



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us for our annual reports, join our Board of Directors, and help start planning for another busy year of food security, urban gardening, and community building.

**Nov 19
2025
6:30 pm**

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POB
FRUIT TREE
PROJECT

BY THE NUMBERS

Wrap up / Highlights

Our stated goal for our early-spring grant applications was to double last year's total production of 2000 seedlings, 1000 units of produce and 2500 pounds of gleaned fruit. At the time it seemed a little outrageous.

So we went ahead and grew, gleaned and distributed 4000 seedlings, 3000 units of produce, and 7600 pounds of local fruit. We received more plant and produce donations from other gardeners and farmers than ever before. More visitors (~15,000), more volunteers (25), and more events and workshops than in years past.

We also amassed more income from grants (\$40469.23 +80%), from donations and rental income (\$3534.28 +78%) and workshop admissions (\$1659.03) than last year.

If we can judge success by numbers alone, then this year has been a success.

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

We ran some fun community events this year, including

Strawberry Festival

Corn Roast

Pumpkin Carving

Spooky Story Telling

Seed Cleaning with Farm Folk City Folk

Apple Festival

Kids Art Camps via McMillan Arts Centre

Seedy Saturday

And a bunch of valuable workshops, such as

Fruit tree pruning

Biochar

Fall Planting

Permaculture Planning

Food Literacy

Hydroponics for Beginners

Fall Orchard Maintenance

Perennial Vegetables

Planting for Pollinators

Canning and Preserving

Container Gardening

Mac Community Garden WORKSHOP SCHEDULE



SPRING 2025 - CHECK ONLINE FOR DETAILS

FEB 7

Fruit Tree Pruning w/ Connie Kuramoto
Arrowsmith Lodge Heritage Orchard

FEB 8

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Arrowsmith Lodge Heritage Orchard

FEB 12

Community Garden Worker Bee
Mac Community Garden

FEB 17

Creative Kids Pro-D Day in the Garden
Mac Community Garden

FEB 28

Food Forest Planning w/ Farmer Brown
Mac Community Garden

MARCH 4

Food Literacy Workshop w/ Monica Bradbury
The Bradley Centre

MARCH 20

Spring Raffle Early Bird Draw and Social
Mac Community Garden

APRIL 12

Planting For Pollinators w/ Howard Abel
Mac Community Garden



Whole Hog
SPRING FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

\$50 TICKET
(400 Tickets Printed)

GRAND PRIZE
A FREEZER FULL OF BEEF

SECOND PRIZE
A WHOLE HOG

Supporting Local Food Security And The
MAC COMMUNITY GARDEN
133 McMillan St. Parksville, BC
Growing Food and Food Literacy For Our Community

Grand Prize, 1/4 Beef in a Freezer (May 3, 2025 Draw)
Early Bird 2nd Prize, Whole Hog (March 20, 2025 Draw)
BC Gaming Event Licence # 153856 PQ5 Fruit Tree Foundation pqbfruit@gmail.com 250-240-3564



THIS IS AS SIMPLE AS CAN BE
WE'RE GETTING A BIG MESS OF LOCAL CORN AND SOME BUTTER AND SALT.

CORN ROAST
CELEBRATE SUMMER

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, 5:30-7:30
MAC COMMUNITY GARDEN - 133 MCMILLAN ST, PARKSVILLE
EAT SILVER MEADOWS CORN AND SOCIALIZE

Let's talk about native bees,
and how to encourage them
in your garden

Planting for Pollinators

Join pollinator enthusiast Howard Abel
for this workshop on native bees,
pollinators, and how to get them to visit
your garden

Saturday April 12
11:00 - 1:00

MAC Community Garden
133 McMillan St., Parksville





STRAWBERRY
SOCIAL AND PIANO PARTY

We're bringing our piano outside for the season,
and we'll be serving strawberry desserts

