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HISTORICAL PHOTOS AND FILM FOOTAGE OF ISLANDS TRUST WANTED

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust, created in 1974, is looking for historical records about Islands Trust activities, including photographs, film footage or documents that people would be willing to donate or loan for reproduction.

“This search supports an exciting project which involves seniors in creating three short videos on the past, present and future of the Islands Trust,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “The production would really benefit from archival material, particularly film or photographs.”

“When we celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Islands Trust in 2009, we discovered that we have very little historical information, other than text files, and we are hoping people have photos or film of the earlier days of the Trust that they want to liberate from storage,” Malcolmson added. “We’d like to collect historical materials and to create an archive of this unique form of government.”

“We are very grateful for the Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors Initiative financial support for this project. We are also very grateful to the members of the seniors’ project advisory group, as well as our partner, the Gulf Islands Film and Television School based on Galiano Island,” said Malcolmson.

The volunteers on the project advisory group are: Sophie Arthaud (Gabriola), Melinda Auerbach (Lasqueti), Peter Lamb (Salt Spring), and Roxanna Mandryk (Denman).

The videos will become a lasting legacy, recognizing and celebrating the decades of civic leadership by early leaders who are now seniors that have made island communities so special. They may also inspire others – especially young people – to become the civic leaders of the future. On a more practical level, the videos will provide information about the Islands Trust to islanders, new trustees, staff, newcomers and other interested groups.

If you have materials that might be of interest, please contact any member of the video advisory group, any trustee, any of the three Islands Trust offices located on Salt Spring and Gabriola Islands and in Victoria, or Bowen Island Municipal Hall by Monday, May 30th, 2011.

The Islands Trust Council is a federation of independent local governments that represents some 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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