

# 2017 NEVADA SCHOOL GARDEN CONFERENCE PROGRAM



8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	WHIC
8:30 - 9 a.m.	<b>2016 FARM TO SCHOOL IN NEVADA</b> <i>Director Jim Barbee, Ashley Jeppson and Catrina Peters, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)</i>	WHIC
9 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL FOODS</b> <i>Stefanie Teeter, Liberty Food and Wine Exchange</i>	WHIC
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	<b>BREAK - SPONSORED BY UNR CABNR</b>	WHIC
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	<b>SESSION 1: APPLYING IRRIGATION / ROW COVERS</b> <i>Ray Johnson, Custom Gardens Organic Farm</i>	WHIC
	<b>SESSION 2: SCHOOL FARM TRIUMPHS IN NEVADA</b> <i>Josie Luciano, Mountain View Montessori</i>	Brick House
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	<b>LYON COUNTY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PANEL</b> <i>Jim Snyder, Snyder Family Farms</i> <i>Cindy Rainsdon, Lyon County School District Food Service</i> <i>Wendy Madson, Healthy Communities Coalition</i>	WHIC
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	<b>LUNCHEON</b> <i>Bonnie Plants presentation</i>	WHIC
12:45 - 1:45 p.m.	<b>SESSION 1: CURRICULUM INTEGRATION FOR BEGINNING GARDENS</b> <i>Urban Roots, Desert Research Institute (DRI) GreenPower program and NDA Agricultural Literacy program</i>	WHIC
	<b>SESSION 2: CURRICULUM INTEGRATION FOR ESTABLISHED GARDENS</b> <i>Urban Roots, DRI GreenPower program and NDA Agricultural Literacy program</i>	Brick House
1:45 - 2 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	WHIC
2 - 3 p.m.	<b>SESSION 1: BEGINNER - PLANNING YOUR SCHOOL GARDEN</b> <i>Rachel Leach, Silver Stage Elementary</i> <i>Tammy Freeman, Caughlin Ranch Elementary</i>	WHIC
	<b>SESSION 2: ADVANCED - SCHOOL GARDEN LONGEVITY ROUND TABLE</b> <i>Ashley Jeppson, NDA</i>	Brick House
3 - 4 p.m.	<b>SESSION 1: BEGINNER - CREATING A FOOD SAFETY PLAN</b> <i>Michelle Burrows, Academy of Arts, Careers &amp; Technology</i> <i>Robin Futch, Douglas High School</i>	WHIC
	<b>SESSION 2: ADVANCED - PRODUCTION</b> <i>Pawl Hollis and Randy Robison, Rail City Garden Center</i>	Brick House
4 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>TESTIMONIALS</b> <i>Cory King, Carson City Greenhouse Project</i> <i>Fayth Ross, Urban Roots</i>	WHIC
5 - 7 p.m.	<b>CONFERENCE MIXER - SPONSORED BY MOUNTAIN VIEW MONTESSORI</b> <i>Snacks and a tour at Mountain View Montessori</i>	565 Zolezzi Lane, Reno

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## 2016 FARM TO SCHOOL IN NEVADA

The Nevada farm to school movement has continued to grow since the 2016 Nevada School Garden Conference. Join the farm to school team from the Nevada Department of Agriculture as they discuss recent successes, challenges and ongoing goals to enhance state programs.

## IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL FOODS

Stefanie Teeter, local chef and garden enthusiast, will share her experiences working in farm to table kitchens and integrating local foods. She will also share her personal success in the garden, which is sure to inspire others.

## APPLYING IRRIGATION/ ROW COVERS

Ray Johnson from Custom Gardens Organic Farm, the first certified organic farm in Nevada, will share his wealth of knowledge growing produce in northern Nevada. He will focus on best practices for setting up irrigation and row covers in a school garden setting.

## SCHOOL FARM TRIUMPHS IN NEVADA

Learn about successful school farm programs thriving in Nevada. Mountain View Montessori and other programs are doing it all from CSAs to four-legged critters. Program leaders and students will share their lessons learned to encourage more involvement in school farms.

