

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Nominee Profile

Karen Ethridge, Hornby Island and Denman Island

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** 15 years providing leadership in community health care
- Nominator(s):** Joanne Graham

Description:

As the Home Support Supervisor for the Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society for the past 15 years, Karen Ethridge provided strong leadership as she worked with hospital staff, local doctors, client families, health authority staff and other health care workers to develop a robust home support program for Hornby and Denman Islands. The program is renowned throughout B.C. for its client-centred approach to aging in place and end-of-life care.

Karen's unique approach to home support resulted in many island seniors being able to live in their own homes as they age. Over the years, Karen's kind and compassionate care served as an example to the 35+ caregivers she mentored. Her care also contributed to the social well-being of the islands as resident seniors were well-supported to remain active and participate in community events. Karen's work and dedication has created a legacy of high-level, compassionate care for island seniors.