



LEARNING CENTRE ON GALIANO ISLAND TO BE NAMED IN HONOUR OF MILLARD FAMILY

Dedication Ceremony to Recognize the Contributions of the Millard family to Galiano

Galiano Island, BC, – The community is invited to join friends and family of Ken and Linda Millard to commemorate and honour their family's many years of dedicated service to Galiano Island through their contributions to the Galiano Conservancy Association (GCA). The Ceremony takes place Saturday September 24th 2016, 1:00 – 3:30pm at the Galiano Learning Centre, 10825 Porlier Pass Rd.

“This event is long overdue”, said Loren Wilkinson, GCA Director. “Ken and Linda have given nearly thirty years of their life into insuring a better future for Galiano’s human and natural communities. The most obvious fruit from their work is the more than a thousand acres of protected or restored land they have helped secure, through working tirelessly with private and government organizations. But even more important is the inspiration and education they have given to generations of learners, young and old. They have helped us all learn to live more gratefully and carefully on this gift of an island. Thus it is profoundly appropriate that this Learning Centre will bear their names.”

The Millard family's contributions include significant financial donations and nearly 30 years of volunteer service on the part of Ken and Linda. Linda created and managed the GCA’s community library for many years, with Ken acting as the organization’s full-time Coordinator until passing away in September 2015. The Millard family's donations helped to purchase and protect land on Galiano Island, including the 188 acre waterfront property that is home to the Learning Centre. On this site, the Galiano Conservancy offers hands-on programs where students of all ages develop skills and creative solutions to help restore the planet. While Ken and Linda's time was given freely and happily, it would not have been possible without their family's deep understanding of the importance of this mission and their generosity in giving up time together. To honour this family's contributions, a new name and entrance sign for the Galiano Learning Centre will be publicly unveiled at this special event.

The Galiano Conservancy Association is a community-based nonprofit society and registered charity, dedicated to preserving and enhancing the human and natural environment.

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