

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



**Islands Trust**

**2007 Award Recipient Profile**

**Winner:** Jenny Brown McLeod, Gabriola Island

**Category:** Individual

**Project:** Gabriola Groundwater Management

**Nominator(s):** Nancy Crozier

**Project Description:** When Jenny was elected Chair of the Gabriola Groundwater Management Society in 2005 the society had stopped water testing as a community service, due to possible legal consequences as a result of new legislation. Jenny clarified the new rules and re-established the public service of water tests.

As a result of her dynamism a groundwater sustainability workshop was held with the Ministry of the Environment which resulted in designing a water model for Gabriola Island for groundwater supply projections and to assess the impact of water saving actions on the model. Jenny provides public education by writing articles in local papers and played a strong role in contributing to the Commercial Bulk Water Extraction Bylaw which led to Temporary Use Permits that are now obligatory. She was a presenter at the Water in the City conference held in Victoria this year and brought water systems consultant Ed Heopner to Gabriola to talk about his natural water treatment systems. She also networks with other Gulf Island water groups to share and exchange information on conservation and sustainable methods of water use. Currently the society is collecting data on domestic water use and collection to apply to the water model.