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Fertilizer and lime recommendations provided.
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Saturated media extract: pH, 9 nutrients +  
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Nutrient recommendations are made to alleviate deficiencies and are expressed as a ratio of N:P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>:K<sub>2</sub>O fertilizer elements, which can be met with OMRI-approved sources.

See <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/soil-testing-lab> for more options and instructions.

# Welcome to NOFA-NJ's 31st Winter Conference!

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Organic Farmers, Gardeners, and Consumers invest themselves in fostering diversity and ecological resilience. We care about how the earth is treated, we make choices about how to achieve our goals, while respecting the needs and opportunities of others, from the people we serve to the natural world, we work within. NOFA-NJ is our home for bringing our Organic Community together. Since 1990, NOFA-NJ has organized Winter Conferences to provide a space to share stories, ideas, and visions. 2021 NOFA-NJ brings the Organic Community to a Virtual Conference. Our Executive Director, Nagisa Manabe, and her team have organized and present to you, another Organic Winter Conference to Remember. Thank you for joining us, congratulations on surviving 2020, and enjoy this annual jump into the new Season!

With love and respect,

Mike Rassweiler  
NOFA-NJ Board President







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# 2021 Journey Person Program!



Gain mentorship and support on  
how to start up your own farm!

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With our new online platform, we are able to connect with folks from all over the state, country, and world! While we do not anticipate any connectivity issues, we ask that you observe the following participant guidelines to manage the delivery of our event to all participants:

1. Please mute your microphone;
2. Please keep your camera off while the speakers are presenting; and
3. If you have any questions for the presenter, please put them in the chat and we will manage the flow of questions to the presenter.

If you have any questions or issues at all, please call NOFA-NJ's Number **908-371-1111** and one of our staff will assist you. If you miss any of the events, don't worry. We are recording all of the presentations, and you will all be sent links after the weekend.

On behalf of NOFA-NJ, thank you for your support and participation. Happy 2021 and best wishes for a great organic food season.

Sincerely, Nagisa Manabe, Executive Director of NOFA-NJ

To get the most out of our electronic program, feel free to click on any link, logo, page number, or advertisement to find out more information!

*These sessions will be recorded and made available for your viewing pleasure after the conference has come to an end.*



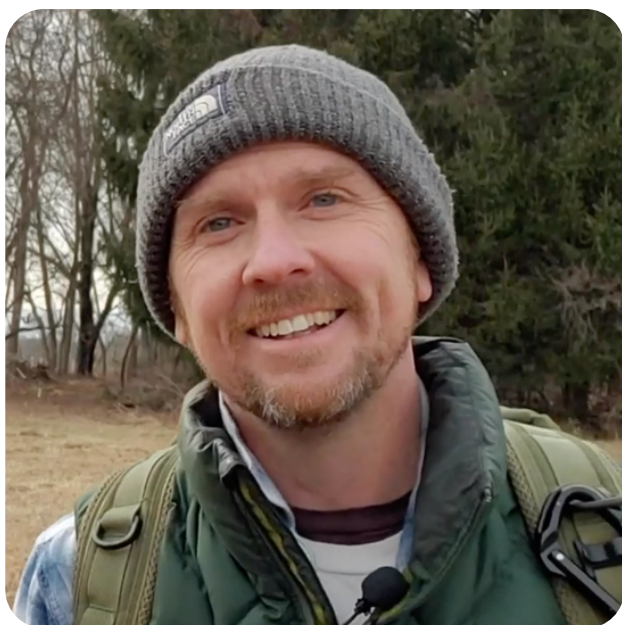
# Meet the Emcees!

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**TONY KENNETTE**  
**- MARTENETTE FARMS**

Co-owner of Martenette Farms, Tony has been involved with organic agriculture since the early 90's. As anyone in the know will reassure you, his wife Andrea is the lead farmer at Martenette but his passion for the environment, media arts and education is the real bounty that he brings to the table. When he's not getting dirty with his wife you can usually find him serenading audiences on stage with a guitar in his hand and a song in his heart!



**SCOTT MORGAN**  
**- MORGANICS FARM**

Having starting farming in 2000 and beginning to farm in New Jersey in 2007, co-owner of Morganics Farms, Scott and his wife, Allison, created the farm with a desire to breach the final frontier of local organic production in the Northeast section of the United States and thereby take part in the revitalization of the local grainshed. The goal of Morganics is to provide top quality product, grown in organic soil and sun-dried to perfection.

# Thank You for Your Support!

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Since 1985, the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ) has been dedicated to supporting sustainable food and agriculture throughout New Jersey. Our membership includes farmers, gardeners, chefs, retailers, land care professionals, policymakers, researchers, educators, and food lovers.

