

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Geri Crooks, Saturna Island

Category: Enduring Achievement

Project: Saturna Island Rescue

Nominator(s): (2) Dawn Woods, Barbara Hicks

Letters of Support: (1) Senator Pat Carney (retired)

Project Description: In 1987 the community of Saturna Island lost a resident due to the lack of on-island medical personnel and the absence of an organization dedicated to helping victims of accident or illness. Geri Crooks took on the responsibility of identifying the availability and cost of medical first aid courses. She then successfully convinced the community to pay for the training of several volunteers, leading to the creation of Saturna Island Rescue.

Over the years Geri has pursued increasingly higher levels of medical certification for her volunteer position, and worked to recruit new members to the Saturna Island Rescue team. During the past year Geri has also been one of four members of a committee dedicated to raising funds to build an ambulance station for the Saturna Island Rescue ambulance. To date, 175 households and families have made donations – a significant expression of support from a small community! Geri works tirelessly to stabilize the future of emergency medical responses on Saturna Island and has played a key role in providing a sense of security to island residents.