

## ***Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program***



# **Islands Trust**

## **2012 Nominee Profile**

### **Dr. Donald Marshall, Bowen Island**

<b>Category:</b>	Individual
<b>Project:</b>	<b>Initiatives to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle</b>
<b>Nominator(s):</b>	Colleen O'Neil
<b>Letters of Support:</b>	N/A

#### **Project Description:**

Don Marshall has committed the last 15 years of his life on Bowen Island to resource recovery. He has served, and continues to serve, on numerous committees whose mandates have been to find a way to reduce, reuse, and recycle our “garbage”. He works tirelessly on the ground while continuing to educate others through workshops, seminars and research. Don connects with others who work in the same area and readily shares what he learns as a local resource recovery educator. Don’s volunteer work has included:

- Bowen Island Recycling Depot Society (1998 - 2012)
- Compost Bowen, Board Member (2007) (transformed into Zero Waste)
- Zero Waste, Chair (2008 - present)
- Sustainability Community Advisory Committee – Committee of Bowen Council - 2006 - 2009
- Solid Waste Resource Management Advisory Committee (Committee of Bowen Council) (2011- present)
- Knick Knack Nook Re-Use-It Store, Collaborative / supportive / advisory role – 2008-2009
- Bowen In Transition (2010 - present)
- Suzuki Elders, member 2011 - present

Don is a well-respected community member who goes out of his way to build bridges throughout the community to make Bowen Island more sustainable and resourceful. His work is very well received: eighty percent of Bowen Islanders use the Recycling Depot, and the re-use-it store is so profitable, it not only supports itself, but financially supports three other organizations. Don and his new solid waste management committee are now developing new strategies for organic waste collection for Bowen Island.