NOFA-NJ believes sustainable agriculture addresses the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the food system and requires agricultural systems to be ecologically sensitive. Our focus is to educate, develop and support the production, preparation, and distribution of locally grown and sustainable foods in New Jersey.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, times have been turbulent. However, organic growers have remained resilient, and NOFA-NJ has been alongside ensuring that the tools, knowledge, and network are continuing and thriving. By using the best alternative available, hosting our 31st Annual Winter Conference through a virtual platform, and presenting experiences, stories, and knowledge of the current issues facing organic farmers from excellent speakers, including farmers, business owners, and professors, NOFA-NJ continues to aid in the connection of farmers in the state of New Jersey.

Support NOFA-NJ's important work by becoming a member or donating. With your annual membership, you help NOFA-NJ provide education and outreach opportunities for farmers, gardeners, consumers, and more! Our memberships come at different levels- all of which offer great benefits for individuals and businesses seeking to support sustainable agriculture and be involved with NOFA-NJ's work.

## Conference Volunteers

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Thank you to all volunteers that helped make a difference during these two conference days!

## Winter Conference Committee

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*Thank you!*

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*Thank you for a great 2020, and here's to a better 2021!*





# **10TH ANNUAL BEDS & BREAKFAST**

## **FEBRUARY 18-21**

Planting Seeds of Change:  
Gardening as a Path Towards  
Empowerment, Justice, and Change

This year's FREE virtual conference will empower communities to enact positive social change in this decade and beyond. The presentations will encourage participants to contextualize future growth in terms of acts we begin today.

Educational Lectures &  
Discussions

Hands-On Workshops

Open to all Gardening  
Abilities



The conference will feature workshops and presentations that will lay the groundwork for novice gardeners as they begin their journeys, in addition to sessions that promote the continued education of more advanced gardeners. All participants, regardless of skill level, are also invited to several discussions that explicitly connect small acts of gardening with the larger potential for social justice and change. At the end of the conference, participants will walk away with hard skills and theories that will allow them to plant seeds of change in their communities and beyond.



**REGISTER HERE:**

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# Conference Overview

Day 1 - Saturday, Jan. 30

9:00A	<b>Tony Kennette</b> , <i>Martenette Farm</i> <b>Scott Morgan</b> , <i>Morganics Farm</i> NOFA-NJ Day 1 Welcome
9:15A	<b>Charles Rosen</b> , <i>Ironbound Cider and Farm</i> Opening Keynote
10:00A	<b>Nathan Kleinman</b> , <i>Experimental Farm</i> <i>Network</i> Preserving and Expanding Crop Biodiversity
11:00A	<b>Rowen White</b> , <i>Sierra Seeds</i> Keynote: Indigenous Seed and Food Sovereignty
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Katia Ramirez</b> , <i>CATA</i> <b>Sonya Harris</b> , <i>Bullock Garden Project</i> ; <b>Justin Allen</b> , <i>Isles, Inc.</i> <b>Paige Vaccaro</b> , <i>CROPS</i> Growing in Urban Jersey Roundtable
2:00 PM	<b>Organic Seed Companies and Resources</b> <b>Exchange</b> 2021 Seed News
3:00 PM	<b>Kendrya Close</b> , <i>Food Shed Alliance</i> Sustainable Agriculture and Food Hubs
4:00 PM	<b>Senator Cory Booker</b> Closing Keynote







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New Jersey Agricultural  
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## **PLANT DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

### ***Don't guess, Test!***

- **Identify plant disease or arthropod pests** quickly and correctly to understand effective control options to maintain healthy crops and high quality yield
- **Identify beneficial arthropods**
- **Determine possible abiotic causes** of plant stress to assure best cultural practices

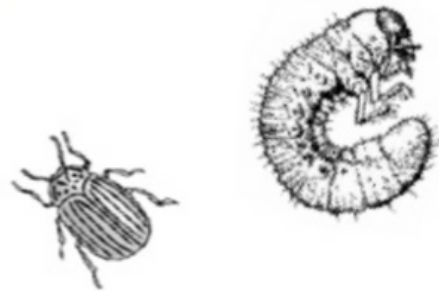
Plant pest diagnosis \$50 (NJ),  
\$100 out-of-state (most samples except fine turf):

Plant/Weed Identification \$50 (NJ),  
\$100 out-of-state

Insect identification \$50 (NJ),  
\$100 out-of-state

Nematode Assays \$50 (NJ),  
\$100 out-of-state

Fungus and Mold Identification \$50 (NJ),  
\$100 out-of-state



See <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/plant-diagnostic-lab> for more options and instructions.



