

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



2010 Nominee Profile

Patti Willis, Denman Island

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** For preservation of the Denman Island environment
- Nominator(s):** Roxanna Mandryk
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

Patti has worked within the Denman Conservancy Association for the past 12 years to secure seven covenants and the donation of three large and ecologically valuable parcels of land. When Patti first took up the matter of covenants on Komas Bluff and Railway Grade Marsh on Denman, covenants were a relatively new tool for protecting conservation values in British Columbia. Through the years Patti has honed her skills in developing conservation covenants and is now a leader in the field, not only on Denman Island but throughout British Columbia. She has also facilitated the transformation of DCA from a volunteer organization focused on land acquisition to a staffed organization managing extensive protected lands and three Nature Reserves held by the Islands Trust Fund.

Recently, she was instrumental in acquiring and completing two conservation covenants covering the headwaters of Danes Creek which will now be protected in perpetuity, preserving an important ecosystem and maintaining increasingly rare habitat. Patti's land conservation efforts and the seven covenants she has been involved with have secured almost 375 hectares of land on Denman for the protection of the environment and the enjoyment of residents and visitors.