

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Saturna Scribbler Team of Volunteers, Saturna Island

Category: Group

Project: Saturna Scribbler

Nominator(s): Ilka Olsen

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: The *Saturna Scribbler* is a monthly newsletter dedicated to recording local events, activities, history, and news. This publication has been in print for many years, and has been run and written by a range of community members and groups. This paper is so highly valued by islanders that it is in the process of being archived by the local library. The *Scribbler* currently boasts a staff of 15 volunteers, many of whom have been involved with the publication for over a decade. This team of volunteers is not only providing a community service, but through their efforts, also make a dedicated and ongoing contribution to the Saturna Island community.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia, B.C.

Category: Group

Project: Island Conservancy and Land Trust Support

Nominator(s): Salt Spring Island Conservancy

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Since 1997 the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia has supported the work of Trust Area conservancies. The Alliance has developed educational programs and resources that help local conservancies to steward, protect, and restore the natural environment of the islands. Their publications are extensive, ranging from the award winning 'Islands in the Salish Sea Atlas' to a series of conservation information kits and brochures for real estate agents, developers, and the general public. The Land Trust Alliance also provides island conservancies with financial services, including group insurance programs and small grants. Individually, island groups would not have had the time or in some instances, the resources, to produce the high quality of work that the Land Trust Alliance has been able to provide.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Pender Islands Animal Welfare Society, Pender Islands

Category: Group

Project: Wildlife and Domestic Animal Protection

Nominator(s): The Pender Islands Trust Protection Society

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: The Pender Islands Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) was established in 1996, with a mandate of assisting animals in need and educating the public about the need for protecting animals. With over 15 volunteers, and the support of cash donations from the community, PAWS has undertaken numerous activities and programs, including: the development of a pet food 'Food Bank'; an annual PAWS Education Day; animal placement services; dog-sitting services during the Fall Fair; working with boaters to ensure safe passage of wildlife to the Wildlife Care Centre on Salt Spring Island; and a range of outreach and education materials and services. As a result of their dedication, PAWS has assisted an estimated 400 animals, and has made significant contributions to members of the island's community that are often overlooked.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Peter Askin, Mayne Island

Category: Individual

Project: Island Trail Blazer

Nominator(s): Al Maxwell

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Peter has had a long-term vision of making Mayne Island fully accessible to hikers through the creation of an integrated trail network. Peter chairs the Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission and in this role has worked tirelessly to achieve this dream. Through his work, approximately 20 kilometers of trails have been created, and with his plan to acquire other lands, many more kilometers are anticipated. Through articles in the island paper, work with the Mayne Island Conservancy, and coffee shop conversations, Peter keeps local residents informed and supportive of his efforts.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: John Arthur Money, Saturna Island

Category: Individual

Project: Community Contributor

Nominator(s): Andrew Money

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: John Money has been a long-time resident of Saturna Island, and over the years, has made significant and lasting contributions to his community. Many years ago, John allowed a lake on his property to be expanded for the Lyall Harbour-Boot Cove Community Water System. Currently, 142 residents at the west end of the island rely on this and an additional two lakes that John has created for their personal water supply. John has also been active in generating funds through grants to upgrade this water system, including partnering with the CRD to build and install a clay core in the water system dam to prevent leaks. John also donated approximately four and a half acres and \$15,000 to the community for the development of a Medical Clinic and Recreation Centre. This building doubles as a gymnasium for the Saturna School over the winter months. John has also twice donated land to expand the site of the community Fire Hall. Over the years John Money has donated significant time, money, effort, and land to help keep his community healthy.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Patricia McLaughlin, Denman Island

Category: Individual

Project: Denman Island Marine Stewardship Committee

Nominator(s): Denman Island Marine Stewardship Executive Members

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Patricia McLaughlin is the acting Chair and one of the original founders of the Denman Island Marine Stewardship Committee. In this capacity Patricia has worked tirelessly to protect and conserve the marine environment. This has involved:

- political opposition to the loss of marine recreation and conservation areas along Denman Island;
- successful lobbying of the Islands Trust to identify and rezone significant marine recreation areas;
- collaboration with Trustees, Islands Trust staff, and community members to develop the Denman Island Official Community Plan Marine Policy;
- community representation in the formulation of the Ministry of Agriculture's planning document 'Baynes Sounds Coastal Plan for Aquaculture';
- formation of the 'Alliance for Responsible Shellfish Farming'; the development of a successful campaign to prevent expansion of the shellfish industry around Denman Island;
- organization of the yearly Denman Island 'Beach Cleanup Event'; and ongoing educational efforts both on and off-island.

