

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2015 Recipient Profile

Leigh Ann Milman, Gabriola Island

Category:	Individual
Project:	Leading land protection for 20 years
Nominator(s):	Joan Cellik, Sheila Malcolmson and John Peirce

Project Description:

Leigh Ann Milman has been a driving force behind many land protection initiatives on Gabriola Island. Leigh Ann has been involved with conservation work on Gabriola since 1993 when she joined the board of the Heartlands Conservancy, now the Gabriola Land Conservancy. As President of the Conservancy for many years, Leigh Ann's efforts were instrumental in helping increase the amount of protected land on Gabriola Island from 2% in 2005 to almost 10% in 2014. She was a key player in protecting the Regional District of Nanaimo's 707 Acre Community Park and Coats Marsh Regional Park, the Islands Trust Fund's Elder Cedar (S'ul-hween X'pey) Nature Reserve and Burren's Acres Nature Reserve.

Leigh Ann's enthusiasm for protecting land and the natural environment is contagious, and has influenced and encouraged many people. Her talent for bringing people together using an inclusive, cooperative, can-do approach has helped the Gabriola Island community to work together to create lasting ecological legacies.