TUESDAY JUNE 10, 11 AM @ THE MAC COMMUNITY GARDEN



POB **FRUIT TREE PROJECT** **FARM LAB AND THE MAC COMMUNITY GARDEN PRESENT**

WINTER FRUIT TREE PRUNING

Learn From
Master Gardener
Connie Kuramoto

DATE

FRI FEB 7
11:00-1:00PM

OR SAT FEB 8
9:00-11:00PM

HANDS ON PRUNING WORKSHOP HELD AT THE ARROWSMITH LODGE HERITAGE ORCHARD, A MATURE URBAN ORCHARD IN PARKSVILLE

BOOK YOUR TICKET
pqbfruit@gmail.com
pqbfruit.org
or Eventbrite





Food Literacy And Kitchen Economics

Food Security Starts With Food Literacy
Learn to make better healthy and economic choices in your kitchen.

March 4th 12:30-3:30
The Bradley Centre

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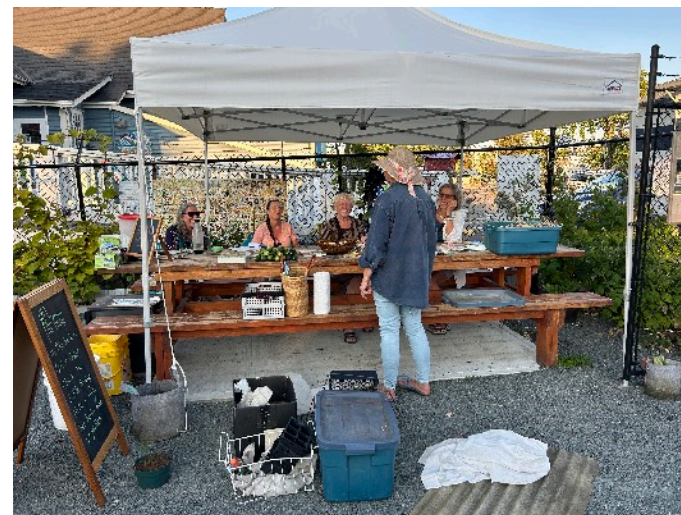





Clockwise from left - Strawberry Social - Canning Jams and Jellies - Spooky Stories Night



Workshops - Food Forest planning w/ Farmer Brown - Biochar workshop w/ Al Chomica - Fruit Tree Pruning w/ Connie Kuramoto



Perennial vegetables w/ Michalina Hunter, Pumpkin Carving Party, Container Gardening w/ Connie Kuramoto, Middle School Mayhem w/ Farmer Brown



Clockwise from left - RDN Community of Practice meeting - Intro to Preserving - Brass Band Quintet - Events and Workshops are in line with our mission to teach and encourage people to grow more food, and to connect them with their food and food systems, in a social setting



Chickens!

OUR CHICKEN ADVENTURE

- We bought 6 chicks on March 19. People of all ages came in specifically to see the chickens, at all stages of their life. We had toddlers who loved them, teens from the SOS program next door who cuddled them, and seniors who very fondly remembered having had them as young people, back on the farm. Unfortunately, 3 of them were roosters, and we didn't get rid of them until they had already become an irritation. Somebody complained to By-law, and since we're in a Public Institutional zoning, we had to comply and remove the chickens. For the time-being.
- We can almost certainly get a variance from the City, but that would take 6 months and a \$2000 application fee. We'll come up with some plan to meet with the city to amend the by-law. We will have chickens again next spring.





VISITORS

- We can calculate approximately 15,000 unique visitors who came through the space last year, with dozens of regular visitors who come in to harvest what's available in the garden, plus many who came in for fruit, in season, and to the new pantry.
- We also have multiple regular contributors who bring their own produce to share. It's a benefit for them to have an established location to bring their excess garden produce. Shout out to Fierce Love Farms and Yvonne for regular donations
- The barrier-free model allows everybody to feel welcome to partake, without any stigma of charity. Not top-down handouts, but neighbour helping neighbour instead.



