

## ***Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program***



# **Islands Trust**

## **2017 Recipient Profile**

### **Saturna Community Club**

**Category:** Organization

**Project:** 80 years of promoting social and environmental well-being

**Nominator(s):** Tom Johnstone

**Description:**

For over 80 years the Saturna Community Club (SCC) has been a catalyst for community participation, developing and sustaining Saturna Island's services and amenities. The SCC was formed in 1931 and the Saturna Community Hall was built in 1933. The purpose of the society is to foster the well-being of Saturna Island, to liaise with other organizations, to make the community hall available to the community and to provide a forum for discussion of matters of concern to Saturna.

The SCC oversees the Saturna Island recycling center, cemetery, medical clinic, and heritage society. The SCC was the place of origin for the library, volunteer fire department, and Saturna Island Rescue, which are all now stand alone organizations. The SCC also maintains the heritage Saturna Community Hall for various social events including entertainment, parties, business and education. The hall hosts Saturna's theatre programs, the Cine-Club, yoga classes, weddings, celebrations of life, the Candlelight dinner, musical performances, dances, public forums and many community meetings and pot lucks. The main fundraiser for the SCC is the annual Lamb Barbeque, with funds going towards hall maintenance, the medical clinic and other community projects.

The SCC helps protect the Saturna and Trust Area environment by providing support to the Saturna Ecological Education Centre, Saturna Marine Research and Education Society, the recycle center and free store, and through involvement in the working committees who helped develop Saturna's official community plans. The SCC supports programs like Soup for Seniors and Better at Home, allowing aging islanders and islanders with lesser incomes to live on Saturna. The SCC is also collaborating with other organizations and First Nations to engage and educate the community on the history and current concerns of the indigenous peoples who have lived on the islands for thousands of years.