

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION

YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



2007

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Connecting your giving with island needs

Our Role in the Community The Salt Spring Island Foundation is a public foundation that does much to enhance the quality of life in our island community. It does this by providing grants to a wide range of registered charitable organizations in response to community needs and priorities. Donations to the Foundation are preserved in a permanent endowment fund, with the earned income distributed annually.

A Message from Carol Biely, Chair

It was a humbling experience to be a trustee of the Salt Spring Island Foundation in 2007, when the people of Salt Spring showed unprecedented support for their community foundation through their donations and bequests. We received almost \$470,000 in donations, in part because some very generous islanders had remembered the Foundation in their wills. We were especially delighted to see fifteen new Named Funds established. The resulting growth in our Community Endowment Fund allowed us to grant a record \$103,550 to island charities and also to expand our leadership role in the community.

Of course, a community foundation would be irrelevant without community groups to support. In 2007, island non-profit organizations applied for grants for a tremendous range of important activities. Our Grants Advisory Committee members are now making a special attempt to build closer relationships with the volunteers and staff of these fine organizations.

While all community foundations assist non-profit organizations financially, many also provide other "capacity building" opportunities. This aspect is a new initiative of our foundation. In 2007, we partnered with Salt Spring Island Community Education Society and Volunteer Salt Spring to begin a series of workshops on non-profit management and volunteer development.

As part of our capacity-building role, and because of our commitment to responsible, informed grant-making, the Foundation brought together a steering committee to oversee a Salt Spring Island Community Service Needs Survey. A questionnaire was developed and circulated to sixty charitable organizations, and the committee is currently analysing the responses. We are looking forward to receiving the final report and sharing it with the community.



2007 HIGHLIGHTS

- ❁ Donations totalled \$467,974.
- ❁ Fifteen new Named Funds were established.
- ❁ For the first time, grants distributed exceeded \$100,000.
- ❁ Endowment funds earned an average of 8.2% over the past five years.
- ❁ A Community Service Needs Survey was initiated by SSIF.
- ❁ SSIF co-sponsored a Board Governance Workshop for non-profit organizations.
- ❁ Administrative expenses continued to be less than 1% of assets.

In November, it was a delight to see so many of our friends and supporters mingling with grant recipients at the Foundation's Grants Presentation Reception, where we enjoyed a video presentation on our grants in action prepared by Diane Thomas and Jim Meadows. Trustee Tom Toynbee used the occasion to thank Eileen Stubbe and Bob Wild, both retiring after many years on the Grants Advisory Committee.

I would like to give my personal thanks to all the Salt Spring Island Foundation team, which includes trustees, committee members, and all those special volunteers who provide their advice, support, and time, and allow us to keep our administrative costs so low.

The trustees join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to all our new and regular donors, without whom we would be unable to make a difference on the island. And thanks to everyone for the community spirit that makes this island such a wonderful place to live—for helping us connect your giving with island needs.

Carol

2007 GRANT BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR PROJECTS

In 2007, thanks to the generosity of those who donated to the Foundation's Community Endowment Fund, the Foundation was able to provide \$110,746.00 in grants to the following organizations:

Canadian Mental Health Association (Cowichan Branch)

To co-sponsor with the SSI Foundation six free public information nights on Salt Spring for public education on mental health.

CNIB

A donor-directed grant for the CNIB's Talking Books Program.

Fulford Community Hall Association

Toward the restoration and preservation of the exterior surface of Fulford Hall (scraping, undercoating, and painting or staining).

Fulford Elementary School Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

To purchase new stage blocks for the school's theatre program. The blocks are used to form a stage, which will enable the school to produce theatrical performances for community audiences.

Fulford Harbour Child Care Society (Tree Frog Daycare)

For age-appropriate and school-readiness materials for infant/toddler and preschool literacy programs.

Ganges Educational Society/Salt Spring Centre School

To purchase digital cameras, a photo printer, and picture frames for exhibiting photos for use in the school's "Through the Eyes of Children Photography Program." Through hands-on experience and practical projects, children in grades 2 through 5 will be taught the basics of digital camera use and digital picture editing.

Greenwoods Foundation

For the purchase and installation of door-lock key pads at Greenwoods, an island home for elders who can no longer manage safely in their homes and who require 24-hour care.