COMMUNITY PANTRY

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- This pantry had lived at Gaylene's place at Moilliet and Hirst since 2021. It was funded with a PQ Foundation Neighbourhood Grant.
- It's a great opportunity to encourage mutual aid and provide non-perishables from our central location.
- We've been approved to 'shop' for food at Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, and are currently running a Fill The Pantry campaign where we match donations and purchase staples and non-perishables to distribute. We're presently going through \$150 worth of purchased food weekly

Grants Awarded

- United Way Critical Foods Infrastructure - \$16,125.23 (January)
- Oceanside Community Action Team - \$1000 (February)
- Rotary Parksville - \$5000 (May)
- Parksville Qualicum Foundation - \$4000 (June)
- Nature's Valley Gardens for Good - \$6500 (August)
- United Way Work Experience - \$7844 (August)
- RDN Community Grant approved - \$4000 (not on year-end)
- 6 for 6, total \$40469.23





FORD F8CKIN' RANGER!

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- Two grants, the PQ Foundation Grant and The RDN Community Grant were earmarked specifically for the purchase of our “Glean Machine” 4-cylinder Ford Ranger pickup. It’s made a huge difference in the ability to pick fruit and gather supplies. It took a while to find the right one, so thanks to Dwayne for his time and expertise. It’s perfect.





Volunteers! We picked up a bunch of new volunteers this year, and entertained even more interest from folks who would like to get involved.



*Shout out to Howie, Lane,
Danelle, Leslie, Diana,
Terry, Ahmaad, Reina,
Jordan, Mark B, Heidi,
Joyce, Diane, Jenny,
Christopher, Susan, Arnold,
Chantel, Carolyn, Franklin,
Edward, Dwayne, Bimala,
Chris, Lonnie, Katherine,
Jenn, and Roo*





FRUIT TREE PROJECT

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- We gleaned 7644 pounds of local fruit from about 75 locations thanks to 13 different volunteers, from June 24 - Oct 27. Most of the fruit, 70%, was picked after Sept 1st, which leads me to suggest we mobilize the schools next year for some of the bigger orchard picks.
- About 1300 pounds from 32 different people was dropped off from homeowners who recognized us as a suitable place to bring their fruit
- At the height of fruit season, we were seeing tons of traffic from moms, seniors and families coming in for bulk amounts for canning, drying and processing.



WHAT ABOUT THE GARDEN?

- The garden is becoming very full and well-established. There are still a couple fruit trees to be planted. We intend to build permanent pergolas over the front picnic tables, and arched trellises between the front raised beds for grapes and climbing fruits, funding dependent.
- The north east section still has room for improvement. We'll be planting another permaculture bed and have reclaimed the north fence from the ivy and blackberries. (Thanks Franklin!)
- The west fence is to be planted with an Indigenous plant garden, spearheaded by Reina and a Neighbourhood Small Grant
- We'll only ever be able to grow a limited amount of food on the 4400 square foot, 1/10 acre site. Its best purpose is as a demonstration garden, a community space, a flagship for the group and a workshop location.

We have big ideas for the coming year and growing season.

Tool Library

Youth Garden Club

Seed Library

Outdoor Kitchen

Irrigation

Pergolas and archway

Educational and wayfinding signage

Gravel and wood chips

Raspberry trellis

Music Series

Farmers Market

School Garden Involvement

More locations?

Name Change?



- Parksville Downtown Farmers Market
- Sunday mornings, food only
- Presently no other Sunday morning markets in the mid-Island
- Aim for 10 farmers / food producers to start. Purchase branded tents. Seeking anchor tenants.
- Will include our own consignment booth. We'll access small and backyard producers with the goal of encouraging more food from smaller producers, while fundraising for ourselves. Requires consistent pricing and quality that doesn't undercut anchor tenants.

