

# SAGA Endowment Fund Now Stands at \$200,000

“Thank You, Thank You, to all Gallery members and supporters. And Thank you to the Vancouver Foundation and the BC Arts Renaissance Fund” states Gabriele Klein, Shuswap Art Gallery Association (SAGA) Fundraising Chairperson.

SAGA, its members and the community are celebrating another matching grant from the BC Arts Renaissance Fund. SAGA members have, for a second year in a row, responded generously to the Endowment Fundraising Campaign.

In the summer of 2005 the BC Government set aside \$25 Million in the BC Arts Renaissance Fund to support arts and culture organizations by providing matching funds. The Vancouver Foundation was charged with administering this fund. SAGA applied last year and received a matching grant. “Since the \$25 Million was not yet exhausted we felt we had to try again to help us on our road to financial stability and independence,” Klein says.

“SAGA’s Fall 2006 fundraising drive and Gallery fundraising events brought in \$30,209 - a wonderful result,” says Klein. With the matching grant the SAGA Endowment Fund now stands at \$200,000.

Klein adds, “a special thank you goes to the Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union and the Salmar Community Association for their generous support. Their assistance encourages and helps volunteers do the work that enhances the quality of life in our community.”

Klein notes, “It is important to realize that this money rests with the Shuswap Community Foundation in perpetuity for the benefit of the SAGA Public Art Gallery and its work in the community. Only the interest earned may be used. Additional donations and legacies will allow this principal to grow and move SAGA along the long road to financial stability and independence.”



Shuswap Community Foundation president Clyde Tucker accepts a palette full of \$30,209 dollars from SAGA treasurer Joosje Albricht, left, and Gabi Klein, SAGA Fundraising Chairperson.

