



2003 AWARD WINNER PROFILE

**WINNER: ISLANDS IN THE SALISH SEA
MAPPING PROJECT
(ALL ISLANDS)**

CATEGORY: GROUP AWARD

PROJECT: ISLANDS IN THE SALISH SEA MAPS

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Project Description:

The primary goal of this project was to gather existing knowledge from local communities about the 'state of the islands' and communicate that knowledge through artistic community maps. Over the past three years, thirty art maps were created by islanders on seventeen islands in the southern Gulf Islands. Each community researched its natural, economic and cultural heritage and talented artists transformed that information into a stunning visual display.

The project was made possible by many partners and sponsors. Over 1000 people participated in the project directly, including cartographers, historians, archivists, birders, farmers, youth, the elderly and business people. Sponsors included a range of government and non-government agencies, private organizations and individuals.

More recently, the project held exhibitions of the maps on fourteen islands and in Vancouver, Sidney and Victoria. Viewers were particularly impressed with the importance of the maps for expressing community connections to the land, for future community planning use and as an important development in community collaboration.

This project is consistent with Islands Trust policies that support the availability of community information and citizen participation in local community planning.