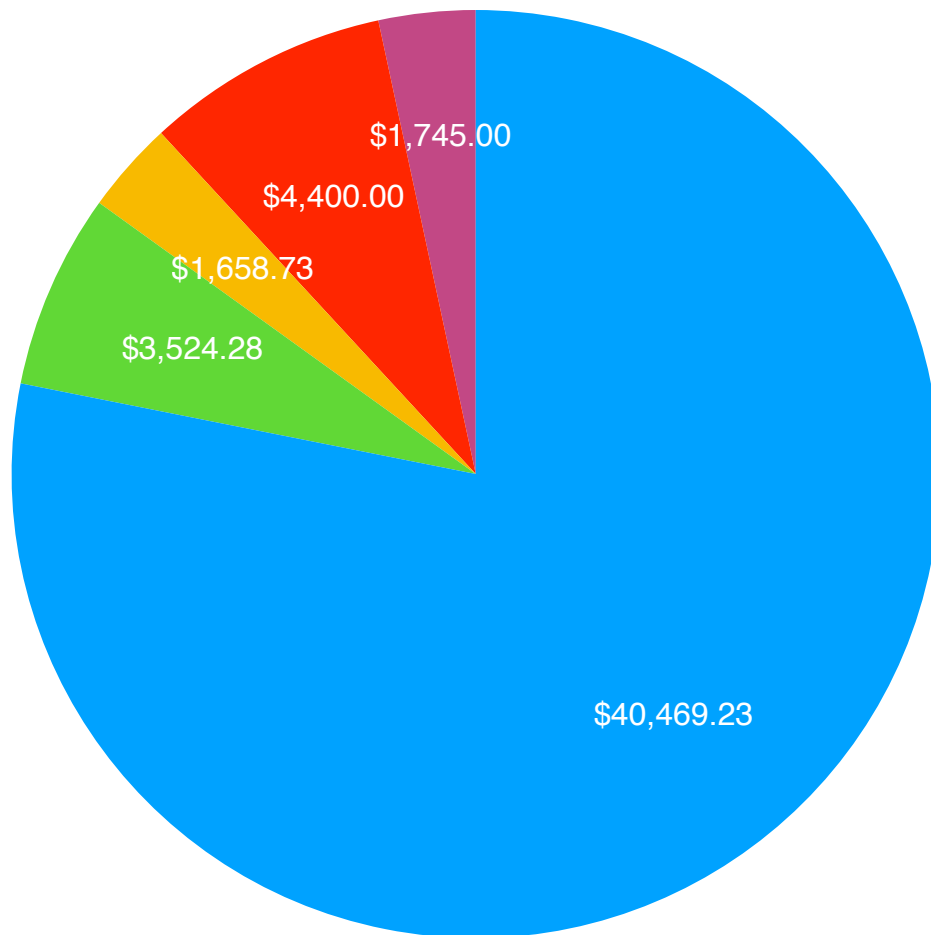


PQB Fruit Tree Foundation Financial Statements - Years Ending Oct 31

		2022	2023	2024	2025
<u>Income</u>					
	Opening balance			\$45999.10	\$4924.92
	Grants	\$21020.00	\$116800.00	\$22500.00	\$40469.23
	Farm gate donations		\$60.00	\$1976.00	\$3524.28
	Workshop Admissions		\$180.00	\$410.00	\$1659.03
	Pruning			\$2016.00	\$800.00
	Raffle			\$5500.00	\$4400.00
	Misc income (cider sales, deposit return)				\$945.00
	Subtotal			\$32402.00	\$51797.54
	Income Totals	\$21020.00	\$117040.00	\$78401.10	\$56722.46
<u>Expenses</u>					
Projects					
	Sandwich Lunch / Pantry Groceries	\$13429.15			\$69.51
	Mac Community Garden Supplies		\$11113.23	\$3526.38	\$5271.89
	Greenhouse Costs		\$11536.11	\$48094.24	
	Shed / Infrastructure			\$5300.00	\$4721.99
	Springford Table			\$2375.00	
	Power and fencing		\$27011.94		
	Hydroponic Supplies				\$1365.02
	Raffle Costs				\$3884.66
	Event Costs				\$1819.17
	Truck				\$8299.57
Administration					
	Insurance and Administration and printing	\$238.10	\$2672.69	\$3731.33	\$1419.22
	Bank Fees	\$61.50		\$95.40	
Wages					
	Contractor costs (workshop and casual)	\$3125.00	\$2506.93	\$2204.61	\$4241.50
	Co-ordinator	\$3180.00	\$16200.00	\$8940.00	\$12800.00
	Expense Totals	\$20,033.75	\$71,040.90	\$74,266.96	\$43,892.53
	Surplus / Deficit	\$986.25	\$45999.10	\$4134.14	\$12829.93

