

# The Organic Land Care Symposium

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Location: Planting Fields  
Arboretum  
1395 Planting Fields Road  
Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771

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## Schedule

8:00am- 9:45am	<b>"Moving Forward With Soil Life"</b> Lecture will address soil biology and how it does the following: Building Soil Structure Natural Nutrient Cycling Carbon Sequestering	<b>Dr. Elaine Ingham</b> Dr. Ingham is known world-wide for her work with the soil food web, helping people in many countries to understand that the way to sustainable farming is to return life to the soil. The science-based reasons for why soil life grows healthy plants, animals and humans are presented by Dr. Ingham and people she has trained.
9:45am-10:15am	<b>Break</b>	
10:15am-11:15am	<b>"Organic Lawn Care"</b> Transitioning from traditional 4 step program to organic Cultural changes necessary to maintain organic program Applications of different organic soil amendments Soil Compaction and Water Management Overseeding and Core Aeration	<b>Richard Staudt</b> Richard owns an organic landscaping company in Nassau County. He will address organic fertilizers and different cultural practices to enhance a natural lawn maintenance program. He will discuss water management and how the overuse of pesticides affects our groundwater quality.
11:15am-12:15pm	<b>"Reducing the Chemical Dependencies of Lawn Care"</b> How to Reduce Nitrogen applications A 10 year Review of Pesticide Reduction on Turf My Philosophy of Organic Lawn Care vs Conventional Lawn Care	<b>Skip Wade</b> Skip manages a golf course in Nassau County. He will discuss how his organic program has decreased pesticide applications. He will also address compost topdressing.
12:15pm-1:30pm	<b>LUNCH (Provided)</b>	
1:30pm- 2:30pm	<b>" Biodynamic Compost Development"</b> Lecture will address these components of compost production: What is an Aerated Windrow Pile? What are the correct ingredients and how much of each? Using manure in the pile- DEC and Federal requirements How often to turn and how to monitor temperature Curing the compost Figuring the cubic feet and weight of the pile When and how much to spread	<b>Barbara Shinn</b> Barbara is the co-owner of Shinn Estate which is located in Mattituck, NY. The 20 acre farm is farmed holistically employing sustainable, organic and biodynamic techniques. Barbara is a viticulturist and soil agronomist of the estate and is credited for bringing a natural approach to winegrowing practices on Long Island.
2:20pm-3:30pm	<b>"Establishing Self Sustaining Beautiful Landscapes"</b> New organic tools for landscape establishment and pesticide free options No phosphorus fertilizer program Building soil carbon and organic matter naturally Storm water management Biophilic Landscape Management	<b>James Sottilo</b> James is the owner of Ecological Landscape Management. He will explain his organic approach to large public projects throughout the country. He will also discuss the process of developing an organic maintenance program for these projects.

## Registration

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