

Diane's conservation achievements have been recognized by her receipt of several prestigious awards, including the "Canadian Outdoorsman of the Year" in 1986 and the "Governor General's Conservation Award" in 1989.

Diane is one of those individuals who can motivate people to participate and, when that doesn't work, cajole them in such a manner that they participate in the environmental projects for which they are needed. Through her efforts and those of teams she has worked with, she has successfully lobbied Ministers to have protective laws passed to help ensure the conservation of natural areas, the protection of sand dunes, the protection and designation of Scenic Heritage Roads, and the establishment of an Environmental Protection Act. While tackling these tasks she has been one of the principal forces behind the Trust's Fund Raising Dinners and Auctions.

You probably didn't know that, due to the legal proceedings on the Greenwich Hearings, Diane at the last minute postponed a very deserved vacation to New Zealand for a year. During this postponement period she assisted the Natural History Society with the Boughton Hearings which absorbed hundreds of hours of work.

While carrying out these tasks Diane has found the time to be a Director of the Board and Chairperson of the Education Committee of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Wildlife Habitat Canada, a moving force behind the P.E.I. Conservation Strategy (Canada's first completed provincial conservation strategy), a member of the National Steering Committee for Wildlife '87, a director of the National Round Table on the Environment, a member of the Provincial Round Table, the champion "new member getter" for the Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists, a founding member of a coalition of groups in the Maritimes working on land conservation issues, a member of the Canadian Nature Federation's Education and Nominating Committees, chairperson of the Education Committee and board member of the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas, a board member of the Canadian Environmental Network, a very active speaker on environmental issues, and a formidable fund raising ticket salesperson for many organizations.

Her practical approach to issues is portrayed by her work in lobbying for and assisting with the planning for the Tourism and Nature Workshop in the Spring of 1987 and the subsequent "Touch Nature" tourism theme for Prince Edward Island in 1988. This effort helped to bring the Tourism Association Of Prince Edward Island more firmly on the side of wildlife conservation. Before going head to head with the Greenwich developers in the Land Use Appeal hearings, she arranged a land swap that would have allowed the developers to exchange their land for nearby properties which could have been developed thus supporting the development in the community while allowing the protection of the sensitive dunes. The developers refused the trade. In yet another example, she assisted the Eastern Kings Tourism Association in the identification of lands suitable for resource development which would not conflict with the conservation of identified natural areas.

In spite of all this, Diane still manages to find time to participate in the Christmas Bird Counts, a gourmet club, the Wildlife Federation and a host of other activities. Diane, as one Islander, I'm very glad you put the basketball tenacity you displayed at Saint Dunstan's on the side of a better environment. Thanks from all of us!

## ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

Early to mid August: For the adventuresome, a trip to the Bay of Fundy will provide an opportunity to see mass migrations of shorebirds. There are