



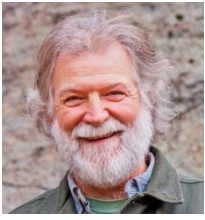






Speaker Biographies

	<p>Jenna Messier is the Director of the NOFA Organic Land Care Program. She has a B.S. in Agriculture from the Ohio State University and earned an EMBA from the University of New Haven in 2015. Jenna worked on organic farms and in residential landscaping on Martha's Vineyard for 10 years. She loves getting off of the computer and into her urban garden, where she raises pears, strawberries and colorful butterfly gardens on .1 acres.</p>
	<p>Paul Wagner is the Director of Soil Foodweb New York, Inc., a soil microbiology testing laboratory. He has over 20 years' experience in the Green Industry and has 10 years' experience focused on Organic plant care. His work with soil microbiology helps provide scientific basis for successful organic soil management practices and applications. Paul has taught in the NOFA Accreditation Course in Organic Land Care since 2009.</p>
	<p>Dr. Jamie Banks is an environmentalist and health care scientist dedicated to promoting clean, healthy, and sustainable landscape maintenance. Dr. Banks has an extensive background in health outcomes and economics, environmental behavior, and policy. In her health care career, Dr. Banks was a senior consultant at Abt Associates, CRA International, and the law firm of Mintz, Levin. Her health care experience provided a unique lens for examining environmentally related behavioral challenges and inspired her in 2007 to found Planet Rewards, a company pioneering online products to promote and sustain positive environmental behaviors.</p>
	<p>David Melevsky has been an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional since 2011 and has certificates and licenses in Organic Lawn Care, Composting, and Turf Management, among others. He is the owner of Go Green Landscaping in Scarborough, Maine.</p>
	<p>Michael Nadeau - After 45 years in the landscape and tree trade, Mike sold his portion of Plantscapes Organics, Inc. to his brother and long-time partner Dan, and founded Michael Nadeau Wholistic Land Care Consulting, LLC. As one of the founding members of the NOFA Organic Land Care Program back in 1999, Mike has been blessed to work with the most knowledgeable and dedicated people in organic land care to develop this program. He is grateful to CT NOFA for providing a place where he can pass along his love of caring for the land.</p>
	<p>Chip Osborne is a professional horticulturist with over 35 years of experience in various aspects of the green industry. As a turf professional, his focus has been for many years on developing a successful natural turf management program for athletic fields, public parks, and municipal properties. He is the founder of Osborne Organics, a consulting firm, that specializes in educational training and support to industry professionals as well as municipalities, school districts, and facilities managers.</p>

	<p>Paula Kovacs has a degree in Horticulture from UNH, is an Accredited Organic Landscape Professional, and is also a Certified Sustainable Landscaper through the Maine Landscape Association. Paula has over 25 years' experience in the green industry.</p>
	<p>Dan Dalton is an experienced Arborist, landscape manager, and educator. He is an arborist with Almstead Tree and Shrub Care Company and an Adjunct Professor in the Horticulture Program in Naugatuck Valley Community College. Dan is an AOLCP and has taught at a number of NOFA workshops and accreditation courses. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.</p>
	<p>Cheryl Smith is the UNH Cooperative Extension Plant Health Specialist, and Director of the UNH Plant Diagnostic Lab. She has been a diagnostic and Extension plant pathologist for over 30 years. Cheryl teaches Plant Pathology and conducts applied research at UNH, with an emphasis on cultural and biological control. She has given more than 350 presentations as an invited speaker at many conferences, workshops and meetings, and has been an instructor for many of the NOFA Land Care Courses. Cheryl is an avid gardener, who loves getting her 'hands dirty', talking to trees and sharing her love of plants (and plant pathology) with everyone. She enjoys all aspects of the outdoors; particularly skiing, snowshoeing, bird watching, & 'just wandering around in the woods'.</p>
	<p>Frank H. Crandall, III Owns and operates Frank Crandall Horticultural Solutions, LLC; offering design work, garden maintenance, and pruning for clients in Southern RI and Eastern Connecticut. Frank performs small business consultations, hosts GEM Business Seminars and Leadership Workshops, speaks throughout New England, and in 2011 published his second book: "The Essential Horticultural Business Handbook" and 2013 his third book, "Creating a More Peaceful, Happy and Successful Life!". Frank has been an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional since 2005.</p>
	<p>Trevor Smith is the owner of Arlington, Massachusetts based Land Escapes, an ecological landscape design/build company specializing in native plant design, living walls, green roofs, rain harvesting, permeable pavements and urban farming. Trevor is a Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist (MCH), Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (AOLCP) and LEED Green Associate (through USGBC). He is currently the President of the Ecological Landscaping Association and holds certifications as a Green Living Technologies (GLT) Living Roof and Wall Installer.</p>