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## ISLANDS TRUST ANNOUNCES 2011 NOMINEES FOR COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

VICTORIA — Islanders have nominated eight individuals and two groups for the tenth annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program. The nominees' projects include a wide range of initiatives, from community work to conservation, food security, recycling, protecting and restoring lakes, car ride stops and building a new community medical clinic.

"I am always impressed by the diversity and quality of the nominees' work," said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "The dedication of the people who volunteer their time and energy to the stewardship of their islands and the well-being of their communities in the trust area is phenomenal. This award program is an opportunity to recognize those people for their support of the Islands Trust mandate."

In 2009, the Islands Trust added a new category to the Community Stewardship Award Program to recognize and encourage the actions of individuals and organizations that are working in the area of climate change.

Nominees are from eight local trust areas: Bowen, Denman, Gabriola, Galiano, Hornby, North Pender, Salt Spring and South Pender Islands.

### Group Nominations

- Hornby New Clinic Committee for planning, coordinating and building a new community medical clinic; and,
- Pender Island Fire Rescue Department for serving and protecting the Pender Islands.

### Individual Nominations

- Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island, for community and conservation work;
- Henning Nielsen, Denman Island, for his work towards establishing a new provincial park on Denman Island;
- Gisele Rudischer, Gabriola Island, for her efforts to raise public awareness of the Islands Trust mandate;
- Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island, for her work with the Galiano Food Program;
- Nadia Krebs, Galiano Island, for her work with the Galiano Island Recycling and Resources Society;
- Barry Mathias, Pender Islands, for the Car Stops Program;
- Sara Steil, Pender Islands, for her community and conservation work; and,
- Wayne Hewitt, Salt Spring Island, for his work to protect and restore lakes.

The Islands Trust Council will select the recipients during its quarterly meeting on Denman Island in June. The recipients will then be notified and their awards will be presented at local trust committee meetings later this year.

The Islands Trust is a federation of independent local governments that represents 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment 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.

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