

Sustainable Connections awards local businesses, nonprofit director



Duane Jager (left) accepts his Lifetime Achievement Award, a decorated broken toaster, with Sustainable Connections' staff members Abby Hade Terpstra and Nick Hartrich. Photo courtesy of Sustainable Connections.

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Duane Jager, executive director of the nonprofit ReUse Works, received a lifetime achievement award from [Sustainable Connections](#) at the organization's annual All Members Meeting and Potluck on Jan. 12.

Community Food Co-op, North Fork Brewery, Assembly Plus and Chuckanut Builders also received sustainability awards for being leaders in areas of promoting strong community, healthy environment, meaningful employment and buying local first, respectively.

"We are thrilled about the outstanding leadership of these businesses," said Abby Hade Terpstra, membership assistant at Sustainable Connections, in a press release. "It is a pleasure to share their success stories and they are most deserving of this recognition."

Jager, who previously served on the board of directors for Sustainable Connections, was credited for his commitment and service to his community through involvement in many different events and projects.