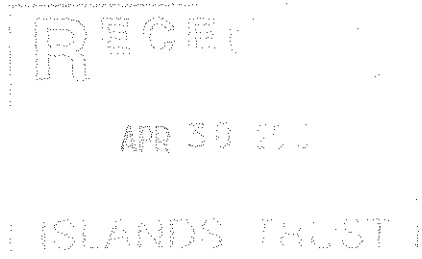




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ISLANDS TRUST COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION

**TEKLA DEVERELL**  
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Born and raised in Saskatchewan, as a child Tekla received training in what was then considered the "women's" work of the farm (gardening, baking, spinning, small animal care) through Farm Girls' Club, which was sponsored by the women's section of the Farmers' Institute. As a teenager she was selected to attend the Farm Girls' Camp, which was associated with farm expositions in Saskatchewan. At the camps, she learned about exhibiting and judging agricultural exhibits and about the values created by staging such events. She came to British Columbia to the University of British Columbia to study and stayed in Vancouver to work and to raise a family. When Tekla and her husband bought property on Pender Island in 1974, I'm sure she was not thinking of how complete a return to her roots this move would be.

On Pender, gardening organically quickly became her passion. This interest led to her involvement in the farming and gardening community of the Pender Islands. The Farmers' Institute, the Saturday Farmers' Market, the Community Hall committee, the Fall Fair and the Pender Island Garden Club all benefitted from her energy and experience. She committed herself not to just grow things but to share with and support others, to teach and to create a viable rural community.

The idea of a Garden Mentorship Program for Young People came to her when she was serving on the Fall Fair Committee. Previously, she had lobbied for and then developed a young people's agricultural section in the fall fair. About five years ago, she created the Gardening Mentorship Program within the young people's agricultural section and set about involving people from all parts of the community: children, teachers and the school, parents, and mentors. Mentors were recruited from her connections in the Pender Island Garden Club, the Farmers' Institute and beyond. As a result, this initiative

takes the positive work of the Farmers' Institute and the Women's Institute to a new generation.

Through the program, children at the school are given seeds to plant and grow in pots at the school. There are obvious learning benefits as they plant, then observe the germination and growth of their seeds. Children are encouraged to sign up with Tekla to have a community mentor as they cultivate a section of their garden at home, planting seeds and the plants that have grown in the pots at school. Soil test kits are provided and the mentor oversees the development and planting of the garden. Continuing learning, based on organic methods, occurs as soil preparation, seeding, weeding, watering and harvesting take place. Mentors visit the children three times during the growing season to ask and to answer questions. The children are asked to create a photo/written journal to display at the Fall Fair along with samples of their harvest. Tekla discusses the children's achievements with the mentors and the parents, judges the entries, and awards prizes for the work done.

Parents have commented on the very positive relationship between their children and the mentors who work with them. The children's sense of accomplishment in completing the work has had the result of raising self-esteem in many of the participants. Both parents and children appreciate the opportunity to learn about planning, planting and growing an organic garden. The program is so successful that in 2009, the fourth year of operation, participation increased within the school population and included a whole new group of children who are home-schooling. In addition, a participating parent and child travelled to Powell River to meet with parents and children who wanted to develop a similar program; the people who attended the session in Powell River were amazed at how knowledgeable and articulate the child participant was in describing the work he had done. One child involved in the program was one of the two invited speakers at the fall fair, again demonstrating the importance of the program in involving youth in our communities and giving them the opportunity to develop the confidence to speak as members of our community.

The guiding principles in the development of the program have been to learn through positive reinforcement, to experience some success, and to enjoy the activity of planning, planting and harvesting. Mentors, parents, the

children, and the community all benefit from the experiences. Tekla, as instigator, as shepherd, and as teacher, is the force guiding and building the program.

