

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



# **Islands Trust**

## **2017 Recipient Profile**

### **Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, Bowen Island**

<b>Category:</b>	Individual
<b>Project:</b>	30 years of fostering ecological sustainability
<b>Nominator(s):</b>	Bowen Island Conservancy

#### **Description:**

Everhard van Lidth de Jeude is nominated for his involvement in conservation activities on Bowen Island over the last 30 years. Everhard's volunteer work has focused on protecting and preserving the island's natural beauty, for both residents and visitors.

Everhard created and upgraded trails and performed restoration work in the local nature reserves. Everhard obtained government funding in the 1980s and led a team that constructed the Mount Gardner trail network. More recently (2012-2017), Everhard created a new trail into Fairy Fen Nature Reserve, including the boardwalk and viewing platform design. He planned and performed the work, and obtained funding, consent, and co-operation of various organizations. Everhard collaborated with local ATV groups to ensure that members understand and respect the layout and boundary of the Fairy Fen Nature Reserve. He also performed restoration in Singing Woods Nature Reserve to upgrade the trail, remove invasive species and reforest the area.

Everhard aims to protect, enhance, and restore the natural environment, and makes it possible for others to experience and enjoy it in a sustainable way, with minimal impact. The trails access memorable destinations, and link to the island-wide network, enabling thousands of people to experience the beauty of Bowen Island.

For the past 10 years, Everhard has been the treasurer of the Bowen Island Conservancy. He was also the president of the Bowen Nature Club and continues to be active in the club, conducting hikes and other events that connect people to nature.