

2022 – Living the Dream of Co-Creation

Led by our awesome members and volunteers, RVCC emerged from the Covid-19 morass more focused than ever on our mission of co-creating community here in the Rockfish. Some highlights:

- ✓ The rebirth of the Rockfish River Gallery as “Rockfish Gallery & Gifts” under RVCC’s management, a labor of love for our local artists, art-loving volunteers and staff - and a perfect archetype of our long-standing “Co-Creation” approach to community-building;
- ✓ A heartwarming outpouring of support from our membership in completing our greatest Annual Fund and Membership campaign ever, swelling our ranks to over 770 members and raising record (and much-needed) unrestricted revenues to help offset shortfalls in fundraising and rental income;
- ✓ Another record-setting year for the Treasure Chest thrift store, led by manager Ricki Shepherd and assistant Kyndal Steele and their phenomenal team of volunteers;
- ✓ The return of an active, post-pandemic class schedule, with the yoga room filling back up, exercise classes in full swing and a host of new classes including dog training, dancing, cooking, star-gazing and more;
- ✓ A hearty “Welcome Aboard” to new tenants EzPz Kitchen, Kathy Bonham and Patrick Farley, keeping our streak of 100% lease occupancy alive for the eighth straight year;
- ✓ Completion of RVCC’s amazing new skate park – the largest infrastructure improvement in our history, including a 9,000 square foot paved skate pad, new parking lot, brand-new three-section skate ramp & paved skate path – yet another shining example of our co-creation process, and thanks to our foundation partners, individual donors, and volunteer labor provided by our skaters, B&G committee and the awesome Building Goodness Foundation;
- ✓ A new coat of paint on our East hallway, thanks to the donated efforts of Murray Whitehead’s crew;
- ✓ The addition of Community Outreach and Event Director Elaine Larsson to our team, bringing her business acumen to bear on the operation of the Gallery & Gift shop and prepping us for an expanded event and short-term rental calendar in 2023;
- ✓ Completion of fundraising for our very successful “Rock & Sol Revival” fundraising effort, which will place 66 more photovoltaic cells on our East roof and boost our energy production to almost 45% of our total consumption, saving money and further reducing our carbon footprint on the planet;
- ✓ The launch of our major fundraising effort for “Play it Up!” – our playground expansion and improvement project that will double the current playground footprint and add a new kids’ play area in the recently-completed skate park; and
- ✓ Thanks and welcome back to Mike Bailey and Michael Donegan, Board members returning for their second 3-year terms, and to Cheryl Klueh, returning to the Board after a hiatus of four years;