# Conference Overview

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Day 2 - Sunday, Jan. 31

9:00A	<b>Tony Kennette</b> , <i>Martenette Farm</i> NOFA-NJ Day 2 Welcome
9:15A	<b>Dave Robinson</b> , <i>Rutgers University</i> Keynote: NJ Changing Climate
10:00A	<b>Jacqueline Ricotta</b> , <i>Delaware Valley University</i> Climate Smart Farming
11:00A	<b>Chris Smaje</b> , <i>Author</i> Keynote: A Small Farm Future
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Eric Toensmeier</b> , <i>Author</i> Keynote: The Carbon Farming Solution, Perennial Crops and Regenerative Agriculture
2:00 PM	<b>Daniel Mays</b> , <i>Frith Farm</i> Keynote: No Till Organic Farming
3:00 PM	<b>New Jersey Farmers Roundtable</b> Journey person Program, Mentors & Farming, Resource Library
4:00 PM	<b>Mike Rassweiler</b> , <i>North Slope Farm and</i> <i>President of NOFA-NJ</i> Closing Remarks



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- Earn college credits towards a bachelor's degree in sustainable agriculture
- Part-time study options available

## ***Receive Support to Launch Your Career***

- We assist with job searches and developing business plans for farms
- We offer a network of professional farmers who provide support and mentoring

## ***Funding Your Education***

- Delaware Valley is a Yellow Ribbon school.
- Financial aid is now available for qualifying students!  
Contact the University's Office of Financial Aid to find out if you are eligible.

Important Information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program can be found at [DelVal.edu/organicGE](http://DelVal.edu/organicGE).





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# Speaker Descriptions

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## Day 1

### **Charles Rosen - Ironbound Cider and Farm**

#### **Opening Keynote**

Growers who embrace the full range of environmental, social, and cultural benefits envisioned by the earliest organic pioneers cannot survive in the winner-take-all economy where price and convenience rule. Instead of joining in that race to the bottom, Charles Rosen, owner of Ironbound Farm, believes we can build an alternative local food marketplace that is decentralized, inclusive, human-scaled, and tailored to local resources and needs. Join him for a discussion on the perspective and storytelling skills needed to inspire new and existing customers to support the benefits that organic farming brings to our state.

### **Nate Kleinman - Experimental Farming Network**

Nate Kleinman, co-founder of the Experimental Farm Network, will discuss the vital importance of preserving and expanding crop diversity, with a focus on what each of us as farmers and gardeners can do to participate in this critical effort. Topics will include habitat preservation and crop wild relatives, government seed banks and other collections, cultural stewardship of seeds, corporate consolidation and loss of commercial varieties, and practical ways to increase genetic diversity in the seed supply. In the face of climate change and ecological collapse, this is an important discussion for all of us.

### **Rowen White - Sierra Seeds**

#### **Keynote**

Rowen White is a seed keeper from the Mohawk community of Akwesasne and is an advocate for Indigenous seed sovereignty, and she will talk about the important connections between seeds and people. She will speak about the intergenerational nature of her work, cultivating intimacy with food, cultivating ancestral connection through seed saving, the stories of seeds, and ways of healing historical trauma.

#### **Farming Roundtable**

Nate Kleinman will lead a roundtable discussion about urban farming and food justice in New Jersey with some of the inspiring activist farmers of the Garden State.

### **Organic Seed Companies and Resources Exchange**

Hosted by Mike Rassweiler, this hour will feature information from Nate Kleinman from Experimental Farming Network; Marcello Mangano Director of Lab and Alexandra Villiard from the New Jersey Beneficial Insect Lab; Laura Goldshein from High Mowing Seeds; Heron Breen from Fedco Seeds; and Laura Robertson from NOFA-NJ on our new Resource Library.

### **Kendrya Close - Food Shed Alliance**

#### ***Rural-Urban Partnerships: Connecting the Food System Dots in NJ***

Learn how creating and strengthening rural-urban partnerships in New Jersey is rebuilding our local food system: providing affordable land-lease opportunities on preserved farmland to new and emerging organic growers, especially from socially disadvantaged communities; rebuilding distribution infrastructure via a food hub to connect urban and rural growers with population-dense communities, and capturing surplus food grown on farms for distribution to those in need.

### **Senator Cory Booker**

#### **Closing Keynote**

Senator Cory Booker will be speaking about three of his agriculture-related pieces of legislation: the Justice for Black Farmers Act, the Climate Stewardship Act, and the Farm System Reform Act, as well as what inspired him to be so active on food and farm policy.



# Speaker Descriptions

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## Day 2

### **Dave Robinson - Rutgers University**

The Earth's climate system is changing on local to global scales. Professor & New Jersey State Climatologist Dave Robinson will discuss why this change of climate is occurring, and what the foreseeable future holds on the Garden State situation.