The Gardening Mentorship Program fits well with the mandate and object of the Islands Trust. Early learning led Tekla to be a highly regarded member of the organic gardening community of the islands. Passing on this commitment to children on the Penders gives them the basis to be part of a productive and sustainable community on these islands or wherever life may take them. They observe and take part in the Market and the Fall Fair; they develop close ties with experienced gardeners, and learn the value of a strong rural community. Tekla is an example of how learning important lessons at a young age can last a lifetime. Hopefully, these young people will in turn pass on to others the importance of community involvement and commitment and a love of organic gardening.

Tekla Deverell has been very involved with the horticultural and agricultural life of the Penders for many years. She has worked tirelessly to build the many organizations she has joined and has enhanced our community as a result of her involvement. The Gardening Mentorship Program for Young People is a project that has shown its value to our community both today and for the future and we owe our thanks to Tekla Deverell for identifying the need and developing the program which addresses that need so successfully.

Submitted by:

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**Nomination of Patricia (Patti) Willis**  
**for the Islands Trust "Community Stewardship Award Program"**

**What was/is the overall purpose of the project or work?**

Patti Willis's dedication, persistence and exceptional capabilities have been a major factor in securing the perpetual preservation of land and natural features on Denman Island. Patti has worked within the Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) for the past 12 years to secure seven covenants and the donation of three large and ecologically valuable parcels of land. She has also been a leader in facilitating the transformation of DCA from a volunteer organization focussed on land acquisition to a staffed organization managing extensive protected lands and three Nature Reserves held by the Islands Trust Fund.

Patti's work in the field of land conservation and stewardship continues to produce rich benefits for all. Recently, she was instrumental in the acquisition, composition and completion of two conservation covenants covering the headwaters of Danes Creek which will now be protected in perpetuity, preserving an important ecosystem and maintaining increasingly rare habitat. As a result of these projects, Patti developed the intellectual understanding and editorial skills to construct and complete conservation covenants from start to finish on her own, a skill possessed by very few people, particularly lay-persons. Most organizations hire a lawyer at a great price to do this kind of work.

**Describe how the project was related to the object of the Islands Trust**

**The Background:**

In 1995 one third of the land area of Denman Island was sold to Hancock Timber Resources Group, which commenced a logging program. The Denman Forestry Committee, of which Patti was a member, interested the Hancock representatives in the protection of the Komas Bluff and the Railway Marsh. When Hancock sold their holdings to 4064 Investments Ltd. in mid 1997 a provision of the sales contract was that 4064 place conservation covenants on these areas. Patti took a lead role, with the DCA, in attempting to establish these covenants through negotiation with the new owners.

Logging was proceeding rapidly and the DCA, led by Patti, initiated a Legacy Project to save, by purchase, significant lands of the 4064 holdings. As an early result the Morrison Marsh property was bought by a conservation-minded 'angel' who proposed placing a conservation covenant on the property. Patti commenced what turned into a seven year journey working with this landowner, until a major portion of this land was donated to Islands Trust Fund with DCA holding a conservation covenant.

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When 4064 Investments Ltd. logged some of the Railway Marsh land that had been identified for covenanting, Patti found cause for legal action to enforce the placing of covenants. Then began an eight year saga, including court actions, that culminated with the successful transfer to DCA of two parcels of land and registration of conservation covenants on the Komas Bluff and the Railway Grade Marsh. The legal action was supported financially by the West Coast Environmental Law Association.

Relation to the object of the Islands Trust

Protecting land in its natural state is central to the mandate of the Islands Trust. When Patti started work on DCA's Legacy Project in 1998, the land protected on Denman Island was less than 5% of the Island, seriously inadequate to ensure the preservation of a functioning ecosystem.

During the same time DCA, with Patti in various leadership roles, played a major part in securing Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve (owned by Island Trust Fund) and has purchased Winter Wren Wood and Central Park, adding an additional total of 186 ha.

The total land protected by DCA's efforts over the period is 374.2 ha equalling 7.5% of the Island. Patti played a lead role in the acquisition of over 200 ha of the protected areas on Denman.

Patti's work in securing these and other conservation covenants on land on Denman Island directly addresses the Islands Trust's mandate of "preserving and protecting". These lands will have no development or disturbance on them, given the protection provided by these covenants.