Patricia McLaughlin has played a significant role in increasing awareness for the need for marine and environmental stewardship on Denman, throughout the Trust Area, and along the coast of British Columbia.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Lon Wood, Thetis Island

Category: Individual

Project: 'Eagle Rescue': A Community Contribution

Nominator(s): Steve, Myla, and Jacob Frankel

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Lon Wood demonstrates a significant commitment to Thetis Island's bird population, particularly Eagles. Lon has conducted extensive work in the area of bird rescue and rehabilitation, working to provide medical aid and recovery support to wounded birds. In pursuing this work Lon has worked with animal rehabilitation centres and veterinarians, and has made considerable personal financial and time commitments. Lon works to keep the community informed of his actions and progress, and through his dedication stands as an example to all members of his community.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Grant Gordon, Thetis Island

Category: Individual

Project: Community Contributor

Nominator(s): Steve, Myla, and Jacob Frankel

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Grant Gordon is a full-time resident of Thetis Island and has been a longstanding contributor to his community. Grant has given countless hours of his time to beautifying public roads through the planting of flowers and other vegetation, clearing resident driveways, and enhancing main roads and back roads. Grant demonstrates a significant willingness to help individual members of the community, often quietly and without fanfare, by providing assistance in the immediate removal of fallen trees, rocks, and snow, and other road access maintenance. Through his ongoing work and contributions Grant demonstrates his commitment to and love of his island and community.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Patti Willis, Denman Island
Category: Individual
Project: Land and Covenant Securement
Nominator(s): Denman Island Conservation Associations

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Patti Willis has worked with the Denman Island Conservancy for the past 11 years. During this time she has demonstrated significant commitment to preserving and protecting Denman's natural environment. In her time with the Conservancy Patti has played a leading role in acquiring or protecting through covenant 374 hectares of environmentally important land, including the Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve, which is now owned by the Islands Trust Fund, and Winter Wren Wood and Central Park. With her support, 7.5% of Denman's land base has now been protected and public access to natural areas has been increased. The Denman community has shown considerable support for this work through their volunteer efforts on major fundraising activities and financial contributions, much of it inspired by the leadership of Patti Willis.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Bowie Keefer, Galiano Island

Category: Individual

Project: Galiano Island Trail Network

Nominator(s): Sandy Martin

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Following a move to Galiano in 1993, Bowie Keefer and his wife purchased forest land on the flank of Mount Galiano. As a family they worked to restore the natural environment of this land, and to re-open public trails that had been closed by the previous owners. In his time on Galiano, Bowie has campaigned for forest land owners to adopt an ethic of environmental stewardship, and has collaborated with other landowners to initiate the development of an island-wide trail network. To date, Bowie's efforts have contributed to the creation of numerous island trails, including the Sturdies Bay Trail which links the two main village areas, trails from Bluff Park to Whaler Bay and Mount Galiano, and trails from Bodega Ridge to Dionisio Point Park and Bodega Resort. The Galiano Trail Network is an ongoing labour of love that owes much of its success to the dedication of Bowie Keefer.

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2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Tekla Deverell, Pender Islands

Category: Individual/Enduring Achievement (identified by nominators)

Project: Tree of Life Garden

Nominator(s): Michelle Marsden and Ellen Willingham

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Since her arrival on the Pender Islands in 1976, Tekla has dedicated herself to sharing her knowledge, expertise, and passion for sustainable and organic gardening. Her long-term vision has been to develop an active, viable, and supportive organic culture among island growers and farmers.

Tekla has a long history of involvement with the agricultural community on the Pender Islands and has played a significant role in supporting the economic stability of this community in numerous ways. These include: establishing the Pender Islands Farmer's Market (now a signature event on the Pender Islands); conducting outreach and education in the agricultural community; serving as Director of the Pender Island's Farmer's Institute; and helping to establish a scholarship fund for aspiring agricultural students. For over three decades, Tekla has successfully promoted a vision of progressive excellence for farm communities on the Penders and throughout the Southern Gulf Islands.