

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



## Islands Trust

### 2019 Nominee Profile

#### Saturna Lions Club

**Category:** Organization

**Project:** 45 years of community service

**Nominator(s):** Sheila Wallace

**Project Description<sup>i</sup>:**

The Saturna Lions Club has been nominated for its forty-five years of community service. Members of the club work to serve the community by directly delivering programs, working with others to deliver programs and services, and fundraising to provide financial support for individuals, groups, or organizations.

The Club has started a variety of organizations over the years including the Saturna Scribbler, the Saturna Library, and Meals on Wheels. They built the tennis courts and were the driving force behind building the Saturna Recreation and Cultural Centre. Annual fundraising projects such as splitting and delivering firewood, and hosting fundraiser dinners, such as, Prawnfest, and the Robbie Burns Night has allowed them to help support various community services over the years, including the: Saturna Island Marine Research Education Society, the volunteer fire department, Theatre on the Rock, community hall, baseball field, and cemetery, just to name a few. The Lions Club also runs the island shuttle service, reducing dependence of private vehicles. The Lions Club have funded projects related to Reconciliation, most recently (and in collaboration with others) the Thirteen Moons Calendar sign installation. In the past 24 months, the Lions Club provided educational bursaries, funding for dental work and eye-care for community members, contributed funding for a new playground at the school, Christmas hampers for Saturna residents in need, and a paved entrance to the Medical Clinic to aid access for mobility challenged patients.

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<sup>i</sup> Information based nominee's submission to 2019 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award program.