

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



### **2009 Nominee Profile**

- Nominee:** Pender Islands Community Service Society
- Category:** Organization/Group
- Project:** Fulfilling the Financial Needs of the Community through Nu-To-Yu
- Nominator(s):** The Pender Islands Trust Protection Society

**Letters of Support:** N/A

**Project Description:** Founded in 1983, the Pender Islands Community Service Society – known locally as 'Nu-To-Yu' – is a volunteer-run thrift store that uses its profits to finance local community projects. Over the last 26 years, Nu-To-Yu has grown from 15 to 80 members, and donated a total of \$965,946 – helping to finance and nurture a healthy island community. Nu-To-Yu funding has supported medical clinic expansion, ambulance services, and helipad construction. It has also provided annual student bursaries, and supported the community hall, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power and Sail Squadron (for transportation of injured wildlife to the Island Wildlife Care Centre), junior sailing, and the local school. Project proposals are put before the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and finally the membership as a whole. The Nu-Tu-Yu store also provides an important social hub and place of interaction for community volunteers.