

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2012 Nominee Profile

Lindsay Hamson, the Pender Islands

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Contributions to community life on the Pender Islands
- Nominator(s):** Devon Jones
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

Lindsay Hamson has spent many hours organizing events that enrich the social and cultural life on the Pender Islands and to raise funds for people in need. She inspires community cooperation and creativity and has contributed to a thriving interest in the arts on the Pender Islands. Her efforts and enthusiasm inspire others to pick up the torch of community volunteerism.

For four years in a row, Lindsay has spent months organizing the Pender Island Talent Show at the Pender Island Community Hall. The event attracts 50 volunteers and 100 performers from age five to adult. In addition, Lindsay has organized talent shows, music festivals, concerts, dance shows, karaoke nights, and glamour photo days

Lindsay organized the music and entertainment for the Hope Bay Family Day, an event organized in partnership with the vendors at the Hope Bay store to raise funds for the volunteer fire department and the volunteer Coast Guard auxiliary. She also played a major role in the "I Love Henry Down" fundraiser which supports a local family whose one year-old son was diagnosed with cancer.

Lindsay's events usually promote health and exercise in a fun way. They also promote island social life by bringing Penderites together for days and evenings of fun, music, dance and entertainment.

Lindsay also offers low-cost dance classes for adults and children that improve the quality of life and improve self-esteem by providing an outlet for creativity where previously there were no programs of this type offered on Pender Island. Thanks to Lindsay, children are growing up wanting to be dancers and musicians and adults are taking up dance for the first time.