

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Bowie Keefer, Galiano Island

Category: Individual

Project: Galiano Island Trail Network

Nominator(s): Sandy Martin

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Following a move to Galiano in 1993, Bowie Keefer and his wife purchased forest land on the flank of Mount Galiano. As a family they worked to restore the natural environment of this land, and to re-open public trails that had been closed by the previous owners. In his time on Galiano, Bowie has campaigned for forest land owners to adopt an ethic of environmental stewardship, and has collaborated with other landowners to initiate the development of an island-wide trail network. To date, Bowie's efforts have contributed to the creation of numerous island trails, including the Sturdies Bay Trail which links the two main village areas, trails from Bluff Park to Whaler Bay and Mount Galiano, and trails from Bodega Ridge to Dionisio Point Park and Bodega Resort. The Galiano Trail Network is an ongoing labour of love that owes much of its success to the dedication of Bowie Keefer.