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REGISTRATION OPEN 8AM | TRADE SHOW 8:30AM

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9:30AM - 10:30AM

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Meet your Agrologists: Learn and Discuss Opportunities for Agriculture Support and Funding with Bejay Mills, Thom O'Dell, Megan Halstead & Alana Wilson. Presenters will overview the programs and funding opportunities available and invite questions and ideas for learning and knowledge transfer on the Islands.

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Advanced & Rotational Grazing Systems 101 with Serena Black. The presentation will provide an introduction to the principles around advanced grazing systems, outlining how grazing management can impact both plant productivity and species composition in the field.

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An Introduction to On-farm Variety Trials with Raelani Kesler & Lisa Willott. A summary of results from recent BC variety trials. Trial administrators, researchers, and collaborating farmers will share their experience. Questions about conducting variety trials on your farm are welcomed.

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Introduction to Growing Alfalfa & Producer Panel with Serena Black and Panel Discussion by Rick Doberstein, Jeff McCallum, Ridley Wikkerink, John Lewis Sr. and John Lewis Jr. The presentation will provide an introductory profile of the traits and characteristics of alfalfa, and discuss management considerations for successful establishment.

LUNCH BREAK

Enjoy network breaks between sessions. Coffee sponsored by FCC.

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1:00PM - 2:30PM

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Smart Farms: How Technology is Transforming Agriculture with Jesse Hirsh. Examining the potential to improve agriculture practices and the relationship between growers and eaters. Jesse asks, "How can technology and transparency ensure sustainability and success?"

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3:00PM - 4:00PM

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Building Resiliency Together with Megz Reynolds. A workshop designed to introduce participants to mental health in agriculture, highlight signs to look for and how to support ourselves and others. Can attend virtually.

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Protect your Crops: Monitoring and data collection for pests, pollinators, and beneficials on Vancouver Island with Bejay Mills & Bonnie Zand. Learn about crop monitoring and appropriate trapping strategies and hear about the data collected with the Vancouver Island Pests, Pollinators, and Beneficials project over the past two years.

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MELLOR HALL

Enjoy a variety of local foods, wines and craft beers. Sponsored by CVRD.

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Is GAP Certification Right for your Farm Business? The 6-W's of Information you Need to Help Make that GAP Decision with Elsie Friesen. By providing the 6-W's of information on this topic the producer will be better equipped to make the decision on certification and how to plan the journey to a successful certification.

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Transitioning your Family Farm with Trevor MacLean. Transition is more than just transfer of ownership, it is about family legacy and harmony, business leadership and management, and ownership transfer. A holistic approach to transitioning your farm enterprise can remove many uncertainties and minimize conflict while preserving family, business, and ownership harmony.

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Perennial Fruit Crop Opportunities. Growing Figs in south Coastal British Columbia with Bob Duncan. Citrus and Avocado Production on Salt Spring Island through the Lens of Sustainable and Regen Practices with Jane Squier.

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Soil Management. Managing healthy soils: Foundations and practical applications with DeLisa Lewis. Soil fertility and its role in soil health with Josh Andrews. Healthy soils for resilient production with Amy Norgaard.

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Regenerative Solutions for Uncertain Times with Tristan Banwell. This conversation will range from regenerative certifications to the implications of corporate green washing, with actionable advice on implementing regenerative practices to improve the resilience of your operation.

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Forage Crop Production Decisions. Homegrown: Using Relay Cropping to Grow More Feed For Your Cows with Gary Telford. Wholecrop Demonstration Results and how we use them with Graeme Fowler and Alexis Arthur.

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Farm Business Development in Uncertain Times with Chris Bodnar. After three years of a pandemic and now well into a period of economic challenges, operating a farm is as difficult as ever. This session will review the key practices to help you make decisions for your farm business.