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2013 ISLANDS TRUST COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

“These awards celebrate people and groups who preserve the community, culture or environment of an island,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “Community Stewardship Awards applaud the dedicated people who have donated countless hours in service to the Islands Trust Area.”

“This year we had eight individuals and six groups nominated for the awards,” said Malcolmson. “The diverse nature of the projects and nominees is encouraging and inspiring.”

Nominations were received from Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Lasqueti, Mayne, North and South Pender, Salt Spring and Saturna Islands.

A special enduring achievement award went posthumously to Ana Miriam Leigh, Denman Island, for her 20 years of support to women facing violence on Denman Island.

The individual awards go to:

- Richard Blagborne, Saturna Island, for his role in saving and restoring the Fog Alarm building at East Point Park;
- Chris and Judith Plant, Gabriola Island, for promoting and demonstrating sustainability through book publishing; and,
- Jan Slakov, Salt Spring Island, for her environmental and social justice leadership.

The group awards go to:

- Salt Spring Island Water Council for ten years of work on water issues on the island;
- Lasqueti Island Forage Fish Team for monitoring beaches for forage fish habitat; and,
- Mayne Island Conservancy Society for their shoreline care program.

The Community Stewardship Awards will be presented on the islands where the recipients live, at local trust committee meetings. Next year’s award nominations will open in March 2014.

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 about this year’s recipients, nominees, and their inspiring projects, visit

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/stewardship-awards.aspx>

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