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ISLANDERS NOMINATE COMMUNITY STEWARDS IN THE TRUST AREA FOR RECOGNITION

Lekwungen territory, Victoria— Islanders have nominated six individuals and five organizations under the 16th Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program. The program recognizes accomplishments that support the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique environment and amenities.

Nominations honour activities that range from community-based work and conversation through to land and marine protection.

“The islands in the Salish Sea are precious. The work of preserving and protecting these unique places is done by many in our communities. They do this work without expectation of reward and often go unsung,” said Peter Luckham, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “The Community Stewardship Awards is our chance to take a moment and recognize those efforts, particularly for those individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond to care for the environments or communities in their local trust area. These nominations came from their fellow islanders, making them, I believe, even more meaningful. I’m filled with gratitude and wish to thank the nominees for their efforts to ensure that this part of the world remains truly special.”

The nominees are from Bowen Island and the following local trust areas: Gabriola Island, Galiano Island, Lasqueti Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island, and Thetis Island.

Individual Nominations

Andrew Fall, Lasqueti Island: celebrating eight years of dedicated community-based work

Andrew Simon, Galiano Island: creating a “living field guide”

Bruce Russell, Bowen Island: ten years of leadership with the Mannion Bay Restoration Project

Christine Torgrimson, Salt Spring Island: celebrating conservation leadership

Elder Geraldine Manson, Gabriola Island: celebrating nineteen years of knowledge holding and sharing

Mark Bottomley, Lasqueti Island: reducing marine pollution in the Salish Sea

Organizations Nominations

Aloha Aina Farm, Salt Spring Island: an organic permaculture farm marking five years of community building

Saturna Community Club Recycling Centre, Saturna Island: celebrating 44 years of recycling services

Saturna Lions Club, Saturna Island: 45 years of community service

Saturna Scribbler, Saturna Island: 25 years of connecting community

Thetis Island Nature Conservancy Society, Thetis Island: land acquisition and conservation efforts for Fairyslipper Forest Nature Reserve

The Islands Trust Council will select the recipients of the award during its quarterly meeting on Galiano June 18-20, 2019. Visit www.islandstrust.bc.ca/csa to learn about this year’s nominees and past recipients.

The Islands Trust is a federation of local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, co-operation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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