

***Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program***



**Islands Trust**

**2013 Nominee Profile**

**Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department**

**Category:** Group

**Project:** Serving and protecting Denman Island

**Nominator(s):** Denman Island Residents Association

**Letters of Support:** N/A

**Project Description:**

The Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department works constantly to protect the community in case of fires, accidents or medical emergencies. They are dedicated to regular weekly training and have organized an auxiliary group of volunteers to drive the fire trucks to fires. The Fire Department also has first responders to attend any accident or medical emergency.

The Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department hosts a pancake breakfast every July 1<sup>st</sup> and organizes a charity auction every second year. Both events are well attended and raise funds which are used to support worthy causes in the community. Most recently the auction generated approximately \$5,000 which was given to the community hall to help replace the hardwood floor as part of a major renovation. The Fire Department maintains regular communication with community members by attending monthly public Residents Association meetings to explain or discuss concerns regarding fire-related issues that may have occurred during the month.

In 2012, the department launched a well-attended series of workshops on cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that were offered free of charge to any community member.