

KARATE KIDS EARN MEDALS AT BURNABY TOURNAMENT

A keen group of karate students travelled from Queen Charlotte to Burnaby late last year to take part in the Sato Cup tournament, giving them the opportunity to compete against other students studying the same style of traditional karate.

The students fundraised to help pay for part of the trip - even taking part in a local trivia contest organized by Literacy Haida Gwaii where the other competitors were mostly adults. When they won the contest, they added the prize money to their funds to support their hotel costs.

Five members of the Haida Gwaii Shito-Ryu club made the trip to Burnaby for the tournament, and four of them earned medals. The tournament was an official one, sanctioned by Karate BC, and the students relished the opportunity to

watch various styles of karate, observe high quality practitioners, and meet other youth with similar interests. It was a great experience!

The Haida Gwaii Club is affiliated with Karate BC and Sport BC, which means members can compete at provincial, national and even international levels. However, travelling to competitions from Haida Gwaii is expensive, and requires big fundraising efforts. For the Sato Cup tournament, the club applied to the Gwaii Trust for a Youth Grant to help cover the cost of flights to Vancouver, and were awarded \$5,000.

Gwaii Trust Youth Grants provide funding to non-profit organizations on Haida Gwaii for educational and/or recreational services aimed at youth. In addition to the karate club trip, we have

funded school trips to Limestone Island, island-wide youth conferences and a song-writing workshop for teens. In general, we are interested in applications that build relationships, support opportunities for youth in sports, culture, arts and outdoor activities, reduce barriers to participation, and promote youth leadership. Decisions on Youth Grant applications are made by our Youth Board - a group of eight young people who represent all the communities of Haida Gwaii.

Our next youth grant deadline is June 1. Please see our website at gwaiitrust.com for additional details about this program.

Congratulations to Haida Gwaii Shito-Ryu club members Greta Romas, Isabelle Romas, Olivia Favreau, Noah Munt and Meaghan Munt!



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF ARTS GRANTS

An upcoming art show at the Haida Gwaii Museum will showcase works created by artists who have received Gwaii Trust grants. "Reflections - Celebrating 15 years of the Gwaii Trust Arts Program" opens on June 3, and will be on display for the summer season.

A partnership between the museum and the Gwaii Trust Arts Committee, the show will highlight a wide variety of work, including painting, weaving and writing. Over the past 15 years, 70 artists and 25 organizations have received arts grants from the Gwaii Trust, nurturing new and traditional forms of artistic expression. In total, 33 artists accepted the invitation to show their work in this new exhibition. Everyone is invited to the opening, set for Friday, June 3 at 7 pm.