**Describe the benefits of the project in the community or in the Trust Area**

The preservation of land in its natural state is of inestimable benefit to present and future generations. As of the mid 1990s Denman Island was particularly vulnerable to development as very little of its land was protected in parks, reserves or Crown land.

The seven covenants which have involved Patti directly and her land conservation efforts have secured almost 375 hectares of land on Denman for the protection of the environment and the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

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**Describe how the nominee collaborated with others**

All land conservation efforts, including the creation of covenants, are fraught with difficulties. Patti has a style of ease and grace that allows collaboration with others, some of whom may not be supportive of conservation efforts. She works gently with others, including land owners and potential developers, to engage their interest in conservation. As a member and earlier a director of the Denman Conservancy Association, Patti has performed a leadership role in the field of land conservation and been a valuable model for others.

In addition, Patti has developed exceptional expertise in the field of conservation covenants (all learned while doing this work), paying meticulous attention to detail and dedicating many hours to the solitary work of completing these documents. As a result, she is now an expert in this specialized field.

For the past 12 years, Patti had played a significant leadership role in DCA. Her focus today is the management of DCA lands and covenants. Patti's contributions have included her strategic thinking, her insistence on civility in even the most abrasive circumstances and her skill in achieving consensus in decision-making.

**Describe how the project of work was particularly innovative.**

Covenants were a relatively new tool for protecting conservation values in British Columbia when Patti first took up the matter of covenants on the Komas Bluff and Railway Grade Marsh with 4064 Investments Ltd.

Subsequently Patti has led DCA through its 'Covenant Project' to build a system of creating and administering covenants; and she has worked directly to establish covenants on Morrison Marsh and the Denman Island Chocolate property.

The initiation and successful settlement of DCA's lawsuit against 4064 Investments Ltd. was due, in large part, to Patti's creativity and instinct for due process.

Patti's skills in the development of conservation covenants have been honed to the level that she is now able to complete conservation covenants without assistance, and is a leader in that field, not only here on Denman, but through British Columbia.

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**Describe the degree to which the community supported and became involved in the project or work**

The Denman Island community has demonstrated continuing solid support for the DCA through their financial contributions, annual memberships and the volunteer effort on such major fundraising activities as the Home and Garden Tour.

Support by the community of legal action against 4064 Investments Ltd. was a significant factor in 2004 – 5. Universal insistence on a legal settlement before any discussion of development took place convinced the Company to start towards settlement.

These latest two covenants come out of several years of community work around lands formerly owned by 4064 Investments Ltd. and now in the hands of a developer who would have liked much more development potential and less conservation. The community sought and eventually obtained the agreement and cooperation of the landowner to preserve Dane Creek headwaters. Patti was instrumental in leading the community to demand the protection of this area.

**If the project or work addresses climate change, describe how the project reduces greenhouse gases and/or prepares your community to adapt to climate change**

The establishment of the covenants and preservation of land through donations to the DCA indirectly addresses climate change, in that, had the land not been protected in this way, there would most certainly be further development on it. By the protection offered by the covenants, such development will not occur, hereby reducing the carbon footprint of more houses and people, and the related vehicular and household effects on climate change. Further, the treed areas on DCA's lands sequester carbon, serving as a carbon sink that counters the loss of carbon in greenhouse gas emissions.

## **Nominator**

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## **Nominee**

### **Name of project or description of work:**

The project is the totality of Jon Guys's activities over the past several decades. His life choices embody his ongoing commitment to cooperation and community.

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## **Project Description**

### **1) What was/is the overall purpose of the project or work?**

A main purpose of all Jon's activities is to build, support and enhance the vitality of Saturna's community. On an island of cooperative individuals, Jon stands out for his energy and the sheer volume of his pursuits.

### **2) Describe how the project was related to the object of the Islands Trust:**

Jon's life adds to the economic sustainability, the social life and the health of the environment of Saturna. A continuing concern for Saturna is employment and housing for young people. Jon and Priscilla's businesses employ a number of young people in secure jobs with full benefits packages. The General Store includes apartments at very affordable rents. The bottom line for the Store is employment and a service to the community rather than profit-making. The General Store and Café is the community gathering place, with the Post Office, community bulletin boards, free wireless internet, the "freemail," coffee and a welcoming attitude. This gathering place function is vital to our community life. The SEEC project described in the next section supports environmental education and sustainable building.

