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ISLANDS TRUST TO CELEBRATE 35TH ANNIVERSARY ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust is hosting a special event on Salt Spring Island during the Islands Trust Council quarterly meeting in December to celebrate its 35th anniversary.

The December 9 celebration will showcase local foods from the islands with culinary creations prepared by island chefs. The evening will start with a gourmet dinner, followed by an island-themed desserts bar, then a live auction of unique island offerings hosted by raconteur extraordinaire Arthur Black.

Proceeds from the auction will be donated to assist island conservancies in protecting fragile ecosystems on the Gulf Islands through the Islands Trust Fund's Opportunity Fund.

"We hope people will join us in celebrating our island communities, culture and environment while enjoying our fabulous local foods and gourmet cooking by our wonderful island chefs," said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "In 1974, legislation created the Islands Trust to preserve and protect the trust area. The mandate is unique and the only one of its kind in Canada."

On Wednesday, December 9, dinner starts at 5:30 pm with tickets at \$35, including the desserts and live auction. Tickets for the dessert bar, starting at 8:00 pm, and live auction are \$12. All events are at the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Advance tickets to the limited seating event go on sale November 4 – 30. Tickets are available through ArtSpring on Salt Spring Island by calling 250.537.2102 or stopping by the ticket office 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

The Island Trust is a federation of independent local governments that represents some 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.

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