### **Jacqueline Ricotta - Delaware Valley University**

Dr. Jacqueline Ricotta will discuss what tools, information and inspiration are available to help farmers adapt to climate changes.

### **Chris Smaje - Author**

Chris Smaje draws on his new book *A Small Farm Future* to explain how farming and gardening scaled to local needs using primarily organic and regenerative techniques can help address our seemingly intractable contemporary crises of environment and society. There are no panaceas, but Chris will describe how building concepts of individual and community self-reliance, commons, social justice, and politics-from-below might enable us to create small farm societies equal to the present challenges we face.

### **Eric Toensmeier - Author**

Agriculture and land use are the source of over 20% of human greenhouse gas emissions. Many practices reduce these emissions. In addition many practices remove excess atmospheric carbon dioxide and sequester (store) it in soil organic matter and the biomass of perennial plants. We will walk through an overview of these practices and their potential, with a special eye towards those that are suited to the mid-Atlantic climate and farming systems.

### **Daniel Mays - Frith Farm**

Daniel will present an overview of his farm's no-till practices, including: permanent raised beds, use of compost and mulches, tarping, cover cropping, in-situ mulching, interplanting, and maintaining a weed-free farm. Come learn the ecological, economic, and human benefits of farming without tractors, tillage, or pesticides!

### **Journey Person Roundtable**

Join the NOFA-NJ 2020 Journey Persons and their mentors, to hear about their Journey's in NJ Organic Agriculture. NOFA-NJ pairs JourneyPerson Farmers with Mentors, each year, to provide support, networking, and technical assistance. We will discuss the Application Process, hear from each of the 2020 Journey Persons, and talk about mentoring in general.

### **Mike Rassweiler - North Slope Farm, NOFA-NJ President**

2020 was an exceptional year and Local Organic Producers were correctly identified as "Critical Workers." Our Farmers quickly adapted to developing Health Protocols and created many new ways for customers to maintain access to fresh, quality food. The Challenges remain, but NJ Organic Farmers have proven their critical value to our community. As we plan for the future, we want to bring in New Farmers, Get more Land into Organic Management Systems, and keep Local Healthy food as a top priority!



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## YEAR-ROUND GOODNESS

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY 9:00AM-6:00PM



WINTER POP-UP ONGOING

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EASTERN EUROPEAN FAVORITES AND DELI, SEAFOOD,  
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# INTRODUCING

NOFA-NJ is organizing for 2021 JourneyPersons right now. Please submit an application from the Journey Person Page today!

## What is a "JourneyPerson"?

By definition, a JourneyPerson is someone leaving the comfort, of what is known, and safe.

***NOFA-NJ invests in providing a Farmer Mentor, to support our Organic Farming Journey Persons.***



**Jared Krawitz**  
**Closter Farm and Livestock Co.**  
**2020 Journey Person**

**Michael Reddy**  
**Spicebush Farm**  
**2020 Journey Person**



Go online for details:

<https://nofanj.org/journeyperson/>



# JOURNEYPERSONS!

A Mentor helps by:

- 1) Making significant contact
- 2) Answering and processing hard questions topics,  
**and**
- 3) Developing a lasting relationship with New Organic Farming Operations, or Existing Organic Operations that want to connect with a Mentor.

***Interested Journey Persons need to demonstrate a profound commitment to their path, and Mentors are intended to pay attention, question, provide support, and encourage.***



Zell George and Shuhong Wang  
**Zells Farm**  
2020 Journey People

Allison Akbay  
**Snapping Turtle Farm**  
2020 Journey Person



Go online for details:

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Register for

# the Bean Beetle Project

An Initiative of the

Phillip Alampi Beneficial Insect Rearing Laboratory

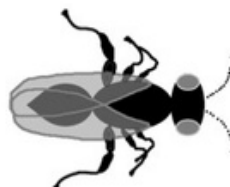


## Our Goal

To provide **targeted beneficial insects** and **release recommendations** to NJ bean farmers and community gardens to reduce **Mexican bean beetle** pest populations

## How it Works

*Pediobius foveolatus* is a tiny beneficial wasp that kills Mexican bean beetle larvae



## Benefits of Registration

- ◇ Up to 2,000 insects **FREE** this year\*
- ◇ Updates on availability other beneficials
- ◇ Priority access to additional insects for purchase
- ◇ Recommendations from field staff

## Standard Insect Cost

~~\$90 per 1,000~~

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As New Jersey's junior Senator, Cory Booker has brought an innovative and consensus-building approach to tackling some of the most difficult problems facing New Jersey and our country. He has emerged as a national leader in the effort to fix our broken criminal justice system and end mass incarceration, helping craft the most sweeping set of criminal justice reforms in a generation, the First Step Act, which became law in December 2018. Cory Booker believes that the American dream isn't real for anyone unless it's within reach of everyone. Booker has dedicated his life to fighting for those who have been left out, left behind, or left without a voice. Booker sits on the Judiciary Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, and the Environment and Public Works Committee.