### **3) Describe the benefits of the project in the community or in the Trust Area:**

Jon's contribution to affordable housing and permanent employment has added to the economic stability of the island. An unused section of the Saturna Point Store has been turned into a small meeting room. The warm atmosphere of both stores is a social benefit as is the informal function of the General Store as a bank. Other social goods are the local availability of groceries, supplies, liquor, bakery goods, a courier service, all at deliberately affordable rates, and the community cemetery, which Jon also manages. Jon and Priscilla have signed a rent-free lease on part of their farm property to the Saturna Educational Education Centre (SEEC) as a home for the "outdoor school" program. Visiting groups and students, as well as young families who have moved to Saturna for the program, add a vibrant energy to the community. The increased number of students relieves anxiety about the viability of the Saturna school. The cabins and learning area being built on the farm site will remain as part of the community and available for other kinds of community environmental education when not used by SEEC. Jon's help to neighbours is legendary. One person described him as the heart that keeps the community running. Senior resident Jim Campbell relates how shortly after Jon moved to Saturna, the Campbells' son was tragically killed. Jon arrived at their door, introduced himself and asked how he could help. For the next four days, Jim says, Jon washed dishes for the steady stream of visitors who dropped in to offer comfort. In any community work bee, Jon is there. For years, he has been the volunteer who gets up to light the fires at 4 a.m. to roast the lambs for the lamb barbecue and he was the fire lighter and pig tender for the twice-yearly pig roasts. Jon's trucks have transported tents, tables and food for the barbecue. He fills his empty trucks with recycling, sometimes taking a larger truck than he needs for the return load in order to accommodate the recyclables. He delivers recyclables to different locations for a below market value fee. The economic benefit to the volunteer-run recycling program is a benefit to the whole community and to the other islands, for whom he also performs this service. Many community meetings have been the recipient of baked goods donated by Jon and Priscilla's bakery. All of these outreaches of generosity teach by example how to make a community work.

#### **4) Describe how the nominee collaborated with others:**

Jon's "project" involves building community, encouraging people to gather, to honour the traditions of the island and to participate in community activities. From this perspective, everyone who comes into contact with him becomes a collaborator. The General Store and Café is a partnership initiated by Jon, as is the Saturna Point Store and Pub. When there was word that the Pub might be turned into a time-share, Jon put together a consortium to buy it and retain it for the community as a pub/store/community gathering place. Collaboration is a key word in this operation. In the case of the SEEC site, Jon and Priscilla have worked with the school board, the Saturna Ecological Education Society, the SEEC teacher/Principal, and the planner and builder to bring the project to fruition. Jon has been an energetic member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Community Club the volunteer fire department and the local Trust Advisory Planning Commission. His efforts impact people from all areas, drawing them in as collaborators in building a vibrant community with a human scale.

#### **5) Describe how the project or work was particularly innovative:**

When Jon moved to the island he decided that a bakery producing nutritious organic products would be a useful contribution. Today the successful Haggis Farm Bakery is one of only a few bakeries milling their own flour. On taking over the General Store Jon encouraged gourmet chef Hubertus Surm from Vancouver to operate the newly added café. The Saturna Café is a jewel of exquisite and reasonably priced food. These creative additions to Saturna's enterprises contribute greatly to the island's uniqueness. Some years ago, Jon instigated formation of a men's group for men to share their stories. Offering a site for SEEC is typical of Jon's openness to new ways to doing things. He quickly grasped SEEC's vision and saw the farm as an perfect off-the-grid location. Jon's idea of a consortium of owners for the Saturna Point Store and Pub was a solution to the desire for local ownership and the lack of one person with adequate funds and commitment.

