



SPEAKERS SERIES

Public Lecture Putting Ecosystems First

WHAT Come and learn about an inspiring project by the Shawnigan Basin Society to explore what land use could look like if we put ecosystems first.

Three Cowichan valley speakers will team up to present the recent work of eco-forester Herb Hammond and the Silva Forest Foundation to create an Ecosystem-based Conservation Plan for the Shawnigan Watershed.

WHEN Thursday Jan. 28th 7pm (Note new monthly time – 4th Thursday of each month)

WHERE VIU Cowichan Campus - Lecture Hall – Rm 140

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

	Emily Doyle Yamaguchi is an environmental planner and Professional Agrologist, with experience working for local government and non-profit organizations on a wide range of environmental initiatives. Through her involvement with Shawnigan Lake watershed planning over the past 3 years, she found her calling in forest ecology and conservation planning and joined the Silva Forest Foundation in 2014.
	Bruce Fraser, an ecologist by training, is past President of both Selkirk College and Malaspina College and retired Chair of the provincial Forest Practices Board. His career has spanned higher education, community economic development, local government, land use planning and international development, work that has taken him throughout the province and the world. Bruce is currently President of the Shawnigan Basin Society that is working on ecological planning for the Shawnigan Watershed.
	Barry Gates is a Shawnigan resident and a member of the Ecological Design Panel for Shawnigan Lake Basin Society. He is a co-planner of the Elkington forest project, and a forest manager of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified private forest land. He serves on the management team for Wildwood Ecoforest, is vice-chair of the Ecoforestry Institute Society, and vice-chair of the Trust for Sustainable Forestry.

About Silva Forest Foundation: The Silva Forest Foundation (SFF) is a pioneer and leader in the development and application of ecosystem-based conservation planning. EBCP is a practical means of relating to and using Earth in ways that maintain and/or restore biological diversity and natural ecosystem integrity, while fostering the development of diverse, healthy local economies. <http://www.silvafor.org/>

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