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2011 ISLANDS TRUST COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust Council selected the recipients of the tenth annual Community Stewardship Awards today, during its quarterly meeting on Denman Island.

“These awards recognize individuals and groups for significant contributions towards preserving the community, culture or environment of an island,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “The award program is designed to promote the mandate of the Islands Trust by celebrating the dedicated people who have donated countless hours to enhancing the quality of life in the Trust Area.”

“Every year I am so impressed with the diverse nature of the work of the nominees and the quality of the projects in which they have been involved was outstanding,” said Malcolmson. “This year we had the pleasure of giving a special award for enduring achievement as well as one for work on climate change.”

In 2009, the Islands Trust added a new category to the Community Stewardship Award Program to recognize and encourage the actions of individuals and organizations that are working in the area of climate change.

The individual awards go to:

- Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island, for community and conservation work; and
- Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island, for her work with the Galiano Food Program.

The group awards go to:

- Hornby New Clinic Committee for planning, coordinating and building a new community medical clinic; and,
- Pender Island Fire Rescue Department for serving and protecting the Pender Islands.

The climate change award goes to Barry Mathias, Pender Islands, for the Car Stops Program.

A special enduring achievement award goes to Sara Steil, Pender Islands, for her community and conservation work.

The Community Stewardship Awards will be presented at local trust committee meetings later this year on the islands where the recipients live. Next year's award nominations will open in March 2012.

The Islands Trust is a federation of independent local governments that represents 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation 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 and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

Editors/News Directors please note: recipient and nominee profiles are available at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/poi/awards.cfm>.

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis
