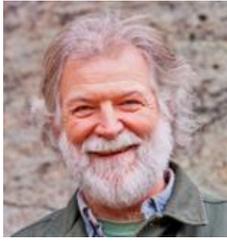
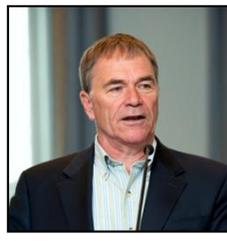
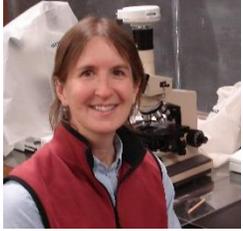




Speaker Biographies
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	<p>Paul Wagner is the Director of Soil Foodweb New York, Inc., a soil microbiology testing laboratory, and the owner of Greener Pastures Organics, a landscaping company. He has over 20 years’ experience in the Green Industry and 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>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>Nancy DuBrule-Clemente is the owner of Natureworks Horticultural Services in Northford, Conn. Since its founding in 1983, Natureworks' has only used and sold organic fertilizers and pest control products. A graduate of the Rackliffe Hicks School of the University of Connecticut in Floriculture, Nancy is a past president of CT NOFA. She is the coauthor of A Country Garden for your Backyard, 1995, and author of Succession of Bloom in the Perennial Garden, 2004.</p>
	<p>Joan Allen is an Assistant Extension Educator and runs the UConn Plant Diagnostic Laboratory on the Storrs Campus. Education includes a BS in Forestry from Michigan Technological University and a MS in Plant Pathology from Cornell. Teaching includes Plant Pathology and Diagnostics for the UConn Master Gardener Program, Plant Diseases for the NOFA Organic Land Care Certification Course, UConn First Year Experience Seminar course Sustainability 360, and lectures and workshops on plant pest and disease management for professional and amateur audiences.</p>
	<p>Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III is Chief Entomologist (Head) of the Department of Entomology at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the State Entomologist. His research area is the ecology and control of the blacklegged tick with a recent focus on natural, biological, and integrated tick control. He received his Ph.D. in medical-veterinary entomology from Texas A&M University. Dr. Stafford's Tick Management Handbook has been a popular general guide to ticks, tick-associated diseases, and tick management options.</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>