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Valley B&B Finalist For Vancouver Island Business Excellence Award

Union Bay—Announced this week, **Two Eagles Lodge** in Union Bay is a finalist for the 2016 Vancouver Island Business Excellence Award for the hospitality/tourism industry.

There are 20 different industries in which awards will be at the January 21st ceremony in Nanaimo. The awards program is sponsored by The Business Examiner, which publishes four business publications (Vancouver Island, Victoria, Thompson-Okanagan, and Peace Cariboo regions). This is the 16th year for the awards program.

Steve Touhey says, “We are so honored to not only be nominated, but to know the judges find us worthy of being a finalist, especially since there are so many tourism and hospitality businesses on the island...even internationally acclaimed ones like the Empress.”

Two Eagles Lodge, a B&B/vacation rental and event venue in south Union Bay, also won the VI Business Excellence award in 2011. It is also the recipient of two Vancouver Island Better Business Bureau Torch Awards and several awards from the Comox Valley Small Business Association, including two years as “Comox Valley Ambassadors of the Year.”

In 2015, Two Eagles was also inducted into the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame for earning TripAdvisor’s Certificates of Excellence for five consecutive years, an accomplishment for maintaining a five-star rating each year.

Two Eagles Lodge was built in 2006 by Steve and Carolyn Touhey, who came to the island from Maryland through a provincial immigration program for business development. Since that time, they have become very active in the community—supporting non-profits through donations and service on boards of directors. The Touheys became citizens in 2013, calling Vancouver Island their “forever home.”

In addition to entertaining and caring for guests at Two Eagles, they also host various events at their home/business, including weddings, house concerts, parties for area businesses or groups, and retreats.

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