

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



# **Islands Trust**

## **2013 Nominee Profile**

### **Dr. Peter Carter and Julie Johnston, North Pender Island**

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Climate change education and leadership
- Nominator(s):** Amanda Griesbach
- Letters of Support:** N/A

#### **Project Description:**

Dr. Peter Carter and Julie Johnston are a couple who are dedicated to educating others about sustainability issues and climate change. Peter healed the people on Pender when he was the family doctor, and now he tries to heal the planet. He has been studying and synthesizing the global warming and climate change research for over 20 years, and presents on climate change and health and food security issues locally and at conferences around the world.

Recently, Dr. Carter founded the Climate Emergency Institute and he is the lead physician with Climate Change Emergency Medical Response. Peter is a founding member of AMEG: Arctic Methane Emergency Group and has corresponded with world leaders and top climate scientists about the climate change emergency, the Arctic methane time bomb, and threats to global and regional food security.

Julie is the resource teacher for Pender School's Spring Leaves Family Learning program and is a sustainability education consultant with GreenHeart Education who has consulted with teachers around the world on environmental education, with a focus on climate change education for learners of all ages.

Julie Johnston has taught about sustainability issues and climate change to many teachers both locally and regionally at conferences and workshops. As a nature educator, Julie has touched the lives of many children and parents on North and South Pender Islands as the leader of the Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning's Nature and Garden camps in the summer, and co-leader of Ptarmigan Music and Theatre Society's Art and Nature Program. Julie has also started a garden at the local elementary school for students to learn about gardening and food.