

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Recipient Profile

Bob Weeden, Salt Spring Island

Category:	Individual
Project:	21 years of leadership in conservation and environmental stewardship
Nominator(s):	George Ehring

Description:

Bob Weeden has been a longstanding, instrumental and committed leader within the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC), almost since its inception in 1995. The SSIC works with landowners and the public to protect the land, waters and wildlife on Salt Spring Island. The SSIC has nature reserves as well as conservation covenants and stewardship agreements on private lands. The SSIC holds public education and training events to help islanders understand and care for the island environment. It also operates a school program that provides elementary students with a day of nature-based training.

As a former university professor and long-time conservation activist, Bob has brought his scientific expertise, organizational savvy, thoughtful mind, and a sense of humor to the SSIC. Bob has served on the SSIC board for 21 years in various capacities from board officer to president. During this time, Bob has worked with over 60 board members, nine staff members, and many volunteers. Bob also fostered community connections with conservation efforts by serving as the SSIC's newsletter editor for many years, and by writing a nature column for the local newspaper. Bob's work with the SSIC ensures that local ecosystems are preserved and protected for years to come.