



Ben Corno has lived on Salt Spring Island for 12 years, and is the co-owner/operator of Heavenly Roots Vegetable Farm, in the Fulford valley.

Currently, he is the Chairperson of the Community Market Society, the society that operates the Salt Spring Island Tuesday Market. he is also past president of the Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Club.

"I've loved living on Salt Spring Island for every day of the 12 years I have been here. Our community has helped me to become a more patient,

compassionate person. I have found myself collaborating with people of all ages, and backgrounds. I've been able to be truly engaged with the clubs, and cultures that bring me joy and recreation. Salt Spring Island has been a big, open, accepting door that I am forever grateful I chose to walk through. It has helped make me the person I am happy to be.

"My motivation in submitting myself for Islands Trust trusteeship is to better utilize my skill and comfort with challenging communications to add flexible and creative potential to our island's land use planning. I believe I've been fortunate enough to develop an ego-free facilitation style that is resilient in the face of high emotion situations, and tireless in its application. I have a mind for understanding complicated systems, and leveraging my curiosity to imagine new possibilities for progress.

I'm determined to carry the invaluable nature of our environment and the potential vitality of our community with me as we work together to realize the needs and interests of our special community".