### **ROWEN WHITE - SIERRA SEEDS**

Rowen White is a Seed Keeper and farmer from the Mohawk community of Akwesasne and a passionate activist for indigenous seed and food sovereignty. She is the director and founder of the Sierra Seeds, an innovative organic seed stewardship organization focusing on local seed and education, based in Nevada City CA. Rowen is the current National Project Coordinator and advisor for the Indigenous Seed Keeper Network, an initiative of the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance, a non-profit organization aimed at leveraging resources to support tribal food sovereignty projects. The mission of the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network is to nourish and assist the growing Seed Sovereignty Movement across Turtle Island. Her passion being in teaching and mentoring, Rowen has developed many curricula that focus on holistic, indigenous permaculture based approach to seed stewardship which honors the many layers of seed culture. She weaves stories of seeds, food, culture and sacred Earth stewardship on her blog, Seed Songs.





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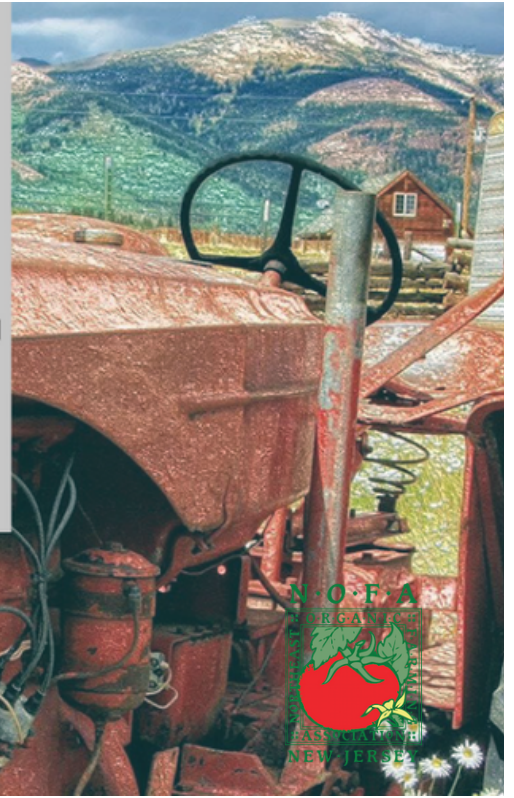
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Charles Rosen is the founder and CEO of Ironbound Hard Cider and New Ark Farms, a Newark-based social enterprise focused on workforce development and regenerative agriculture. New Ark Farm commits to providing living wages to ex-offenders and underserved members of the Greater Newark community to educate their employees in identity value, conflict resolutions, and communication skills. By creating a curriculum surrounding these soft-skills, Charles believes that this will create a more welcoming work environment, and arm his employees with tools needed to better serve the community.



### **NATHAN KLEINMAN - EXPERIMENTAL FARM NETWORK**

Philadelphia native Nate Kleinman has done various types of work, mainly in politics and organizing, but happily quit his last “real job” in 2012 to focus on non-profit work and activism. He has been involved in efforts including the Sudan Freedom Walk, Witness for Peace, Occupy Wall Street, Occupy Sandy, and the Movement for Black Lives. Nate serves on the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Orchard Project and Grassroots Seed Network. He is a member of the Seed Advisory Committee of the Non-GMO Project and the Education Committee of NOFA-NJ. He co-founded the Experimental Farm Network in 2013 to facilitate collaboration on plant breeding and agroecology research. As a plant breeder and researcher, Nate has a broad range of interests but is most engaged in pursuing climate-stabilizing perennial staple crops.



### **KATHIA RAMIREZ - CATA**

Kathia Ramirez born and raised in Aztlan land, Los Angeles CA, but very proud of her Zapotec Indigenous Roots from Oaxaca Mexico, has been part of the CATA team for 6 years, starting as an organizer and now as the Food Justice Coordinator. In her role, Kathia works closely with community members who are interested in bettering our current food system, manages our community gardens in each state we work in, and represents CATA and their members in Alliances at the national level working in solidarity with social movements at the global level to advance Food Sovereignty and Agroecology as an alternative to the current Food System.