Greenwoods Foundation

For the purchase of two Stryker-Bertek beds to replace the last two old-style beds. These beds have two sets of electric controls, one that makes it possible for residents to reposition themselves, and another that can be used by attendants to raise or lower the bed to make it easier and safer for residents to get in and out of bed.

Island Farmers Institute Foundation (ITF)

For the installation of six public showers in the exhibitions building, with one wheelchair-accessible. The Institute's grounds are the largest and most accessible community venue for large-scale and long-term events (e.g., fire-fighter training, square dance conventions).

Island Farmers Institute Foundation (ITF)

Toward the cost of the roof, custom-made windows, and cedar



Grants Advisory Committee, from left to right: Bob Rush, Lee Hurd, Terry Bolton, April Wright, Gladys Campbell, Glenn Woodley, and Emily Hepburn. (Missing: Ruth Pepin, administrative assistant).

siding for the new annex to the Bittancourt Museum, which is located on the grounds of the Farmers Institute.

Islands Arts Centre Society (ArtSpring)

Toward the purchase of a handicapped lift for ArtSpring, the island's performance and visual arts centre.

Island Pathways and SSI Trail and Nature Club

To help the Partners Creating Pathways Project create an off-road, 1.5-metre-wide pedestrian and bicycle pathway, which will run for one kilometre along the north side of Lower Ganges Road. This pathway will link the Brinkworthy development, which is for residents over 55, and the Upper Ganges shopping centre.

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

For the purchase of beds and bedding for Transition House, which provides temporary shelter for women and children who are seeking safety from violence and abuse.

Our House Youth Residence (The Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island in collaboration with Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society)

Toward the cost of a new roof and exterior painting of Our House, a residence for youth from our community who, for a variety of reasons, require a safe, supervised, and supportive living environment while they work and/or complete their education.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy

For the purchase of equipment to be used in the Conservancy's education programs, including educational talks, nature walks, and studies for both the public and for school groups on the island. The equipment includes a portable belt-pack PA system, used when conducting group programs outside; a scanner for incorporating graphics and artwork into presentations, reports, and posters; a trolley/cart; and a wireless speaker PA system for indoor educational events.

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society — Archives

For the purchase of a large-screen computer monitor to allow the Archives' volunteer staff and researchers to more easily see the screen display; external hard-drives, used to store the Archives' website and digital collections, including documents and photographs; and a digital voice recorder, used to record the interviews of "old timers" and other persons with specific knowledge important in the preservation of historical information.



Volunteer Jacqueline Sutton adjusts the bridle for rider Kandra Riley during her therapeutic riding session.

Salt Spring Island Preschool Society

Funds for the purchase of an easel, chalkboard, and folding chairs to be used for a monthly educational program for parents at the SSI Cooperative Preschool. This program, involving guest experts speaking on relevant age-appropriate topics, is designed to help guide parents toward a better understanding of their children through an exchange of ideas and experiences with other parents and early childhood educators.

Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society

A one-time "seed money" grant to help the society provide venues for the performance of both jazz and blues music on the island through a series of concerts and workshops and an annual jazz festival, which features both on- and off-island musicians.

Salt Spring Public Library Association

Funds for a three-computer station to house and secure recently purchased computers as part of the upgrade of the library's Youth Library area. The purchase also makes available to children a table that was previously used to support one of the computers.

Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association

To acquire a new riding horse essential to the Association's therapeutic riding program. This program is designed for up to 36 participants, from kindergarten to adult, with a variety of mental, physical, and emotional challenges, with a maximum of 12 participants in each ten-week riding session.

Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society (SSICS)

For assistance in building an activity program as part of the Core Inn Renewal. Core Inn is a facility in Ganges that serves as a venue for youth-oriented activities and programs run by SSICS.

Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society (SSICS)

Toward the cost of site preparation for a new organic demonstration garden, including fencing, constructing compost and worm bins, purchasing soil, and installing a modest irrigation system. The Community Garden Project is on the grounds of Community Services' main building. Produce from the garden will be distributed in community food programs.

Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society (SSICS)

To help develop a community awareness program that will result in long-term community capacity building for the Food Bank.

Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society (SSICS)

To help fund energy upgrades for the Murakami Gardens affordable housing project that will include 27 self-contained rental



John Fulker and John Woodward building the walkway to Bittancourt Museum's new annex.



Volunteer Melanie Morris busy weeding Community Services' new garden.

apartments in Ganges for Salt Spring's more vulnerable residents, including both singles and families. The apartments will be for working people and also for those unable to work because of health challenges.

Salt Spring Gymnastics Association (an approved project of the National Sport Trust Fund, Sport BC)

Toward the upgrade of gymnastics equipment for the safety and training needs of more than 100 participants, including 15 competitive gymnasts, in Salt Spring's recreational gymnastics program.

Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society

For the installation of a new water line for the Dean Road Project. The Society has restored a heritage home on Dean Road that houses approximately ten tenants who are low-income wage earners. The Dean Road house provides tenants with safe, secure, and affordable housing, and contributes to the diversity of our community.

Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts

For the purchase of a projector and replacement bulb for the Visual Student Feedback Program, which will provide the opportunity for the approximately 100 students to view themselves as they develop their characters and roles for Stagecoach's dance and theatre programs.

SWOVA's (Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) Community Development and Research Society Funds

To assist in providing experiential professional development workshops, resource materials, and reinforcement toolkits for teachers and parents as part of SWOVA's violence prevention work. The workshops were facilitated by a team of adults and youth facilitators from the R&R (Respectful Relationships) program.

Victoria Human Exchange Society

For the purchase of supplies and equipment for Grandma's House on Salt Spring Island, which provides homeless people with dignified and safe housing for a minimum of three months while they try to solve some of the challenges in their lives and find permanent housing.

West Coast Islands Stewardship and Conservancy Society of BC

In support of the Society's public education activities at Ruckle Park Farm Days, with the goal of helping to protect island lifestyles and the natural environment, and of promoting a greater awareness of the need for strong land stewardship.

Plus a flow-through grant from CIBC Wood Gundy's World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation to go to the Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society's program for special needs children for materials for their art therapy program as well as their summer programs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2007 (Unaudited)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	2007	2006
RECEIPTS	(\$)	(\$)
Donations	467,974	167,708
Investment income	171,008	153,536
Flow-through grants (see note 2)	<u>7,196</u>	<u>6,751</u>
Total Receipts	646,178	327,995
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grants, regular program	103,550	84,599
Grants, flow-through program	7,196	6,751
Printing, postage, and publishing	6,304	6,229
Fees, meetings, and general expenses	3,887	527
Computer and software	1,365	1,134
Stationery and supplies	794	626
Contract (administration)	<u>6,023</u>	<u>6,259</u>
Total Disbursements	129,119	106,125
Net increase in Endowment Funds	517,059	221,870
Endowment Funds, beginning of year	<u>1,901,370</u>	<u>1,679,500</u>
Endowment Funds, end of year	2,418,429	1,901,370

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS			
Cash		328,822	110,058
Investments, at cost (market value, Dec. 31, 2007: 2,907,620)		<u>2,896,378</u>	<u>2,101,312</u>
Total Assets		3,225,200	2,211,370
LIABILITIES AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS			
Short-Term Fund (see note 3)		522,553	310,000
Directed Fund (see note 4)		282,280	—
Community Needs Study Fund		1,938	—
Endowment Funds			
	(2007)	(2006)	
Estate Funds	952,247	787,463	
Named Funds	1,057,370	789,510	
Community Fund	397,812	313,397	
Administration Endowment Fund	11,000	11,000	
Total Endowment Funds		2,418,429	1,901,370
TOTAL FUNDS		3,225,200	2,211,370

Notes to Financial Statements

- (1) Nature of organization: The Salt Spring Island Foundation is a trust registered as a public foundation with the Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency. As such, it is exempt from income taxes and is permitted to issue donation receipts. The Foundation's charitable organization number is BN 88930 1974 RR0001.
- (2) This is funding for grants delegated to the Salt Spring Island Foundation by the Vancouver Foundation and the CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation.
- (3) This fund is part of a bequest that is to be disbursed rather than added to the endowment funds.
- (4) This fund is to be disbursed at the discretion of the donor.

