

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



**Islands Trust**

**2006 Award Winner Profile**

**Winner:** Bob Burgess, Thetis Island

**Category:** Individual

**Project:** Ongoing work on designing, installing and servicing rainwater harvesting systems and public education on water conservation.

**Nominator:** Karen McLaughlin

**Project Description:** Bob Burgess, principal of the Gulf Islands Rainwater Connection Ltd., specializes in designing, installing and servicing rainwater harvesting systems in the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Bob's work demonstrates that rainwater can be an alternative, sustainable source of high quality potable water for single family dwellings. Public presentations, seminars and workshop are an important part of Bob's activities and he actively promotes water conservation and the use of rainwater as a sustainable resource. His goal is to encourage more people to become rainwater harvesters and be good stewards of our resources. He has also donated time for several demonstration projects, such as the Alton House Demonstration Project, Milner Gardens near Parksville, Eco Village Cowichan and Community Gardens in Duncan.