

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2019 Nominee Profile

Aloha Aina Farm, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area

Category:	Organization
Project:	An organic permaculture farm marking five years of community building
Nominator(s):	Marissa Tonus

Description¹:

Aloha Aina Farm is nominated for using permaculture and organic farming techniques and for encouraging people to consider their personal relationships with nature, food, community, family and themselves.

Since 2014, Aloha Aina Farm has transformed its land from a horse farm with no garden into a self-sufficient organic, permaculture farm. Since inception, over 500 people have been involved with the farm and the farmers work weekly with other farms and groups to grow seeds, and share tools, knowledge, food and labour. The farmers have planted over 200 new trees; retained native species, built water catchment and solar power facilities, and developed two acres into garden.

The farm works with other farms and groups on Salt Spring Island weekly to grow seeds, and share knowledge, food and labour. The farm organizes community events on and off the farm, hosts free community dinners and conducts community work projects. In addition, the farm provides teaching opportunities and empowers the community through resource sharing and building a new culture.

¹ Information based nominee's submission to 2019 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award program.