

**Ann Czaja**  
**Lindt Master Chocolatier, Lindt USA**



Ann Czaja (pronounced Chai-ya), a confectionery and chocolate expert, is a Master Chocolatier with Lindt & Sprüngli, the world's leading producer of premium chocolate. Ann began her career in Zurich, Switzerland where she resided for 14 years. It was there that she first developed an interest in culinary arts. After working in the catering and restaurant industry for many years, she recognized desserts were her forte. Ann applied and was accepted into a traditional apprenticeship program to study pastry and chocolate and soon realized chocolate was her true passion.

Ann completed studies and earned her credentials as a licensed pastry chef/chocolatier. She began working for Lindt & Sprüngli shortly thereafter as a Master Chocolatier at one of Lindt's chocolate boutiques in Zurich. The store's open kitchen allowed for live demonstrations on the art of working with premium chocolate, while interacting with customers from around the world. In 2006, Ann returned to the United States and began working as the Lindt Master Chocolatier for Lindt USA.

Since joining Lindt USA, Ann has collaborated with her Master Chocolatier counterparts around the world on "Lindt Chocolate Passion," a book that leads consumers on a journey of chocolate discovery, including the history of chocolate and Lindt's Master Chocolatiers, as well as delicious recipes.

Ann has hosted chocolate focused events, sharing Lindt's five senses tasting process, chocolate pairing recommendations, and culinary demonstrations, including discussions on the history of chocolate and Lindt's contribution to the premium chocolate market. Bringing her passion for premium chocolate to life, Ann utilizes her experience and training to perfect premium chocolate offerings. She plays an important role in Lindt's ongoing innovation with research and development.

Originally from Alexandria, VA, Ann holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Syracuse University. She currently resides in New Hampshire with her husband.