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### **Twenty Years of Restoring Hope: A Celebration of the Restoration of Natural Systems Program by Briony Penn**

Briony will speak about the importance of ecological restoration and her experiences in the field over the last 20 years. Briony gave a talk at the Helping the Land Heal conference in 1999 and she will reflect on what we hoped for and where we are now. She will also talk about her experience with the RNS Program, offering some anecdotes from the courses she taught and the importance of ecological restoration in general, especially the need for a holistic approach that is led by traditional ecological knowledge and informed by social sciences, rather than focusing only on natural sciences. She will also describe some of her own project experience in ecological restoration.

Speaker: Briony Penn is a naturalist, writer, educator and broadcaster known for her indomitable spirit and tireless devotion to protecting endangered species and sensitive ecosystems in BC. She has expertise in community mapping, environmental education and communication, natural history illustration, ecological restoration and BC's biodiversity. A founding member of The Land Conservancy of BC, she has worked with local and provincial organizations since 1991 and has lectured widely across British Columbia on natural and cultural history and stewardship. In 2016, she received the Roderick Haig Brown BC Book Award for best book on BC. In 2003, she received a national Environment Learning award from Canadian Geographic. She was also a sessional lecturer in the Restoration of Natural Systems Program for five years.

**Dates:** Friday, Oct. 14  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Cost:** FREE – No registration required  
**Location:** David Lam Auditorium, MAC A144

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