

# From the President

Dear Friend,

In spite of COVID restrictions and uncertainties, FLSSP continues to promote the outdoors and improve the park.

With our trails committee leading the charge, the ambitious Comprehensive Trails Plan is now complete. This year FLSSP has raised over \$171,000 towards the \$200,000 necessary to activate the \$3 million in grant money from the state.



We were able to hold our signature events and even hosted several new events. Camp S'more Family Camp Out and Walk'n Wag were both well attended and much appreciated. With the support of the City of Issaquah, we organized several DIY "Walks in the Park" including Martin Luther King Day, Valentine's Day, Earth Day and Grandparents Day. For the first time ever, FLSSP even organized and installed and promoted a temporary sculpture installation around the Kitchen Shelter which featured ten local artists.

Ongoing beautification and restoration efforts continue. In 2021, over 250 volunteers donated over 600 plus hours in the park!

Thank you to our friends, partners, volunteers and supporters. We share a love for our outdoor spaces, this community and Lake Sammamish State Park. We are successful because of you.

Karen Donovan, FLSSP President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Donovan".

***Enhancing the quality of life for visitors and for our community through the preservation of wild natural areas and outdoor recreational opportunities.***

## FLSSP Accomplishments 2021

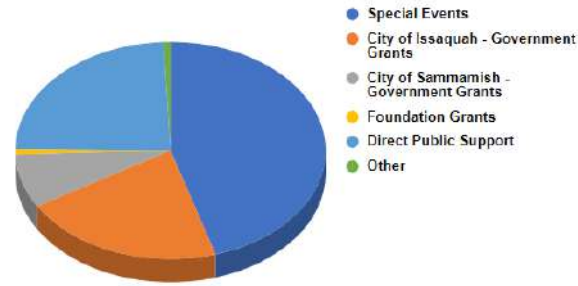
- Completed the Comprehensive Trails Plan as part of the updated Park Master Plan
- Hosted the second (virtual) Polar Plunge
- Recruited two new board members
- Hosted the first ever "Art in the Park" sculpture exhibit
- Engaged 250 volunteers in 10 landscaping events
- Kept the public informed on park closures and COVID protocols
- Raised more than \$171,000 for the new trails plan
- Increased social media outreach: 5,500 monthly e-newsletters, 3,100 Facebook followers, 3,077 Twitter followers. FB Page reach averages 168,605 an increase of 111% over 2020
- Raised \$10,000 during "Experience the Outdoors" Online Auction



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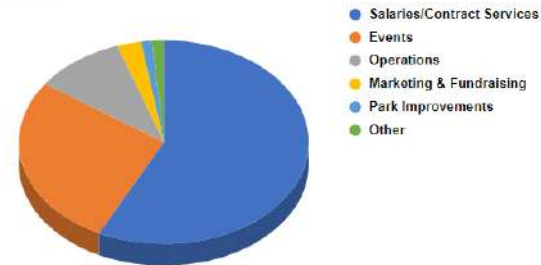
REVENUE	
Special Events	\$56,902.00
City of Issaquah - Government Grants	\$26,500.00
City of Sammamish - Government Grants	\$10,000.00
Foundation Grants	\$1,000.00
Direct Public Support	\$30,249.00
Other	\$911.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$125,562.00</b>

REVENUE



EXPENSES	
Salaries/Contract Services	\$68,226.00
Events	\$32,523.00
Operations	\$12,012.00
Marketing & Fundraising	\$3,182.00
Park Improvements	\$1,440.00
Other	\$1,566.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$118,949.00</b>

EXPENSES



## Comprehensive Trails Plan Update

FLSSP has completed a comprehensive trails plan for the park designed to increase accessibility and connectivity for hikers, bikers and wheelchairs. This year the agency promoted the plan and raised more than \$171,000 in support of the \$200,000 in matching funds needed to activate the \$3 million in state grants. State Parks will break ground on phase 1 of the project which includes trails improvements and a crosswalk on the main road to connect picnic areas.

### Benefits of the plan:

- Open up inaccessible, isolated trails for a better user experience
- Ensure better connectivity to existing trails leading outside of the park
- Provide greater access to natural spaces for handicapped users
- Create a larger loop trail that connects to Sunset and Tibbets Beaches



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# Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park 2021 Annual Report



**Supporting, Promoting & Enhancing**  
Lake Sammamish State Park

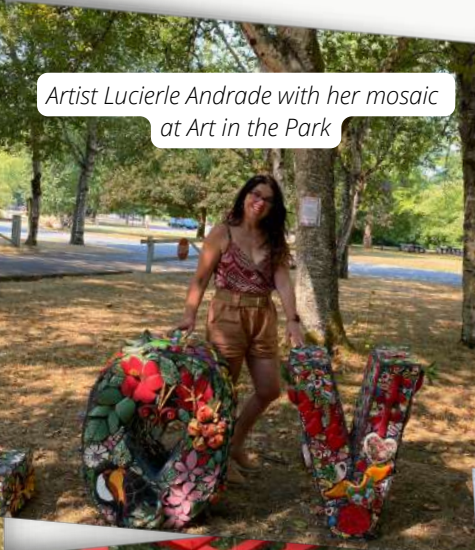




## Events Old & New



Happy campers at the 2021 Camp S'more Family Camp Out



Artist Lucierle Andrade with her mosaic at Art in the Park



Walk'n Wag Dog /Owner Look Alike



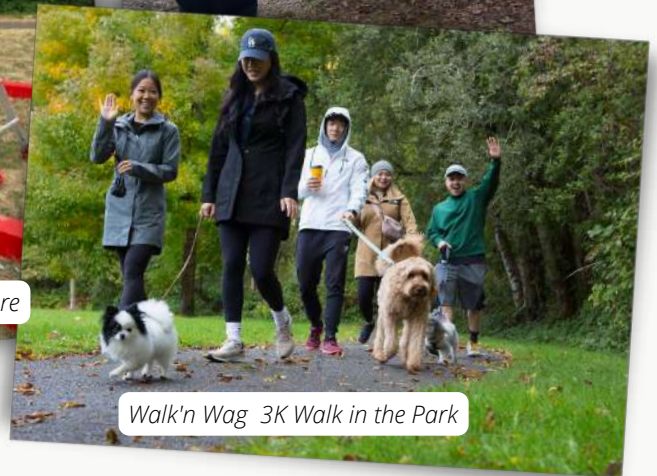
Haiyng Wu putting up his sculpture



Martin Luther King "Walk in the Park"



Virtual Polar Plungers enjoy a dip



Walk'n Wag 3K Walk in the Park

## Volunteer of the Year

Bill Way, FLSSP Board member and head of the Trails Committee, was presented the Volunteer of The Year Award for his work on the Comprehensive Trails Plan at FLSSP's annual meeting in November. Bill has donated hundreds of hours to spearhead and promote this ambitious project which will improve user experience in the park for our entire community.



*"The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans the river." - Ross Perot*

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