

Speaker Bio's for 2019 Spring into Gardening

Aaron Anderson is pursuing his Ph.D. in Horticulture at Oregon State University, under the direction of Gail Langellotto. A Portland native, Aaron received his B.S. in biology at Cornell University. After graduation, he worked on native plant restoration projects in the San Francisco Bay area, took courses in Geographical Information Systems, and worked in an entomology laboratory at Colorado State University.

Aaron is fascinated by native beneficial insect conservation, especially in understanding how species use urban green spaces as habitat to in turn inform how we manage these areas. His Ph.D. project focuses on documenting the relative attractiveness of Willamette Valley native plants to beneficial insects, as well as to home gardeners.

Anna Ashby is a long time Master Gardener who strives for a bountiful home vegetable garden. She now applies her knowledge and skills as the Manager of The Chef's Garden at The Allison Inn and Spa in Newberg where a portion of the garden is situated on less-than ideal soil.

Linda Brewer is a senior research assistant in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University. She is a certified professional soil scientist, and has been gardening in 65% clay for more than 30 years in Benton County. She is about half-way through co-authoring a series of six soil health publications with Oregon State University Extension Service.

Chip Bubl is an OSU Extension agent with both commercial agriculture, livestock, and community horticulture assignments. He has taught in Columbia County, the Metro area and in many other parts of the state and nearby Washington Counties on a variety of MG and farm topics.

Kaci Buhl is an Associate Professor of Practice at Oregon State University (OSU). She coordinates the Statewide Pesticide Safety Education Program, working to educate professional pesticide applicators. On the national level, Ms. Buhl is the Deputy Director of the Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative, which creates pesticide manuals, exams, and other resources for professionals. She studied integrated pest management (IPM) at Michigan State University and previously coordinated the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC).

Jeff Cope has a B.S. degree in Landscape Horticulture from Cal Poly and an M.S. from Cal State. He has taught irrigation classes at Santa Barbara City College and was park manager for the City of Santa Barbara for 18 years. Jeff received training in water auditing, designing irrigation systems and irrigation management courses at Cal Poly. He currently is an owner of Home Grown Gardens in Corvallis, Oregon

Claudia Groth has been working with home gardeners for over 30 years in the Pacific Northwest. She was the "Garden Doctor" on Portland's KEX radio, the naturals specialist for Whitney Farms, appeared on Oregon Field Guide talking kindly about slugs, and currently staffs the Information Desk at Portland Nursery.

She writes a quarterly insect column for the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon and speaks to a variety of audiences on soils, soil improvement, and common sense pest management, including Master training classes in a number of Oregon counties. Gardener

Claudia has a master's degree in Plant Science, has logged over 300 hours of pest management classes, and was named Oregon State Master Gardener of the Year for 2013.

Andrew Millison has been studying, teaching and practicing Permaculture since he took his first design course in 1996. He started teaching Permaculture at the college level in 2001, and has been an instructor at OSU in the Horticulture Department since 2009.

Andrew first learned Permaculture in the drylands, where he studied at Prescott College for his undergraduate and Master's degrees.

In Arizona, his focus was on rainwater harvesting, greywater systems, and desert agriculture. He started a Permaculture landscape design and build company, and also worked in an ecologically-based Landscape Architecture firm. In recent years, Andrew's focus has been more on broad scale farm planning, permaculture housing developments, and obtaining water rights.

Andrew currently teaches the for-credit courses Permaculture Design Course (Hort 285) and the Advanced Permaculture Design Tools for Climate Resilience (Hort 485) at OSU, on campus and online. He teaches non-credit courses for the general public, with some being open source and freely available. He has produced two open source textbooks for his courses that are freely available as well. Andrew hosts a podcast at www.earthrepairradio.com [Links to an external](#).

Joseph Postman is the grandson of a New Jersey grape and chicken farmer. He grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC and received a Bachelor of Science degree in botany from the University of Maryland in 1976. He escaped the east coast in 1978 and landed in western Oregon to earn Master's Degree in plant pathology at Oregon State University, built a home in the country outside of Philomath and raised two children with his wife, Lois Olund. He has worked at the USDA National Clonal Germplasm Repository in Corvallis since 1981 where he curates the living world collections of pears, hazelnuts, quinces and other tree crops and oversees virus testing, general orchard operations and computer database activities.

Dr. Edwin Squiers comes to us with 45 years' experience teaching ecology and environmental science at Taylor University, Petrozavodsk State University, and George Washington University. His research focused on change over time in northern forest systems. His study of ecosystem dynamics led to his appointment by the U.S. Department of State as a Fulbright Scholar serving with the Forest Institute of the Russian Academy of Science in the early 2000's. He is an expert in the application of evidenced-based science as a tool to understand global climate change.

Josh Vlach is an entomologist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture. He has been working on invasive invertebrate issues for well over a decade. The groups he is responsible for anticipating and identifying include woodboring insects, snails and slugs, and all of the small plant feeding critters such as adelgids, aphids, mealybugs, mites, scales, thrips, and whiteflies. He also tries to cover the ants, flies, spittlebugs, leafhoppers, planthoppers, and treehoppers. He helps to determine which pests to prioritize for survey, design appropriate surveys, identify the pests, and provide information on pest risks. If exotic pests are detected, he helps with determining what measures, if any, should be taken. He is tired of being a messenger of bad news.

Keith Wingfield has been a member of the Master Gardener Program in Yamhill County since 1996. His is a lifelong gardener and has presented many classes on "The Enabled Garden". His areas of interest include adaptive gardening, general gardening, soil development, and Bonsai training, cultivation, and showing. His Talk this year is titled "Bonsai – Gardening With Living Art" will

introduce you to the basic history and principles of Bonsai and the benefits of this year round gardening pursuit. He and his wife live in Newberg and all of the information he will be discussing and presenting he actively practices and the trees he will display are from his personal collection developed and curated over the past 40 years.