NAMED FUNDS AND ESTATE FUNDS

NAMED FUNDS

Named Funds provide donors with the opportunity to help our island community, and at the same time be acknowledged and recognized in perpetuity by the annual publication of the funds' names.

Individuals or businesses making a donation of \$5,000 or more—or whose *accumulated* donations total \$5,000 or more—are entitled to have a fund set up in their own, their family's, or their business's name or the name(s) of someone they wish to honour. Anonymity will be respected if desired. Named Funds can be added to at any time by the original donor or by others, such as family members or employees.

The Foundation is pleased that 65 donors have chosen to create a Named Fund:

Jessie Mouat Toynbee Fund	\$144,760	E. A. (Effie) and W. M. (Will) Mouat Fund	\$9,980
Saltsea Holdings Fund*	\$100,300	Dick and Chris Pattinson Fund	\$9,500
Mimi Gossett Memorial Fund	\$91,253	Allen and Joan McConnell Fund	\$8,709
Al Stubbe Memorial Fund	\$44,500	Bob and Bev Unger Fund	\$8,100
Roy, Mollie, and George Lamont Fund	\$40,856	Al and Mary Pike Fund	\$7,863
Barnie and Bill Cowan Fund	\$37,100	Anonymous #1	\$7,250
Hubert and Margaret Robinson Fund	\$26,400	Dennis Seward Memorial Fund	\$6,650
Helen Elizabeth Langford Memorial Fund	\$26,143	Harold and Gladys Page Fund*	\$6,450
Dr. Raymond Rush Fund	\$26,075	Linda and Mike Overholt Fund	\$6,300
Bob and Jinny Rush Fund	\$23,632	Drs. Albert and Peggy Mouat Johnston Fund	\$6,200
Anonymous #7*	\$19,855	Jack Hallam Fund, on behalf of G.L.O.S.S.I. (Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island)*	\$6,155
Anonymous #3	\$17,600	Mort and Biz Stratton Fund	\$6,100
Bob and Sharon Brawn Fund	\$16,485	Norman and Carolyn Mouat Fund	\$6,000
Anonymous #2	\$16,100	Cordula Vogt Fund	\$5,950
Anonymous #5	\$15,115	Judy Norget and Charles Kahn Fund*	\$5,800
Dorothy Cutting Fund	\$15,100	Cam and Terry Wilkinson Fund	\$5,500
John and Bev Menzies Family Fund	\$14,425	Dave Rayment Memorial Fund	\$5,480
Art Botham Memorial Fund	\$13,535	Laurel Gordon and Murray Sumpton Fund*	\$5,400
Hector Perry Fund	\$13,105	Grace and Pat Byrne Fund*	\$5,365
Bob and Audrey Wild Fund*	\$12,516	Leslie Ramsey Memorial Fund	\$5,250
Basil and Margaret Franey Fund	\$12,500	Allison Sumner Memorial Fund	\$5,190
John and Claire Pickering Fund	\$12,500	Anonymous #6*	\$5,150
Manson Toynbee Fund	\$12,300	Kirby and Pat Herchmer Fund*	\$5,030
Olivia D. Mouat Fund	\$11,461	Anita Kahn Memorial Fund	\$5,000
Irving Levin and Stephanie Fowler Fund	\$11,160	Ann and Gundy McLeod Fund*	\$5,000
Anonymous #4	\$11,000	Don and Betty McMahan Fund	\$5,000
Stowel Lake Farm Fund	\$11,000	Kay and Ralph Magee Fund*	\$5,000
William David Dexter Memorial Fund	\$10,746	Lee G. Hurd Fund*	\$5,000
Ellen Sanderson Memorial Fund	\$10,275	Mary Moat Fund	\$5,000
Juliana C. Brown Memorial Fund	\$10,275	Migs Edwards Fund	\$5,000
Nancy and D. Keith-Murray Fund	\$10,245	Hugh and Nancy McCullough Fund*	\$4,451
James A. Brown Fund*	\$10,130		
Marc and Jean Holmes Fund	\$10,100		
Nels Vodden Fund	\$10,000	TOTAL VALUE OF NAMED FUNDS	\$1,057,370

* Denotes fund newly established in 2007

ESTATE FUNDS

The following funds have come to the Foundation through bequests or other deferred gifts. As with Named Funds, Estate Gifts will be recognized in perpetuity.

