

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



2009 Nominee Profile

- Nominee:** Janice Oakley and Martine Paulin, Galiano Island
- Category:** Individual
- Project:** The Galiano Community Food Program
- Nominator(s):** Jane Wolverton, Cathy Buttery, Emma Davis, Ursula Deshield, Doug and Elizabeth Latta, Sharon Masui
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description: The Galiano Community Food Program was established in March 2008 to increase food security on Galiano Island. Co-coordinators Janice Oakley and Martine Paulin have worked collaboratively with community groups, residents, and the steering committee to develop the Community Food Program into a successful initiative engaging 175 community households in dialogue and action on food security. Projects launched over the past year include: Just Grow It, a project involving 24 residents growing staple crops (quinoa, beans and squash) on three garden plots; a skills-sharing project connecting community residents with foraging, growing, and preserving skills with those wanting to learn; presentations and workshops on year-round growing, community supported agriculture, chickens and eggs, bee-keeping, and cheese making; a 35-member garlic co-op; community suppers with 75-100 attendees; and Food Forever – a multigenerational project linking community elders and school-aged children on a project involving foraging, growing, preserving, and writing a publication. Janice and Martine presented the Community Food Program work to the LTC and, based on their recommendations, a resolution was passed to include food security and food policy in the upcoming OCP review.