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ISLANDS TRUST ANNOUNCES 2010 NOMINEES FOR COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

VICTORIA — Six people have been nominated for the ninth annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program. The nominees' projects include a wide range of initiatives, from climate change education to a young people's garden mentorship program.

"There are so many dedicated individuals and groups who volunteer their time and energy to the stewardship and communities of the islands in the Trust Area," said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "This award program is an opportunity to recognize those people for their support of the Islands Trust mandate."

"Each year I am so impressed with the diversity and quality of the work of the nominees and this year is no exception," said Malcolmson.

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 four local trust areas: Denman Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island and Saturna Island. There were no group nominations this year.

Individual Nominations

- Dorothy Cutting, Salt Spring Island, for the West Coast Climate Equity website and her climate change education work
- Tekla Deverell, North Pender Island, for her gardening mentorship program for young people
- Jon Guy, Saturna Island, for his many contributions to the vitality of Saturna Island's community life
- Sylvia Pincott, North Pender Island, for preservation of the Pender Island environment
- Pat Ropars, Saturna Island, for his actions to improve community safety
- Patti Willis, Denman Island, for preservation of the Denman Island environment

The Islands Trust Council will select the recipients during its quarterly meeting on Saturna 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 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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