#### **6) Describe the degree to which the community supported and became involved in the project or work:**

Jon's unconditional hospitality and genuine warmth brings people on board in a natural way. Many newcomers tell stories of being welcomed, offered a truck, credit at the store, a place to stay - given a sense of community that is caring, inclusive and creative. In this way, building a vital community becomes part of initiation to Saturna. The model of generosity and of seeing actions from the perspective of the whole community becomes known as "the Saturna way" and the ideal of being a good neighbour ripples out to include many. In Jon's words at a recent meeting, "The strength of the world is the ability to cooperate." This belief is both his way of operating and the message he imparts. The success of his life goal is seen in the degree to which Saturna shares this belief and tries to live it.

**7) Describe how the project or work addresses climate change:**

A vision for the future that Jon has not yet put into effect is turning used cooking oil from the pub into bio-fuel. He also thinks of buying a fleet of electric bicycles to rent out. As a first step in that project, he has purchased one electric bike that he lends to people, encouraging them to buy one if they are able. At least one islander has bought her own electric bike as a result.

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## **Nominee**

### **Name of project or description of work:**

Preservation of the Pender Island Environment

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## **Project Description**

### **1) What was/is the overall purpose of the project or work?**

Sylvia Pincott became a board member of the Pender Island Conservancy Association (PICA) shortly after her arrival from Abbotsford where she already has been active "naturescaping" and even received a Governor General's award for this. Sylvia was elected president of PICA in 2007 and is holding this office still now.

### **2) Describe how the project was related to the object of the Islands Trust:**

While being president of PICA Sylvia concentrated her efforts on creating covenants on Pender Island, there are eleven of them now and two in process. Her good naturescape-friend bought properties on Pender and protected parts of them with covenants. "Farmscaping" is planned on farmland hopefully purchased in future.

### **3) Describe the benefits of the project in the community or in the Trust Area:**

Sylvia is very concerned about educating the public. Not only does PICA try to bring interesting people to the island for monthly speaker events, but also she is in the committee of the PI Field Naturalists, who connect to "know nature and keep it worth knowing" and who organize the annual Christmas Bird Count. Sylvia singlehandedly created the "Young Naturalists Group" because childrens' knowledge and love of nature are close to her heart. Building bird nest boxes each year is enjoyed by young and old.

### **4) Describe how the nominee collaborated with others:**

Sylvia is a dedicated president of PICA which has over 150 members and at present 9 board members. She attends the Local Trustee meetings and represents PICA at the meetings of the new Farmland Project Group. She attends the annual meeting of the Mayne Island Integrated Water Systems Society and participates in "Protecting Green Spaces" (Gulf Islands) and "Connecting for Conservation" (CRD).

**5) Describe how the project or work was particularly innovative:**

Sylvia changed the overgrown wildernis at the Pender Community Hall into a pleasing naturescape garden with trees and shrubs for the birds and the bees, most of them native to Pender Island. Newly built nest boxes for the Purple Martin bird and installed close to the water have brought this rare bird to Pender.

**6) Describe the degree to which the community supported and became involved in the project or work:**

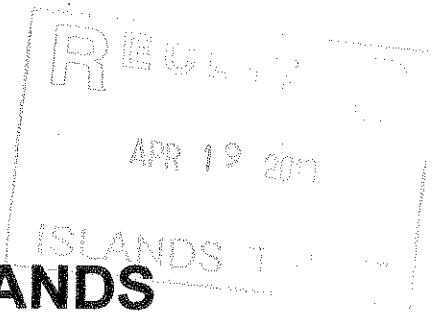
With participation of many people the 2010 Beach clean-up was a big success, two containrs were filled with the collected garbage and hauled off the island. Another project is "Eagle Watch" which is funded by donations and a grant. It involves many people on many islands watching the birds and reporting.

**7) Describe how the project or work addresses climate change:**

Each time a tree is planted or an existing tree is NOT felled there is a positive change to the global climate. We are fortunate to have several wet lands on Pender Island and Sylvia has spent many hours mapping them to update existing maps of the island.