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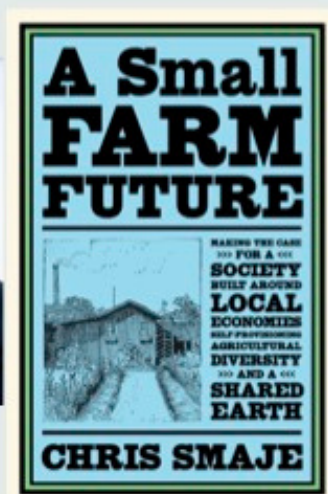


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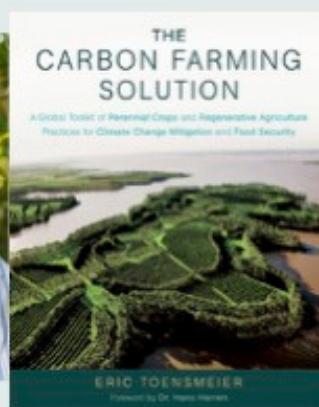
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### **KENDRYA CLOSE** **- THE FOODSHED ALIANCE**

Kendrya Close is the Executive Director of the Foodshed Alliance in Hope, New Jersey. As Executive Director, her responsibilities include overseeing a staff of three full-time and three part-time people and a range of programs, including the Sustainable Agriculture Enterprise (SAGe) program, the Food Hub pilot program, LocalShare gleaning program, among others. Highest priorities at this time are working on solutions to improve affordable land access for farmers and increasing distribution methods for farmers. She is committed to growing the organization and its effectiveness by collaborating with stakeholders across New Jersey's food system. Kendrya's passion for local food and activism for sustainable agriculture led her to this nonprofit organization with a focus on the intersection of the food, farming and ecological stewardship. Her bachelor's degree in environmental biology from Ohio University and her extensive work as a plant pathologist and urban forester for the Davey Tree Company are among her credentials.



### **PAIGE VACCARO** **- C.R.O.P.S**

Long Island native, Paige Vaccaro holds a B.A. in English from Rutgers University and an M.A. in Elementary Education from Johns Hopkins University. She is a certified teacher and an alumna of Teach for America. After 12 years of teaching in public schools in Baltimore, Brooklyn, Newark, and Ocean Township, NJ, Paige relocated to South Jersey and set out to forge new paths to bridge the gaps between and within communities. In 2016, Paige founded the nonprofit organization Communities Revolutionizing Open Public Spaces (C.R.O.P.S.), which hosts local farmers markets, community gardens, paid internships and educational programming and events, being the only SNAP accessible farmers market in Atlantic County, NJ. C.R.O.P.S. collaborates with local businesses and nonprofit organizations including the Covenant House and the Friends of Jean Webster, Inc. to improve food access and build a culture of connection to the Earth and to one another.







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### SONYA HARRIS

#### - THE BULLOCK GARDEN PROJECT

South Jersey native, Sonya Harris is a former special education teacher of 25 years, believing in learning beyond the four walls of the classroom. Sonya used this philosophy to form the award-winning Bullock Children's Garden at Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School in Glassboro, NJ in 2015. In 2017, Sonya established the nonprofit The Bullock Garden Project, Inc. to assist teachers and schools to cut through the "red tape" and navigate through the approval system to build school gardens. In 2020, in the face of a global pandemic, Sonya steered the path of The Bullock Garden Project from solely educating others about gardening to joining the movement to help feed those affected by food insecurity & food apartheid worsened with the pandemic. Seeing clips of farmers across the nation till under crops of food they were unable to sell, and hundreds of families standing in food pantry lines for hours in attempts to get some kind of food she mobilized her team, joining as a founding member of the Cooperative Gardens Commission with Nate Kleinman to help. BGP began connecting with local farms to see what foods were available to glean, then donated that food to feed families in need.



### JUSTIN ALLEN

#### - ISLES OF TRENTON

Justin has been gardening and working with plants since as early as he can remember, around the age of three. His passion is now in growing food organically. As of January 2017, he began working at Isles, Inc. in Trenton as their Urban Agriculture Coordinator. Prior to that, he had been working for Greater Newark Conservancy first as their Youth Farm Stand Coordinator, then Director of Community Greening, and finally Director of Urban Agriculture. Prior to that, he worked for 5 years with young children on an eighth of an acre garden through HealthBarn USA's healthy lifestyle education program. Justin received an Associate of Arts from Bergen Community College. He also received his Bachelors of Science in Nutritional Science with a concentration in Dietetics, along with a certificate in Food Systems Education and Administration from Rutgers University. Justin has also earned an internationally-recognized Permaculture Design Certificate.



