



NOFA Accreditation Course in Organic Land Care
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Community Recreation & Environmental Center
Haverford Township, PA

Speaker Biographies

	<p>Paul Wagner is the Director of Soil Foodweb New York, Inc., a soil microbiology testing laboratory, and the owner of Greener Pastures Organics, a landscaping company. 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>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 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>Todd Harrington is a true pioneer in organic lawn care having made it his business since 1987. Todd has proven that organic lawn, tree, and shrub care works and operates a profitable business near Hartford, Connecticut called Harrington's Organic Land Care. He is an international consultant and national organic speaker and trainer who has written numerous published papers — of which some have been employed as the basis for legislation. Todd is certified by the Soil Food Web®, headed by Dr. Elaine Ingham, who is internationally recognized as one of the world's preeminent soil microbiologists.</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>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. Dr. Banks is also the Executive Director of Quiet Communities, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting our health, environment, and quality of life from the excessive use of industrial outdoor maintenance equipment.</p>

	<p>Tim Abbey is a Commercial Horticulture Educator – York County: Main responsibility is to educate nursery and landscape care personnel on the basics of establishing an integrated pest management (IPM) program in York and neighboring counties. Master Gardener training, educational lectures on ornamental insect pests and; entomology lectures to civic organizations, garden clubs and children’s groups; and grant writing to fund research projects. Tim started with Penn State Extension Nov. 2006. Previously employed at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for 8.5 years. Previous to that, the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System for 4 years.</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>Peter Schmidt, co-founder of NY based Compostwerks LLC is an ISA Certified Arborist, Soil Foodweb Advisor and a NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional. Through his 31-year journey in the green industry, Peter has completely transitioned his plant and soil management practices to 100% organic. His company provides a comprehensive range of compost tea equipment & supplies, OMRI listed organic materials, sprayers, mycorrhizal inoculants and compost top dressing equipment. Compostwerks provides consulting and support to businesses that wish to offer sustainable land care services</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>Altje M. Hoekstra, EIT, LEED AP is a Senior Water Resources Designer at Meliora Design. She specializes in in green stormwater infrastructure, sustainable site design, environmental science and policy, and watershed analysis. Her experience includes and water resources master planning and engineering at small and large scales, as well as construction oversight in both urban and less developed areas. She is also a certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) by the US Green Building Council.</p>