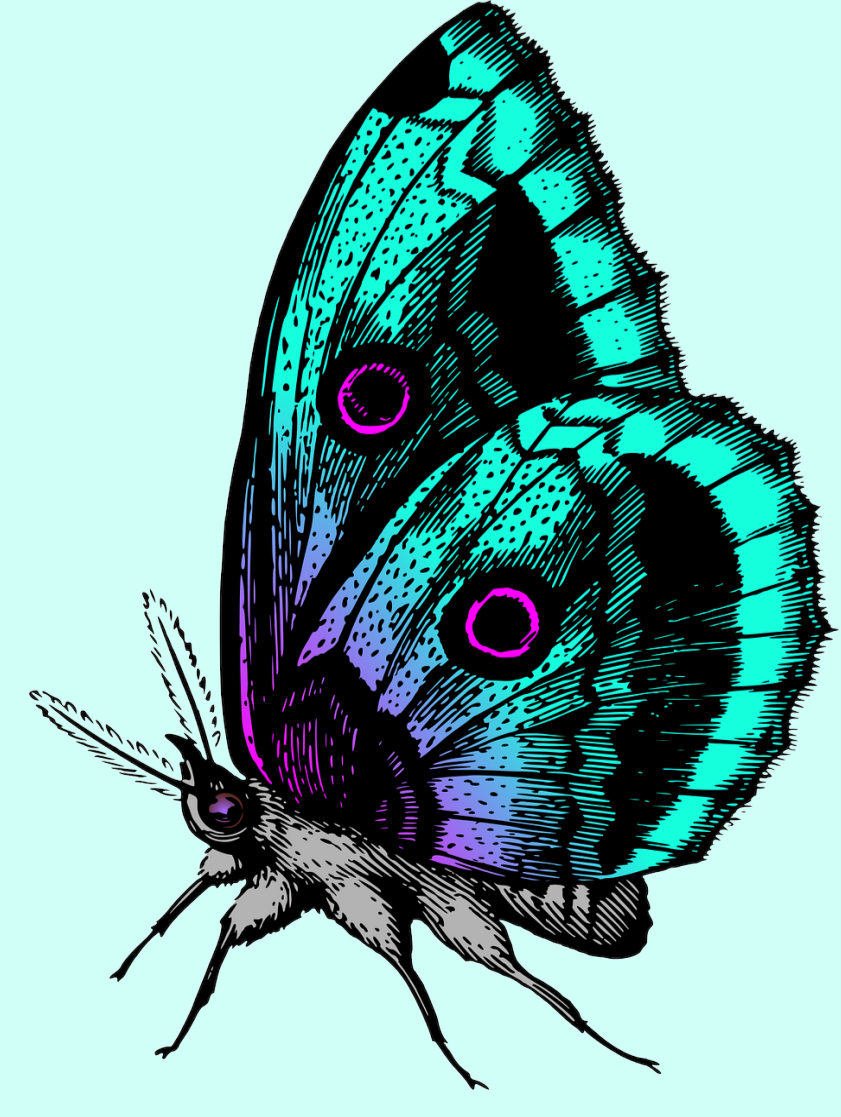
- Name Badges: Marion Robertson
- Graphic Designer: Bonnie Farris
- Graphic Designer: Debi Jackson

#### Welcoming Committee

- Connie Allen
- Donalda Rossman
- Frances Lake
- Janine Czerniak
- Jean Lemay
- Kelly Hutton
- Lisa Ochsner
- Marion Robertson
- Shirley Solberg

#### Events Committee

- Margaret Olson
- Carol Yanisch
- Kari MacLeod



### 20th June 2021: Last Day to Vote

If you have already voted, thanks for your enthusiasm!

If you have not yet voted, please review the AGM package, sent by email to every member on May 19th. The link for online voting is in that email. If you have questions or comments, please use the Forum "AGM Discussion" on the member's web site



### Welcome to the new Webmaster's Apprentice

VENC's web site plays a crucial role in the efficient functioning of the Club. Due to the volume of work and the learning curve required, we are very pleased to have Renee Roy starting as Webmaster's Apprentice.