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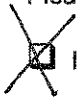
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Name of project or description of work WEST COAST CLIMATE EQUITY + MUCH MORE

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## **DOROTHY CUTTING NOMINATION FOR THE ISLANDS TRUST COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

At a particularly difficult time in Dorothy's life, she traded in the family car for a used Volkswagen Van, piled in her three kids and set off on a camping trip from Florida to Disneyland in California. She decided to try and visit all the National Parks she could on the way. As she and her family sat, night after night, listening to the Park Rangers explaining the natural wonders of each park, her life changed. She fell in love with the natural world. After Disneyland, she headed the family up to Seattle and fell in love again. This time with the Pacific North West. As soon as she could, she packed up her life in Florida and moved her family to the Seattle area.

Here, as a single mum and two years of college under her belt, she raised her family, took up kayaking (especially on the west coast of Vancouver Island) and eventually became a powerful political force for the environment. It is a long story, as she knew nothing about politics when she began, but in the end she was a huge supporter of parks and one of the major movers to getting the Washington State Shoreline Management Act passed into legislation, which still stands today.

In 1992, her kids grown up, Dorothy decided to move to Salt Spring Island. On a plane trip back east, she picked up a copy of Robert Hunter's book **2030: Confronting Thermageddon in Our Lifetime** and her life changed again. At a time when most people are sitting back in a rocking chair and baking cookies, she has devoted her 70s to raising awareness about Climate Change. Dorothy feels it is her responsibility, as a person who loves the natural world, to do what ever she can to make a difference on this issue.... AND SHE DEFINITELY HAS.

At the age of 71 (2002), with the sponsorship of the Canadian Sierra Club, Dorothy departed from Mile Zero of the Tans-Canada Highway in Victoria, bound for the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa in her new Honda Civic Hybrid. Her goal was to deliver to each Member of Parliament a copy of Hunter's book. As successful as this trip was, (she gave hundreds of interviews about Climate Change across the country and in Ottawa was met by David Anderson, Bob Hunter and a team of National media), it did not make the change Dorothy hoped it would. But it did start to get Dorothy a reputation on SSI as a "can do and will do" lady.

In 2006, she set off again on another "Climate Crisis" trip in her Honda Hybrid. This time her destination was Inuvik in northern Canada. "I want our neighbours in the north to know that we care about what is happening to their homeland and their way of life", said Dorothy, referring to the melting of the polar icecap.

Meanwhile, back home on Salt Spring Island, in-between these two road trips and since, Dorothy has become to be known as the Climate Change Lady and she never rests. She has designed and financed posters, bumper stickers, and postcards to send to politicians. She has started many petitions and got us to sign them. She has personally written, and persuaded many of us to write, hundreds of letters and emails to policy makers. She has become a permanent fixture at the Saturday Market over the

last 8 years talking to thousands of people about Climate Change. She has worked with the SSI Energy Strategy group, Institute of Sustainability Education and Action, SSI Conservancy, Island Pathway, the Fritz theatre, the local Secondary School and other groups, to bring in guest speakers, movies and support special events around Climate Change, too numerous to mention. During all this time, she continues to read and to keep up with the latest information coming from the lead scientists on Climate Change. Slowly, this grandmother has become a wealth of sound information on the topic. When she had a question, she asked the experts. Eventually the likes of Professor William Calvin, Bill McKibben, Dr. James Hansen, Professor Andrew Weaver and Guy Dauncey all got to know Dorothy well.

Two years ago, Dorothy decided the best thing she could do was to start a Climate Change web page of her own. It is called the West Coast Climate Equity. She has a board of directors of eight and an Advisory Board that reads like a Climate Change "Who's Who". They believe it is essential to provide current, honest and accurate information on climate change to help people act in time to prevent immeasurable harm to humanity and our Earth's biosphere. The web site had 12,000 hits the first year and 127,000 the second. As of this month it is getting about 6000 hits a week. Please check out <[www.WestCoastClimateEquity.org](http://www.WestCoastClimateEquity.org)> and have a look at her website for yourself. It is one of the best sources of up-to-date, accurate and understandable information on Climate Change you will find.

