

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



**2009 Nominee Profile**

**Nominee:** Mayne Island Early Childhood Society, Mayne Island

**Category:** Organization/Group

**Project:** Development of programs for families with young children

**Nominator(s):** Annette Witteman

**Letters of Support:** N/A

**Project Description:** Established in January 2008, the Mayne Island Early Childhood Society is a response to the need for infant to preschool-aged children's programs on Mayne Island. The Society has a volunteer board of directors and a program coordinator who currently delivers eight programs for families with young children, including: Mother Goose and Stay and Play; Toy and Book Lending Library; Preschool Enrichment program; Parent Education Program; Dad and Me; Tots Gymnastics; Community Gardening; and the Strong Start program (in collaboration with School District 64). Most programs are free and grants are available if required. Over 20 full-time families and many additional weekend families currently take part in the programs.