

2017 Stewardship Network Award Winners

Since 1996, the Stewardship Network of the San Juans has been promoting the awareness of the Salish Sea and our shared responsibility for its preservation and conservation by working collaboratively on education, outreach, volunteer and science initiatives. Go to our website www.stewardshipsanjuans.org to learn more, and to nominate good stewards for 2018!



Winner **Sharon Massey** was nominated by her students at Spring Street International School for *“making science really interesting,”* and as an inspiration to learn and love the natural world. As one of her nominators phrased it, *“her class changed me and I would forever like to thank her for being a great teacher, advisor and friend.”*

Winner **Midnight’s Farm** on Lopez Island is a hub of rural environmentally sound operations for work and recreation. The farm has the only Department of Ecology approved on-farm composting facility in the County, and owners David Bill and Faith Van De Putte are committed to *“living solutions to climate change”* as well as sharing their farm with the local Lopez community and visitors to the island for people to learn about the importance of healthy food production and farm conservation practices.



Winner **Orcas Food Co-op** sets sustainable standards by buying from local producers whenever possible, giving leftover food to employees or the Food Bank rather than throwing it away and providing food scraps to local farmers for compost or pig feed. OFC also purchases compostable cutlery, to-go cups and containers for use in the deli.

Winner **Winnie Adams** is considered a champion of local, sustainable power sources among other accomplishments. A retired environmental educator from the Yosemite Institute, she continues to serve the Orcas community as a board member for the OPALCO Cooperative and the affordable housing group, OPAL.



Winners **Thor Hanson and Keith Wentworth** co-chaired the Steering Committee that brought the Campaign for Mt. Grant to its successful conclusion this past January. From Craig Canine, who nominated them, *“without Thor and Keith’s tireless, resourceful, and persistent leadership, the 141-acre Mount Grant/Lawson Ridge property might have had to revert to the seller. Instead, it’s now a permanently protected as a public nature preserve.”*

Winners **Max Kessler and Per Black**, both from San Juan Island, produced *Minimal Impact*, a short documentary film highlighting San Juan County’s 2014 decision to incorporate the *“Leave No Trace”* set of environmental ethics into our community. The film was completed in 2015 and premiered at the 2016 Friday Harbor Film Festival. These two young men wrote, produced, filmed, and interviewed everyone who appeared in the film.

