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2012 ISLANDS TRUST COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust Council selected the recipients of its eleventh annual Community Stewardship Awards today, during its quarterly meeting on North Pender Island.

“These awards acknowledge individuals and groups who make significant contributions towards preserving the community, culture or environment of an island,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “The award program is designed to celebrate the dedicated people who have donated countless hours in service to preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area, in cooperation with others.”

“This year we had a record number of nominations with 14 individuals and four groups nominated for the awards,” said Malcolmson. “The diverse nature of the work of the nominees and the quality of the projects in which they have been involved is incredible. This year we increased the number of awards from six to eight to recognize the extraordinary achievements of this year’s pool of nominees.”

In 2009, the Islands Trust added a new category to the Community Stewardship Award Program to recognize and encourage the actions of individuals and organizations that are working in the area of climate change.

The individual awards go to:

- Stuart Watson, Gambier Island, for his work with the Gambier Fire Equipment Group and Langdale Access Group
- Margot Venton, North Pender Island, for working to protect the Southern Resident Killer Whale
- Anne Macey, Salt Spring Island, for supporting agriculture and food security

The group awards go to:

- Gabriola Island Health Care Foundation, Society and Auxiliary for building the Gabriola Island Urgent Care Medical Clinic
- Hornby Quilters Group for 36 years of fundraising
- Saturna Ecological Education Centre for building an Ecological School

The climate change award goes to Dr. Donald Marshall, Bowen Island, for initiatives to reduce, reuse and recycle.

A special enduring achievement award goes to Peter Karsten, Denman Island, for conservation programs and projects.

The Community Stewardship Awards will be presented on the islands where the recipients live, at local trust committee meetings and at a Bowen Island municipal council meeting later this year. Next year’s award nominations will open in March 2013.

The Islands Trust Council is a federation of local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

Editors/News Directors please note: recipient and nominee profiles are available at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/poi/awards.cfm>.

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