

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2011 Nominee Profile

Nadia Krebs, Galiano Island

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Galiano Island Recycling Resources Society (GIRR)
- Nominator(s):** Paul LeBlond, supported by the Directors of GIRR
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

Nadia Krebs has been associated with the Galiano Island Recycling Resources Society for nearly twenty years. The recycling facility provides 'blue box' service to Galiano Island on contract with the Capital Regional District; commercial recycling services to local businesses; operates a used-goods exchange 'redirectory'; and, periodically stages hazardous and electronic waste collection events. It is funded partly by the CRD, partly by membership fees and donations, and partly by reselling refundable recycled materials. Nadia has been the manager since the beginning, handling the flow of recyclables and managing staff and community volunteers. More than 250 individuals and families are fee-paying members. Her work helps keep Galiano Island clean.

Nadia is passionate and innovative, always looking for more efficient ways to handle materials, new solutions for disposing of recyclables and better ways to manage the recycling centre. The 'redirectory' was her brainchild and has become a magnet for families, particularly for children who participate in a toy exchange.

In 2005 she stepped beyond her GIRR commitment and was a leading participant in a group on Galiano formed to educate islanders about the dangers of pesticides and other casually used chemicals. Her knowledge, energy and commitment to removing such hazards led to changes in what local stores stocked on their shelves and how road problems were addressed.