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VIEW FROM MOUNT TUAM, SALT SPRING ISLAND. PHOTO: ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY

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Celebrating 35 Years of Conservation

This year, Islands Trust Conservancy is recognizing 35 years as a conservation land trust committed to the protection and preservation of sensitive species and ecosystems on over 450 islands in the Salish Sea.

Since 1990, Islands Trust Conservancy has worked closely with landholders, communities, and conservation partners to protect places they care about - building on the stewardship of Indigenous Peoples who have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial. To date, ITC has protected 115 properties - 34 nature reserves and 81 conservation covenants - totalling more than 1,385 hectares of ecologically and culturally significant land on islands in the Salish Sea.

ITC is celebrating its 35th anniversary through various initiatives, including the launch of a new blog on the ITC website, titled the *Islands Trust Conservancy Journal*. Contribute your stories, memories, and positive words about ITC for the Journal through the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITC35th>.



MAP OF THE ISLANDS TRUST AREA. MAP: ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY

"This region is unlike anywhere else in the world and people cherish it for many different reasons. We are committed to working together to ensure its protection for current and future generations."

- Lisa Gauvreau, Chair of the Islands Trust Conservancy Board



WENDY TYRRELL

Introducing Wendy Tyrrell, Islands Trust Conservancy Acting Manager

Hi! My name is Wendy. I'm so excited to be back working with Islands Trust Conservancy in time to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the organization and help support staff in moving projects forward. I first joined ITC from 2021 to 2023 as the Species at Risk Program Coordinator, and have worked for a variety of land trusts leading land protection and habitat restoration projects. In my spare time, you can find me hanging with my teenager, playing pickleball, dancing, and kayaking in the Salish Sea. Connect with me to learn more about ITC's projects in 2025 by emailing itcmail@islandstrust.bc.ca.



PHOTO: LISA WILCOX

Islands Trust and Islands Trust Conservancy respectfully acknowledge that the lands and waters that encompass the Islands Trust Area have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial and that their deep connection to the islands continues to this day. We are committed to reconciliation, to upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples, and to working together to preserve and protect this ecologically, culturally, and spiritually significant region in the Salish Sea. The Islands Trust Area is located in the treaty and territorial lands and waters of the BOKEĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEL, Qualicum, scəwəθən, səlilw'ətəl, SEMYOME, shishálh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', STÁUTW, Stz'uminus, laʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, W JOLELP, WSIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwi, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəy.

In Memoriam



LONGINI COVENANT. PHOTO: ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY

Rose Longini, Donor of Green Frog Farm Covenant & Longini Covenant, Galiano Island

Rose Longini, organic farmer and donor of the Green Frog Farm and Longini covenants on Galiano Island, passed away last September. Rose cared deeply about the land and protecting nature. In 1990, when Rose bought the 80-acre lot that would eventually become the two covenants, she had just moved to the Gulf Islands from the city. Over time, she learned more about the land and quickly fell in love with the ecosystems, habitats, and diversity of species that exist there.

"I was living in a landscape which I couldn't feel I 'owned' in the same sense that I had owned a house in the city. A sense of responsibility began to grow."

In 2001, Rose subdivided her property, retaining 60 acres of ALR land for her farm and the surrounding ecosystems; however, she wanted to ensure that the habitat would remain intact and ancient trees protected no matter who owned the lots in the future. With the help of Islands Trust Conservancy and the Galiano Conservancy Association, she placed covenants on both properties. Rose's legacy will continue to live on through the protection of land that provides a beautiful sanctuary where ecosystems and species can flourish



POND AT GREEN FROG FARM COVENANT. PHOTO: ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY



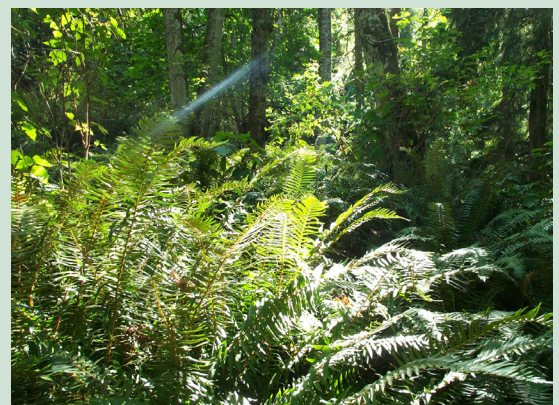
NINA RAGINSKY. SOURCE: GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

Nina Raginsky, Donor of Walter Bay NAPTEP Covenant, Salt Spring Island

Nina Raginsky, donor of the Walter Bay NAPTEP Covenant on Salt Spring Island, passed away last May. Nina was a lifelong advocate for the natural world and was widely honored and acknowledged for her work as a photographer and artist. Nina was a fierce, generous, and loving woman who spoke for the species and landscapes that have no voice, drawing people's attention to what needed protection.

Her deep commitment to environmental protection was evident through her efforts as a citizen scientist working with the Wild Bird Trust to protect McFadden Creek, advocating for the protection of oystercatcher nests, hosting tea parties with developers and community members to invite communication on divisive issues, and protecting her beloved waterfront property, which contributed to a larger provincial and federal effort to protect Walter Bay.

Nina's ongoing advocacy and environmental stewardship throughout her life demonstrated that one person's efforts can have a huge impact on conservation. Nina will be deeply missed.



WALTER BAY NAPTEP COVENANT. PHOTO: THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF BC



Introducing New Islands Trust Conservancy Board Members



Lisa Gauvreau, Chair, Trust Council Elected Board Member

Lisa Gauvreau is a Trustee from Galiano Island and was elected to the Islands Trust Conservancy Board in June 2023. She is from the Ojibwe and Chippewa Nations territory, also known as Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, and has been a resident of Galiano for over 20 years. Along with her young family, she operates a year-round eatery on the island and has many years of experience working in the non-profit sector, mentoring and educating young people. She is eager to continue learning and working collaboratively with ITC partners to restore species and ecosystems, and take action toward Reconciliation and addressing the climate crisis.



Tanner Timothy, Vice-Chair, Provincially Appointed Board Member

Tanner Timothy is Coast Salish from the Tla'amin Nation located within the Qathet Regional District on the upper Sunshine Coast. He is dedicated to advancing initiatives that mitigate environmental impacts, preserve biodiversity, protect ecosystems, and reduce anthropogenic influence on our climate. Tanner is looking forward to fostering meaningful and respectful partnerships to further support the objectives of ITC.

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