








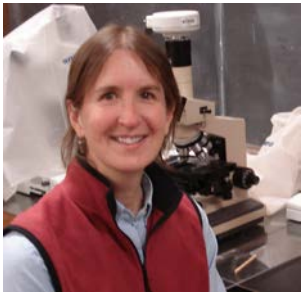




**2015 Fall Accreditation Course in Organic Land Care  
October 26, 27 & November 1, 3, 2015**

**Speaker Biographies**

	<p><b>Jenna Messier</b> is the Director of the NOFA Organic Land Care Program. She has a B.S. in Agriculture from the Ohio State University and is currently in the EMBA Program at the University of New Haven. 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 acre.</p>
	<p><b>Paul Wagner</b> 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><b>Heather Crawford</b> attended Occidental College majoring in Biology, with a Marine Biology emphasis, and earned her M.S. in Biological Oceanography/Coastal Resources Management from University of Connecticut. She spent 14 years with the Connecticut Sea Grant Extension Program developing and presenting programs on coastal ecosystems and land use impacts on water sources before leaving to concentrate on raising a family and creating a sustainable landscape on their three-acre farm.</p>
	<p><b>Peter Schmidt</b>, 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 &amp; 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><b>Michael Nadeau</b> - 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><b>Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III</b> 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&amp;M University, a Master of Science degree in entomology at Kansas State University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in entomology at Colorado State University. Dr. Stafford's Tick Management Handbook has been a popular general guide to ticks, tick-associated diseases, and tick management options.</p>
	<p><b>Chip Osborne</b> 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><b>Nancy DuBrule-Clemente</b> 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 <i>A Country Garden for your Backyard</i>, 1995, and author of <i>Succession of Bloom in the Perennial Garden</i>, 2004.</p>
	<p><b>Dan Dalton</b> 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><b>Joan Allen</b> is an Assistant Extension Educator at UConn. She runs the UConn Plant Diagnostic Laboratory located on the Storrs Campus. Education includes a BS in Forestry from Michigan Technological University and a MS in Plant Pathology from Cornell. Diagnostic work is done on both ornamentals and food crops. 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>



**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. Additionally, 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.



**Trevor Smith** is the lead designer at Arlington, Massachusetts based Land Escapes Design Inc, 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.



**Sven Pihl** is the owner of CT Edible Ecosystems, founder/administrator of the Connecticut Permaculture Guild and is the Farm and Grounds Manager at Knox Inc. in Hartford where he is the facilitator for 6 Urban Gardeners transitioning to Market Farming, he manages the lab portion of Capital Community College's Urban Farmer Certificate program and is creating a Master Plan to make Knox, Inc. an Urban Farming destination and demonstration site. Sven began as an Urban Homesteader due to the crash of 2008, and prior, was a manufacturing engineer. Since 2009 Sven has worked on Permaculture projects in MA, NY, PA and throughout all of Connecticut.