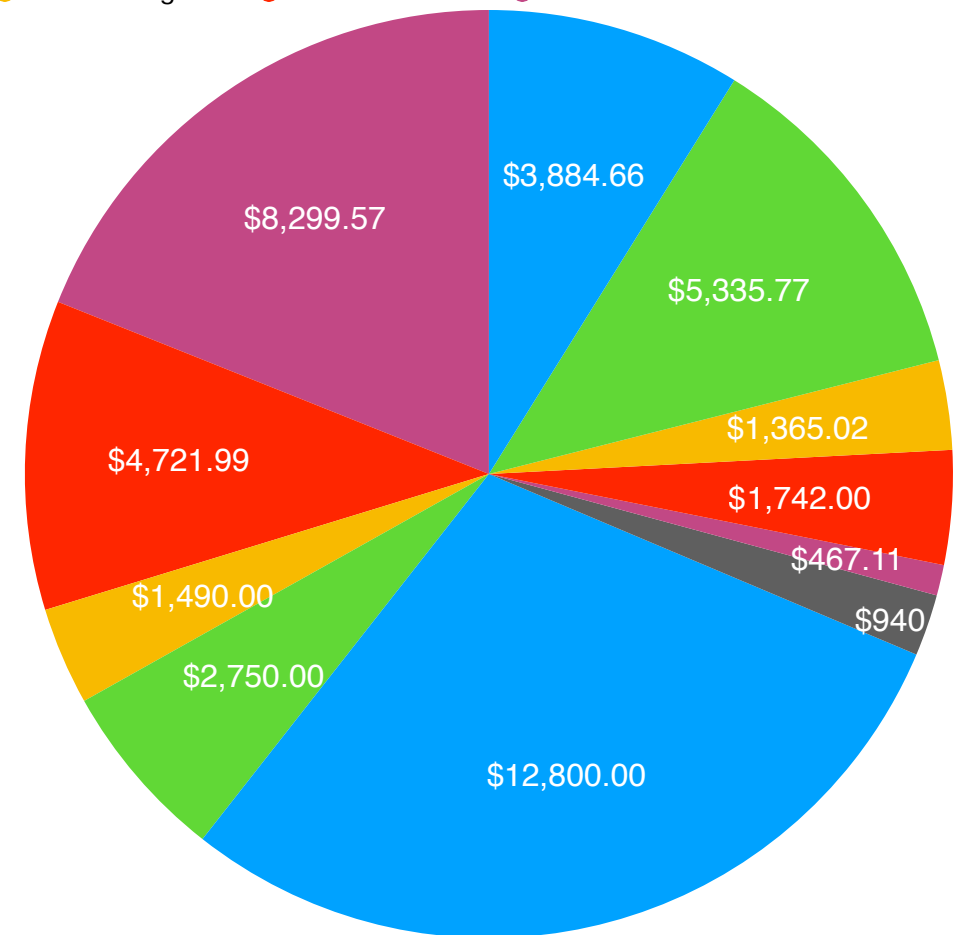
Income 2025

Grants Donations Workshops Raffle Misc Income



Expenses 2025

Raffle Costs Printing Casual Wages Misc Garden Admin Infrastructure Garden Manager Event costs Workshops Truck





A quick reminder of where we started back in March 2023

THANK YOU

