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ISLANDS TRUST ANNOUNCES 2010 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust Council selected the recipients of the ninth annual Community Stewardship Awards during its quarterly meeting on Saturna Island, June 17, 2010. The six nominated projects include climate change education, land conservation leadership and a young people's garden mentorship program.

"These awards recognize individuals and groups for significant contributions towards preserving the community, culture or environment of an island," said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "The award program is designed to promote the mandate of the Islands Trust by celebrating the dedicated people who have donated countless hours to enhancing the quality of life in the Trust Area."

"Once again the diverse nature of the work of the nominees and the quality of the projects in which they have been involved was outstanding," said Malcolmson. "In fact, this year we gave two additional awards for enduring achievement as well as the new award for climate change."

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.

The individual awards go to Tekla Deverell, of North Pender Island, for her gardening mentorship program for young people and to Patti Willis, of Denman Island, for preservation of the Denman Island environment.

The climate change award goes to Dorothy Cutting, of Salt Spring Island, for the West Coast Climate Equity website and her climate change education work.

Two additional enduring achievement awards go to Jon Guy, of Saturna Island, for his many contributions to the vitality of Saturna Island's community life and to Sylvia Pincott, of North Pender Island, for preservation of the Pender Island environment.

The Community Stewardship Awards will be presented at local trust committee meetings later this year on the individual islands where the recipients live.

The public can make nominations for next year's awards in the spring of 2011. Information will be available next spring on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

The Islands Trust 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. It celebrated its 35th anniversary last year.

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Editors/News Directors please note: profiles on each recipient are available on the Islands Trust website at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/poi/awards.cfm>.

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