Shaw Family Estate	\$500,000	Elizabeth Baker Estate	25,000
Ruby Alton Estate	248,000	John Lees Estate	9,000
Gwen Ruckle Estate	128,784	Gordon Parsons Estate	5,000
Ruth Crane Estate	35,463	Fred Slaney Estate	1,000
		TOTAL VALUE OF ESTATE FUNDS	\$952,247

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We are pleased to publicly recognize and express our appreciation to our donors. Each and every donation—whether large or small—is important to us.

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Plus 48 donors who wish to remain anonymous

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

GWEN RUCKLE, A REMARKABLE ISLANDER

by Charles Kahn

There's hardly anyone on Salt Spring who doesn't know the Ruckle name because of the family's amazing legacy—the island's beautiful Ruckle Provincial Park. When Gordon Ruckle sold the land to the provincial government in 1972, his daughter, Gwen, was the strongest advocate for the sale. And when she died in 2006, she left the Salt Spring Island Foundation a very generous bequest to continue to help the island she loved, yet another Ruckle legacy.

Those of us who knew Gwen admired her spunk, her individuality, her many talents, and her intense loyalty to the island—especially to the Beaver Point area where she spent almost all of her life. Gwen was very proud of the fact that she seldom left the island throughout her lifetime—and then only to go to Victoria.

I first met Gwen in the huge barn where she regularly presented a slide show throughout the summer. She told the Ruckle story with a dry sense of humour and a loving grasp of historical detail. From the time the farm became a park to the onset of the illness that took her life, Gwen worked with BC Parks to develop a master plan for the park and the innumerable policies that guided the day-to-day administration of the park.

Gwen's bequest to the Foundation was the last of many contributions she made to our island community. Gwen was a lifetime member of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, and for ten years, she served on the Greenwoods Eldercare Society board. Her work with the Beaver Point Community Association was legendary, and she took great pleasure in spearheading its annual bean-dinner fundraisers.

Most of us lucky enough to have known Gwen remember a sturdy figure in a brown forest-ranger hat and uniform presenting slides in the Ruckle barn or just chatting with park visitors. We also remember her oil paintings of the land she loved and the beautiful garden around the family home that she and her mother, Lotus, fondly cared for. But most of all, we remember her fierce devotion to the island, the farm, and the park. Her love of Salt Spring will continue to benefit all of us through her generous bequest to the Foundation.




Gwen Ruckle and her mother, Lotus Ruckle



“We are most grateful to those who have planned or are considering leaving a legacy to the community as Gwen Ruckle has done. Including a bequest to the Foundation in your will, or making another kind of estate gift, provides you with a unique opportunity to assist our community in perpetuity. We would be pleased to discuss different ways of leaving a gift and any particular wishes you may have for your very important contribution.”

Wendy Kaye, the Foundation's Chair of Donor Relations

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- ❁ all our generous donors, past and present
- ❁ our excellent community committee members: Terry Bolton, Emily Hepburn, Lee Hurd, Bob Rush, Glenn Woodley, and April Wright of the Grants Advisory Committee; Mary Rose MacLachlan and Diane Thomas of the Communications Committee; and LeeAnn Norgard and Claire Pickering of the Donor Relations Committee
- ❁ Rosey Brenan, John Binsted, and Jim Meadows for their special help, and Ruth Pepin for her role as administrative assistant for the Grants Advisory Committee
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- ❁ Steve Somerset of Nesbitt Burns 
A member of BMO Financial Group

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The Foundation's Board of Trustees, from left to right, Bob Brawn, Judy Norget, Carol Biely (Chair), Wendy Kaye, Gladys Campbell, and Patrick Lee (Missing: Tom Toynbee)



Judy Norget (Chair), Mary Rose MacLachlan, and Diane Thomas of the Communications Committee; Claire Pickering and Wendy Kaye (Chair) of the Donor Relations Committee (Missing: LeeAnn Norgard)

If you would like additional information about the Foundation, please refer to our website at www.saltspringislandfoundation.org, phone 537-8305, or email info@saltspringislandfoundation.org. Donations, which are always welcome, can be made through the website or can be mailed to the SSI Foundation, Box 244, Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V9.