

## SHIRLEY-ANNE HARDY DIES AT AGE 89

Mary Rose Kaczorowski, President of the Common Ground USA California chapter has notified GroundSwell of the passing on of author and activist Shirley-Anne Hardy of Pitlochry, Scotland. Hardy was a dedicated and tireless campaigner for land rent, economic reform and protection of Gaia - Mother Earth.

Shirley-Anne Hardy's obituary post appeared in the Scotsman, the National Newspaper of Scotland: HARDY Shirley-Anne (nee Sanderson) (Pitlochry). Died peacefully March 1, 2018, aged 89 years, widow of Tom, sister of Diana and Marigold and aunt to the family. Author of "Birthright in Land" and "Stolen Lives". A memorial service was held April 23 at Pitlochry Church of Scotland.

According to Kaczorowski, "Shirley-Anne's energy was amazing and her work and writing inspired many. Her expressive and poignant articles and letters to the editor have appeared in The Scotsman (U.K.), The School of Cooperative Individualism (U.S.), Namaste (U.K.), The Georgist Journal (U.S.), The Permaculture Activist (U.S.) Sacred Connections (Scotland), and Good Government (Australia), and in the Henry George School of San Francisco's Newsletter in the 1990's. My first correspondence with Shirley-Anne was when I was the Outreach Coordinator and Newsletter Editor at the Henry George School-SF, and that correspondence continued on for over 20 years until her passing. She was a great mentor from across the sea."

Shirley-Anne Hardy's books, "Ecologists and the land" (1974), and those published by Peregrine Press: "Birthright in Land" by William Ogilvie and the State of Scotland Today" (1999) and "Stolen Land—Stolen Lives and the great con trick of DEBT!" (2011) are available online at AbeBooks and Amazon.

The 2012 Voice For Arran (Scotland) Monthly Magazine review of Hardy's "Stolen Land - Stolen Lives" states,

"Ms. Hardy's thesis is a classic one – that land belongs to itself, not to any human being. It was there before the human race evolved, and will still be there (with any luck) when homo non-sapiens has muddled itself into extinction. We may establish use of it for a while, and should during that time steward it well, though this is not always the case. We may imprison it in a carapace of stone and tarmac by building cities on it. We may play golf on it, shoot grouse on it, mine it for minerals, farm it for food and bury it under motorways, but in the end, it retains its own identity, indifferent to the notion of ownership. A quote from a protest song that circulated during the time of the Enclosures says it all:

The law indicts the man or woman  
Who steals the goose from off the common -  
But lets the greater felon loose  
Who steals the common from the goose.

Shirley-Anne Hardy's YouTube talk and presentation following the publication of her 2011 book "Stolen Land-Stolen Lives & the great con trick of DEBT!" can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4u0CHw9wfk> <<