This website takes up to 40 hours a week of Dorothy's time. She researches and posts new stories and studies about climate change on her website. None of Dorothy's work is paid. In fact, she gives generously to many environmental organisations on and off the island that she feels are making a difference.

Dorothy is devoting the remainder of her life to Climate Change because, "this planet is unique and beautiful". As Dorothy says, "Our civilization is headed full steam towards catastrophe, so we need to make turning it around our top priority. This is my way of contributing to the turn-around." Her motto is, "do what you can and you can do more than you think you can". If everyone would contribute a fraction of what Dorothy is doing, we will be successful in the turn-around.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is proud to nominate Dorothy Cutting for the Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award. She has done more to educate Salt Spring Islanders and all Canadians about Climate Change than anyone else on our island.



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Dorothy Cutting's journey through British Columbia, the Yukon and NWT

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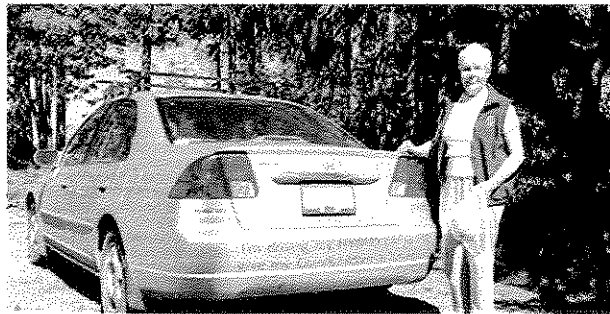
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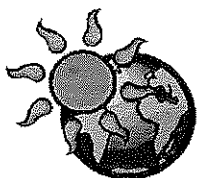
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This is a [carbon neutral](#) journey. To learn more about Dorothy's carbon offsetting program visit [Terra Pass](#) for car travel and [Pembina](#) for air travel.

Send a message to Dorothy - [dorothy@dorothycutting.ca](mailto:dorothy@dorothycutting.ca).

Learn more about Dorothy Cutting's Climate Change Journey - 2002



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At age 71, Dorothy Cutting decided to take action to ensure the Government of Canada delivered on the issue of climate change. On Monday, September 9, 2002, the grandmother of four departed from Mile Zero of the Trans-Canada Highway in Victoria, bound for the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Her goal was to deliver to each Member of Parliament a copy of Robert Hunter's book, 2030: Confronting Thermageddon in Our Lifetime. With the invaluable help and encouragement of the Sierra Club of Canada, she was able to succeed.

"Everyone who reads his book will be energized," said Dorothy, "We'll be scared into action!"

In the book, which details the catastrophic implications of global warming, Robert Hunter describes a future that includes the sudden loss of the northern ice cap by 2050. This could trigger a heat explosion on our planet. And in another 25 years, there could be five billion people on earth suffering not only from thirst, but from hunger brought on by crop failures and the collapse of fish stocks.

Hunter's book is based the authoritative report produced by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in February, 2001. Nearly 200 top scientists contributed to it, but it has been largely ignored by the media and policy makers. 2030 puts this information in a form we can all easily understand, both intellectually and emotionally.

Dorothy originally planned to fly to Ottawa to deliver the book, but felt the greenhouse gas emissions associated with airline travel were contradictory to her message. Her solution was to drive in a fuel-efficient gas-electric hybrid car, and with the help of her son Duncan, she bought a Honda Civic Hybrid. The trip took nearly four weeks, for a total of more than 10,500 kilometers. She describes her journey as a life-changing experience and the high point of her life. She was amazed and inspired, not only by the beauty of the country through which she traveled, but by that of the people she met along the way. And she was sustained throughout by the love and support of her family and friends, for which, she says, she is extraordinarily grateful.

*"The odds are against our survival, but humankind has beaten the odds time and time again, and I believe in my heart we will this time, too. And that then our species will be able to meet the next challenge, whatever that will be. The magic of a child's smile or of the last notes of a Beethoven sonata are just too beautiful to vanish forever into nothingness." - Dorothy Cutting - Sept 8, 2002*

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