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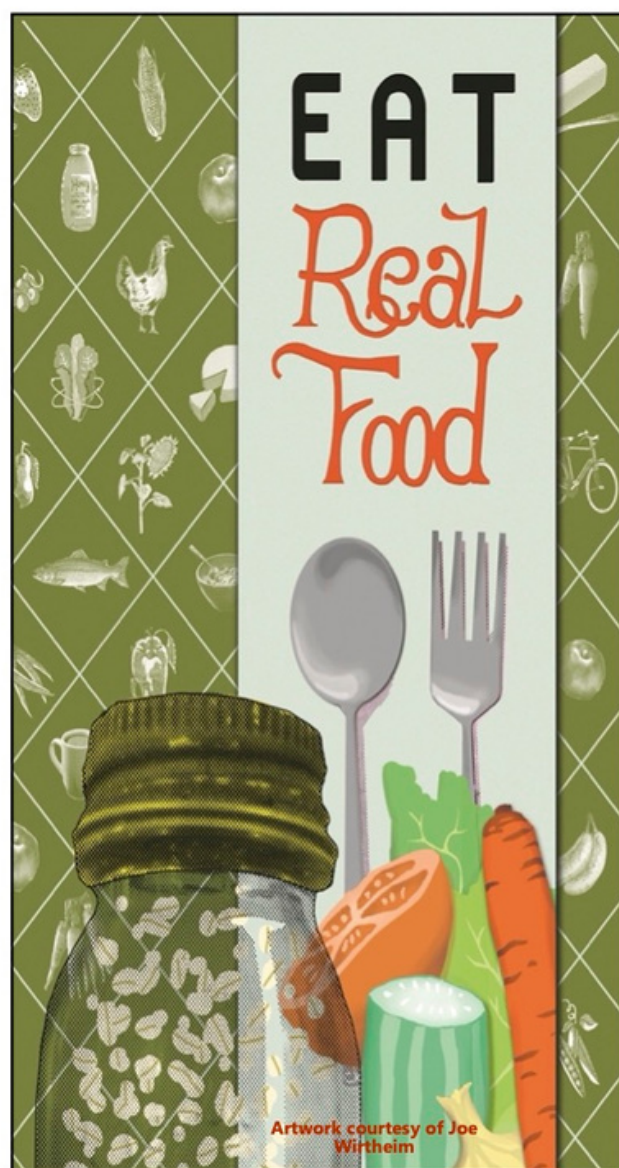
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## Day 2

### ERIC TOENSMEIR - AUTHOR

Eric is the award-winning author of *Paradise Lot* and *Perennial Vegetables*, and the co-author of *Edible Forest Gardens*. He is an appointed lecturer at Yale University, a Senior Biosequestration Fellow with Project Drawdown, and an international trainer. He has studied useful perennial plants and their roles in agroforestry systems for over two decades. In *The Carbon Farming Solution*, Eric Toensmeier admirably harnesses available data with traditional wisdom to propose a practical response to climate change. Toensmeier's solution-oriented ideas combine his clear understanding of ecology, agriculture, and the magnitude of the challenge we face with a set of agriculture-based solutions that are suited to various livelihoods, communities, and systems of production. This book will surely be a benchmark in policy-relevant knowledge.



### DANIEL MAYS - FRITH FARM

No-till, no-spray, human-scale, beyond-organic, hyphen-friendly farming in Scarborough, Maine. Frith Farm is a diversified, certified organic farm on 14 acres in Scarborough, Maine. Daniel Mays grew up outside of Philadelphia, and while in graduate school for environmental engineering, realized that he wanted to be a farmer. He began his search for land on Maine FarmLink, and was able to buy the farm thanks to a purchased easement negotiated with MFT, the Town of Scarborough, and Scarborough Land Trust. Now, six years later, Daniel has transformed the acreage into a rich and biodiverse farm where he raises organic vegetables and herbs, as well as pasture-raised eggs, chicken, pork, and turkeys



### CHRIS SMAJE - AUTHOR

Chris Smaje is a small-scale farmer and market grower in Somerset, southwest England, and the author of *A Small Farm Future: Making the Case for a Society Based Around Local Economies, Self-Provisioning, Agricultural Diversity and a Shared Earth* (Chelsea Green, 2020). Formerly a university-based social scientist, Chris has written widely on aspects of sustainable agriculture, environmentalism, and regenerative political culture. He blogs at [www.smallfarmfuture.org.uk](http://www.smallfarmfuture.org.uk).







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### **PROF. JACKIE RICOTTA - DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY**

Originally from Rochester, N.Y., Jackie Ricotta graduated from Cornell University and went on to receive a Master's degree from North Carolina State University and a doctorate from the University of Illinois, both in Horticulture, specializing in vegetable production and pest control. As a professor of horticulture at Delaware Valley University, she teaches courses in subjects such as Botany, Sustainable Agriculture, Organic Food & Fiber, and Marketing of Horticultural Products. Jackie was instrumental in bringing certified organic to the university's farm in 2004 and helped start the Organic Farming Certificate program (partnered with the Rodale Institute) as well as the Sustainable Agriculture Systems major. In 2012, she received the DelVal distinguished faculty member award. In addition to being on the board of NOFA-NJ, Jackie is active with the American Society for Horticultural Science, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, and the DelVal Food Systems Institute.



