

2015 San Juan Islands Agricultural Summit: *Farming for the Next Generation*

Friday, February 27th Schedule

Farmers to Farmland Collaborative Workshop (Invitational Only) 10:30 am -1:30 pm (lunch provided)

- Regional models: Jefferson Land Works, Kate Dean; Farm Link, Cascade Harvest Coalition: Mary Embleton, Sarah Lowry
- Local organizations: SJPT, SJCLB, SJC staff, SJC Council, AG, WSU, ARC, SJICD, NABC, OPAL, LCLT, CFS

Hands-on Friday Workshops

Pre-registration required for all Friday workshops. www.sjcarc.org/summit/

Location and directions will be provided after registration

- 10:30 am – 3:30 pm **Humane On-Farm Livestock Slaughtering** with Farmstead Meatsmith
- 11 am - 4 pm **Baking with Lopez and local grains:** Jonathan Bethany-McDowell, WSU Research Station Bread Lab, Mt Vernon
- 1 – 4 pm **Biochar:** Production, amendments and kiln demonstrations
- 1 - 4 pm **Write your own Farm Plan** with Bruce Gregory & Ellen Jones, SJI Conservation District
- 2-4 pm **Growing Asian Medicinal Herbs for Market**, Mercy Yule and Vivian Henderson, NW Asian Medicinal Herb Network

Friday Farm Tours – Schedule TBD

- Composting for Farms – commercial composting at Midnights Farm; innovative farm composting at Horse Drawn Farm
- A Tale and Tour of Two Dairies – Sunnyfield Certified Goat Dairy; S&S Farm Certified Cow Dairy
- Food Safety Lab & Seed Library at Lopez Community Land Trust
- Local Grain Processing at Steve Lillistol's Farm

5-6:30 pm Dinner: A Taste of Lopez and No Host Bar with local spirits and wines

Food purchased directly from vendors. Lopez Center for Community and the Arts (LCCA)

7 pm Nationally acclaimed author Thor Hanson will talk about his latest book, *The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses and Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History* Lopez Center for Community and the Arts (LCCA)

Thor Hanson is a Guggenheim Fellow, a Switzer Environmental Fellow, and winner of the John Burroughs Medal. His books include *The Impenetrable Forest*, *Feathers*, and *The Triumph of Seeds* (due in March 2015 from Basic Books). Thor lives with his wife and son on San Juan Island.

Tickets purchased at the door, or at Paper Scissors or Lopez Bookstore. \$12 adults/ \$10 youth before; or \$15 adults/\$10 youth at the door. Lopez Center for Community and the Arts (www.lopezcenter.org/)

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Saturday, February 28th Session Schedule

| 8:30-9:15 am MORNING KEYNOTE: GARY NABHAN | | | | | | |
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| | TRANSITIONING FARMS | BUSINESS OF FARMING | BUILDING FERTILE SOILS | DIVERSIFIED FARMING | CROPS, EMERGING MARKETS & MARKETING | |
| 9:30-10:30 am | Keeping Farmland in Farming: A Community Perspective Hearing from new and elder farmers | Local Food for Local Kids: New Opportunity to Sell to Local School Districts Liz Varvaro, SJ School Kitchen Manager, Tricia Sexton-Kovacs, WSU | Soil Testing for Diversified Farms Doug Collins, WSU Small Farms Team | Pollinator Health & Beekeeping Gary Nabhan Brady Ryan, SJ Island beekeeper, Eric Hall, Crowfoot Farm | "Porridge, whiskey, bread & beans: An intro to production & uses of small grains & dry beans. B. Brouwer, B. Meintz, L. Winkler, Colin Curwen-McAdams, WSU Research Station | Local Markets & Coops: What we buy and why? Panel: Orcas & SJI Co-ops, Blossom Organic Grocery |
| 10:45-11:45 pm | Farmland Changing Hands: Partners Working Together Coffelt Farm Stewards; Kate Dean, JLW, | Don't Lose the Farm! Why Farm Insurance is important Lesa Boxx, Country Financial; Tricia Sexton-Kovacs, WSU | Building Soil Fertility Doug Collins, WSU Small Farms Team | Growing in High Tunnels: Structures, Management & Crops Carol Miles, WSU Research Station | Markets for Local Grains: Malting, Distilling, Organic Flours & more Wayne Carpenter, Skagit Valley Malting; Fairhaven Flour Mill | Farm to Marketing: Opportunities, Tips & Case Studies Jeff Voltz, NABC; Shannon Borg, SJIVB; Patrice Barrentine |
| 12:00-1:30 pm LUNCH & BOUNTY SLIDE SHOW | | | | | | |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm PANEL DISCUSSION WITH GARY NABHAN, STEVE JONES, THOR HANSON | | | | | | |
| 1:45-3:00 pm | Farmers Working Together: Approaches & Mutual Benefits Island Grown Program, Puget Sound Food Hub, IGFC | Greenbook: Food Safety Regs & Solutions for Value Added Products Patrice Barrentine, LCLT Food Safety Lab | Growing Nutrient Dense Vegetables Gary Kline, Black Lake Organics; Bob Levinson, SJ farmer | Talking with your Elected Officials: Discussions about marijuana production, greenhouses, and more | Poultry, Rabbits & Ducks: Mobile Processing & Model Business Plan for SJC producers David Bauermeister, NABC | Markets & Models for Seed Production Caitlin Moore, Olympia Seed Exchange; Brian Campbell, Uprising Seed |
| 3:15-4:30 pm | Farm to School: Lopez Island Farm Education (LIFE) Tour, Curriculum, Hoopouses, | Funding for Farmers NW Farm Credit Services Small Farm Loans; State & Federal grants; Cost-share programs. SJICD, NWFCFS, WSU, NRCS | Biochar: Enriching our Soils Andrew Borner, Natural Plant Solutions, Steve Bensel, Kai Hoffman | Apples for Cider & Distilling: Varieties, Budget and Markets Carol Miles, WSU; David Bauermeister, NABC; Charles West, Orcas Island Distillery | Understanding Nutritional Needs of Livestock: Feeds & Pasture Scratch & Peck; Bruce Gregory, SJICD | State of Organic Seed Listening Session: Building Capacity & Integrity of Organic Seed Organic Seed Alliance |
| 4:30-6:30 pm SOCIAL NETWORKING | | | | | | |

Northwest Agriculture Business Center (NABC); San Juan Islands Conservation District (SJICD); San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau (SJIVB); Lopez Community Land Trust (LCLT); Cascade Harvest Coalition (CHC); SJC Agricultural Resources Committee (ARC); San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild (AG); NW Farm Credit Services (NWFCFS)