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18 Island Projects Nominated for Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards

VICTORIA — Islanders have nominated 14 individuals and four groups for the 11th annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program. The activities nominated include firefighting, support for agriculture and food security, water stewardship, waste reduction, protecting Orca habitat, and creating an urgent care clinic, elementary school program, and parks.

"I am delighted that we have a record number of nominations this year," said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "I hope all islanders will be inspired by the stories of the many people who dedicate their energy, time and imagination to strengthening their island communities and safeguarding our natural environment. I am so impressed by the work islanders are doing to adapt to changes in their communities and prepare for the future, and at the same time, to stay at the forefront of conservation and environmental protection. I am grateful to 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 eleven local trust areas and Bowen Island Municipality.

Group Nominations

- Denman Island Residents Association's Parks Committee for their support of Morning Beach Park and Maple Park
- Gabriola Island Health Care Foundation, Society and Auxiliary for building the Gabriola Island Urgent Care Clinic
- Hornby Quilters Group for 36 years of fundraising
- Saturna Ecological Education Centre for building an Ecological School

Individual Nominations

- Dr. Donald Marshall, Bowen Island, for initiatives to reduce, reuse and recycle
- Peter Karsten, Denman Island, for conservation programs and projects
- Ken Millard, Galiano Island, for his work on the Galiano Restorative Learning Centre property acquisition
- Stuart Watson, Gambier Island, for his work with the Gambier Fire Equipment Group and Langdale Access Group
- Patricia Forbes, Lasqueti Island, for 25 years of community service
- Michael Dunn, Mayne Island, for the preservation of the natural environment of the southern Gulf Islands
- Lindsay Hamson, the Pender Islands, for contributions to community life on the Pender Islands

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

- Margot Venton, North Pender Island, for working to protect the Southern Resident Killer Whale
- Monica and Paul Petrie, the Pender Islands, for their work with the Brooks Point Park Completion Committee
- Shirley LePers, the Pender Islands, for her work for the Pender Islands telephone book
- Anne Macey, Salt Spring Island, for supporting agriculture and food security
- Bob Watson, Salt Spring Island, for his work on Sustaining Potable Water Supply
- Dr. John Sprague, Salt Spring Island, for his work on Freshwater Preservation and Protection
- John Wiznuk, Saturna Island, for his commitment as Fire Chief for Saturna Island Volunteer Fire Department

The Islands Trust Council will select the recipients during its quarterly meeting on North Pender Island in June. 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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