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14 Island Projects Nominated for Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards

VICTORIA — Islanders have nominated eight individuals and six groups for the 12th annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program. The activities nominated include shoreline care; water stewardship; creation of a public golf course; volunteer fire fighting; restoring a historic building; climate change education and leadership; bird monitoring; support to women facing violence; environmental and social justice leadership; and, promoting public participation in island governance.

“I am really pleased with the high number of nominations this year,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “The many people who dedicate their energy, time and imagination to strengthening their island communities and safeguarding our natural environment are an inspiration to all of us. I also want to thank all of the islanders who took the time to nominate their neighbours so we can all recognize and celebrate the tremendous contributions islanders make every day.”

Nominees are from nine local trust areas and Bowen Island Municipality.

Group Nominations

- Bowen Island Golf Association for creating a public golf course;
- Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department for serving and protecting Denman Island;
- Lasqueti Island Forage Fish Team for monitoring beaches for forage fish habitat;
- Mayne Island Conservancy Society for their shoreline care program;
- Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society for 31 years of work on water issues on the island; and,
- Salt Spring Island Water Council for ten years of work on water issues on the island.

Individual Nominations

- Richard Blagborne, Saturna Island, for his role in saving and restoring the Fog Alarm building at East Point Park;
- Dr. Peter Carter and Julie Johnston, North Pender Island, for their climate change work;
- Mike Hoebel, Galiano Island, for his bird monitoring programs on the island;
- Ana Miriam Leigh (posthumous), Denman Island, for 20 years of support to women facing violence on Denman Island;
- Jan Slakov, Salt Spring Island, for her environmental and social justice leadership;
- Patrick Smith, South Pender Island, for musical leadership and musical healing in the Southern Gulf Islands;
- Chris and Judith Plant, Gabriola Island, for promoting and demonstrating sustainability through book publishing; and,
- Jill Treewater, Salt Spring Island, for promoting public participation in island governance.

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

The Islands Trust Council will select the recipients during its quarterly meeting on Mayne Island June 11-13, 2013. The award program recognizes people for work that supports the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique environment and amenities.

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.

For more information, including past recipients: visit www.islandstrust.bc.ca and search "awards".

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