

March 2025 Speaker Series

Date: Tuesday March 25th at 2:00 pm
Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney

Speakers: Ann Eastman, Board Chair & Emily Harris, Programs Manager
- Sandown Centre for Regenerative Agriculture

Topic: **Where Agriculture Meets Climate Action**

Bio: Ann Eastman

Ann is a passionate advocate for sustainable agriculture and food systems on the Saanich Peninsula. She has a strong background in plant science - a B.Sc. in botany, M.Sc. in plant biochemistry, and a Ph.D. in plant physiology, and innovation experience in industry, government, and academia. She served as the Manager for Emerging Sectors and then the Senior Manager for Innovation in the BC Ministry of Agriculture for eight years. Ann is a strong supporter of the Haliburton Community Organic Farm Society, serving as a volunteer director for five years and launching the EcoFarm School program. Ann was a member of the Sandown Transition Team that developed the transition plan from former racetrack to thriving community farm presented to the District of North Saanich Council in September 2018.

Bio: Emily Harris

Emily brings over five years of experience in community building, marketing, and ecological farming as the co-owner and operator of The Plot Market Garden. She holds a degree in Geography from the University of Victoria, a diploma in Visual Arts from Camosun College, and a certificate in Permaculture Design from the Brighton Permaculture Trust.

