

TRUSTEES' REPORT

News and Updates

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GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREA



Islands Trust

Community Stewardship Awards



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Welcome to the September edition of your Local Trustee Report. This issue is dedicated to celebrating the achievements of the Gabriola winners and nominees of the 2015 Community Stewardship Awards.

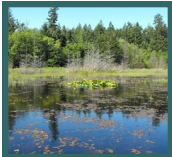
We hope that you'll join us for the Awards Ceremony, Thursday Sept. 10 at 2:30 pm at the Agi Hall, after our September LTC Meeting. See you there!

Celebrate With Us - Islanders Making a Difference!



Photo: Chris Bowers

Susan Yates is the recipient of a Community Stewardship Award in recognition of her contributions to the literary arts and her environmental stewardship over a period of more than 30 years. It seems that anywhere you go in our community where you see a worthy volunteer effort, you see Susan. She is tireless, and completely committed to our island, to ecological protection, to sustainability, and to the work of the Trust. She was nominated by Fay Weller and Judith Roux. Thank you, Susan!



Leigh Ann Milman is receiving her Community Stewardship Award for her role in leading local land protection for 20 years. She is an extremely committed environmentalist who is dedicated to increasing parkland on Gabriola now and for future generations. Her passion for preservation is completely in line with the mandate of the Trust, and her successes in furthering this goal have been notable and many. Leigh Ann was nominated by Joan Cellik, Sheila Malcolmson and John Peirce. Thank you, Leigh Ann!



Island Futures Society receives their Community Stewardship Award for realizing the dream of the Gabriola Environmentally Responsible Trans-Isle Express. Far more than just local transportation, GERTIE is an inspiring example of what can happen when a group with a never-say-die attitude takes on an intractable problem. GERTIE and the Island Futures folks are winners in every sense of the word. Island Futures was nominated by Linnet Kartar. Go GERTIE! And thank you, Island Futures.

Your Islands Trust

The Islands Trust is a federation of local governments, responsible for preserving and protecting the unique amenities and environment of B.C.'s beautiful Gulf Islands. Together with Chair Laura Busheikin from Denman Island, locally elected Island Trustees form the Local Trust Committee which is responsible for land use decisions in the Gabriola Local Trust Area. We depend on broad public input, so please take the time to connect with us and help us shape the future of Gabriola, Mudge and the surrounding islands.

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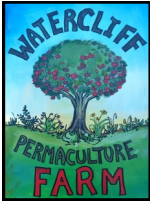
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And More Nominees...



Watercliff Farm is a working permaculture farm dedicated to feeding, enhancing and educating their island home. They are a magnet for volunteers and their CSA program and Market Garden sell through on a regular basis. The new breed of farmers Watercliff represents is exactly the type of "farmtrepreneurs" we need to make our communities more self-sufficient. We are glad they have chosen Gabriola to pursue their dreams. Watercliff Farm was nominated by Jood Heather. Thank you, Watercliff!



GROWLS (Gabriola Rescue of Wildlife Society) is a case in point in terms of Preserve and Protect in action. Responding to wildlife emergencies, providing education, safeguarding habitat – these are all examples of the important work that GROWLS is engaged in. They have a large and committed core, and an established network of supporters who have been making Gabriola better for wildlife for nearly 25 years. GROWLS was nominated by Liz Ciocea. Thank you, GROWLS!



GaLTT (Gabriola Land & Trails Trust) performs invaluable work in our community. Their aim is to secure, develop, and sustain a network of parkland and trails on Gabriola Island for the benefit of the public, and to preserve sites of environmental, historical, and social importance. Their accomplishments have generated a considerable legacy for the community. GaLTT was nominated by Judith Graham. Thank you GaLTT!

All meetings are open to the public. Please join us.

Agenda packages are posted at the local Islands Trust office and online.

Upcoming Events

Trust Council Meeting, Sept.15-17, 2015,
Bowen Island.

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, Oct. 22, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Gabriola Arts Council Hall, 476 South Road

Gabriola Island LTC Meeting, Nov. 26, 2015, 10:15 a.m.,
Gabriola Arts Council Hall, 476 South Road

Trust Council Meeting, Dec. 8-10, 2015,
Salt Spring Island.

Useful Links

[MapIT](#)—explore zoning, watersheds, sensitive ecosystems and more

[Gabriola LTC](#)—the home page for our Local Trust Committee, with calendars, contact info, Trustee Corner and more

[Meeting Calendar for Gabriola LTC](#)—find meeting dates, agendas and minutes

[Trust Council Calendar](#)—learn about what's happening with Trust Council, the Executive Committee and the Advisory Committees

[Islands Trust Fund](#)—everything you need to know about the conservation land trust dedicated to preserving and protecting islands in the Salish Sea

[NAPTEP](#)—lower your property taxes with the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program