### **DAVE ROBINSON - NJ STATE CLIMATOLOGIST**

An earth scientist, more specifically a physical geographer and climatologist Dave Robinson's research interests run the spatial gamut from global to local, with an underlying theme being the development of a better understanding of the climate system. Majority of his published research focusing on hemispheric and regional snow cover dynamics and the interaction with other climates, aiding in national and international climate assessments. Being the New Jersey State Climatologist, Robinson conducts applied research focusing on the vast weather and climate within the Garden State, such as climate change, drought, flooding, and issues surrounding agriculture, transportation, public safety and commerce. Robinson has served on a number of national committees and occasionally publishes on issues related to his interest in the collection and archiving of accurate climatic data.





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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hudson Valley Value-Added Grain School (ONLINE)

### Grain Storage Management

### Heritage Corn and Heritage & Ancient Small Grain Varieties

Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 10:30 am – noon & 1 pm – 2 pm

Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 11 am – noon & 1 pm – 2:40 pm



#### Day One:

**Grain Storage Management (SLAM) & New Technologies** – Dr. Sam McNeill, University of Kentucky

**Grain Storage IPM** – Ken Wise, NYS Integrated Pest Management Program

**Farmer Panel** – Kludt Brothers Farm, Lakeview Organics, Eldred Hay Grain & Seed -  
Storage management tips & technology, managing seed grain, packaging for retail

#### Day Two:

**Above Average Grain Storage Management** Dr. Shawn Shouse, ISU Extension

**Heritage Corn Varieties** – Margaret Smith, Cornell University

**Heritage and Ancient Small Grain Varieties** – Mark Sorrells, Cornell University

#### **More info and free registration at**

<http://blogs.cornell.edu/capitalareaagandhortprogram/2021/01/13/february-18-25-2021-seventh-annual-hudson-valley-value-added-grain-school-online/> or contact Aaron Gabriel (518-380-1496, [adg12@cornell.edu](mailto:adg12@cornell.edu)) or Christian Malsatzki (845-340-3990, [cpm78@cornell.edu](mailto:cpm78@cornell.edu))

#### ***DO NOT BE SCARED OF ONLINE MEETINGS.***

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# Calendar of Events

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## February

February 3, 2021, @6-9p

### Exploring the Small Farm Dream #1

Have you ever thought about starting a farm? Whether your vision includes making goat cheese, selling cut flowers, or growing rare tomato varieties, this course will give you the tools to start making that dream come true. Whether you are thinking of going into farming full-time, part-time, or expanding an existing hobby farm into a business, this course will help you turn your farm dream into an actionable farm plan. Participants will discuss current opportunities in small-scale agriculture production; explore personal objectives; assess personal and financial resources; conduct preliminary market research, and develop an action plan for pursuing their interests in food and farming. Presentations by established farmers and tours of local farms will help participants explore their ideas. This class does NOT cover technical production skills.

February 9, 2021, @6-7:30p

### Raising and Processing Chickens

Matt Wilkinson and John Lima will be sharing their knowledge around successfully raising and processing chickens. Matt Wilkinson shares his take on existing small-scale poultry keeping and chicken processing laws and how you can make them work for you. John will be lecturing about the benefits of raising chickens in his session on Rotational Grazing Systems: Using Chickens as Part of a Sustainable System.

February 24, 2021, @6-8p

### Monthly Organic Open House

Online during Covid, but intended as an informal in-person gathering on each month's Wednesday evening (January thru October). As the restrictions relax, we hope that these will be in person at North Slope Farm, but only time will tell. We will have topics announced each month. For the first two months of the year, they will be informational sessions for those folks who want to inquire about NOFA-NJ's Journey person program. Meetings are Free, but please register so we can send you a Zoom link.

February Topic: 2021 Journey person Discussion and 2021 Information Session About NOFA-NJ and JP

## March

March 16, 2021, @6-7:30p

### NOFA-NJ Annual Meeting

This is NOFA-NJ's annual meeting, usually held at Duke Farms, but this year online! The event is free, but please register so we know how many to expect. [Click here to register!](#)

March 31, 2021, @6-8p

### Monthly Organic Open House

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## April

April 28, 2021, @6-8p

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## May

May 26, 2021, @6-8p

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# NOFA-NJ'S

2021 ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 16TH FROM 6-8P



Featuring speaker Abby Youngblood, the Executive Director of the National Organic Coalition. She will discuss the challenges in protecting the USDA organic seal and growing organic agriculture and the new opportunities offered by the new administration in advancing organic growing.

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EVERY 3RD  
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