

## Lynn Lashuk, BSc, PAg



Lynn Lashuk was elected to the CFFAE Board of Directors in 2017. Lynn is a Past President of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and she is a 25+ year member of the BC Institute of Agrologists.

Lynn's career includes work on-farm, for governments, and for agriculture industry organizations and companies. Starting as an asparagus picker in Kamloops, BC in the 1970's, Lynn graduated from the University of Calgary in 1984 with a BSc in Plant Biology. Lynn and her partner, Russ, moved back to the Okanagan in 1985 and Lashuk Farm was purchased in Winfield in 1988. They converted the heritage cherry orchard to a nursery business growing micro propagated ornamentals and tree fruit rootstocks.

The business changed to a high density apple orchard in 1994, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> son was born. The farm continues to collaborate with industry R&D projects, hosting canola seed multiplication trials and field testing new technology.

Lynn's work off-farm has gifted her with a network of friends and colleagues at the BC Cattlemen's Association, the BC Fruit Growers Association, the BC Grapegrowers Association, the BC Agriculture Council, Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC, BC Ministry of Agriculture, and Agriculture and Agri-food Canada's Summerland Research and Development Centre. Lynn switched from research focused projects to working for agriculture's allied industries a few years back – as the BC rep for a global chemical company, to a management group position with the local Co-Op, and currently on the BMO Agriculture team as the BC Interior and Vancouver Island Manager, Agriculture. Lynn has had the privilege to work with most sectors of BC's diverse agricultural community in all 4 corners of the Province where farmers can be found. Recent Board memberships include the Central Okanagan Community Farm Society, the Accreditation Board for the Certified Organic Associations of BC, and the East Meets West Children's Foundation.