## LYON COUNTY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PANEL

Farm to school experts from Lyon County will answer questions lending their expertise on topics including: the school food system, tips and resources for local procurement and the needs of both the farmer and the school in creating a successful partnership.

## CURRICULUM INTEGRATION FOR BEGINNING GARDENS

Trying to integrate gardening themes into your core curriculum? Attend this session to gather standards-based lesson plans and activities that can be applied to your school garden.

## CURRICULUM INTEGRATION FOR ESTABLISHED GARDENS

Has your school been gardening for a while? Explore ideas to fully integrate the garden as part of your classroom and school through standards-based lessons and activities. From STEM to language arts, school gardens provide a meaningful context for multidisciplinary exploration.

## BEGINNER - PLANNING YOUR SCHOOL GARDEN

Learn from your local school garden champions as they share their experiences and resources to aid you with your school garden journey. Topics will include obtaining ADA compliance, rallying support and funding and involving students in food safety program development.

## ADVANCED - SCHOOL GARDEN LONGEVITY ROUND TABLE

This discussion will be open for participants to share best practices and concerns encountered in school garden programs. Working together to establish and sustain school gardens is critical for the outdoor classrooms of today and the future.

## BEGINNER - CREATING A FOOD SAFETY PLAN FOR YOUR NEW GARDEN

Discover how to develop and implement a food safety plan for your school garden. Learn beneficial and time saving resources that can be used to create a long-term program. Don't forget to incorporate your students throughout the process!

## ADVANCED - PRODUCTION

Join representatives from Rail City Gardens as they share 10 best practices for starting and sustaining a school garden program.

## TESTIMONIALS

Cory King, The Greenhouse Project manager, and Fayth Ross, Urban Roots executive director, will discuss how to incorporate diverse groups in garden education programming and the secrets to longevity and furthering community support.



# SPEAKER BIOS

## **JIM BARBEE**

Jim Barbee is the director of the NDA. He previously worked in career and technical education at the Nevada Department of Education and as an agriculture educator. Jim has a master's degree in agriculture education and a bachelor's degree in animal science.

## **MICHELLE BURROWS**

Michelle Burrows is the agriculture, natural resources and animal science teacher and FFA advisor at Reno's Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology. Her program includes two greenhouses, raised garden beds, an orchard, aquaculture and hydroponics.

## **KACEY CROOKS**

Kacey Crooks joined Reno's local non-profit Urban Roots as a Farm to School educator in the fall of 2016. Kacey works with AmeriCorps inspiring Nevada's youth to live a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

## **KIM DANIEL**

Kim Daniel joined Urban Roots in April 2013 as a volunteer and in October 2013 as the education director. She has led students in hands-on garden-based educational camps, field trips and in-class lessons and has overseen the development of Urban Roots curriculum.

## **TAMMY FREEMAN**

Tammy Freeman is the school garden coordinator at Caughlin Ranch Elementary School.

## **ROBIN FUTCH**

Robin Futch is a third-year agriculture instructor at Douglas High School. She has a bachelor's degree in animal science, and master's degrees in agricultural/extension education and business.

## **PAWL HOLLIS**

Pawl Hollis is owner of Rail City Garden Center. He was a former horticulture and agriculture teacher.

## **ASHLEY JEPSON**

Ashley Jeppson has a degree in rangeland management and animal sciences and has worked with the NDA since 2010. Ashley coordinates the Farm to School Food Safety program, Specialty Crop Grant program and the Good Agriculture Practices program.

## **RAY JOHNSON**

Ray Johnson is co-owner of Custom Gardens Organic Farm in Silver Springs, Nev. He produces vegetable and tree fruit, consults on hoop house construction and growing and runs the farm's CSA program.

## **CORY KING**

Cory King became the site manager and garden educator for The Greenhouse Project in spring 2015. He is an avid gardener and permaculture practitioner.

## **RACHEL LEACH**

Rachel Leach has shared her love for learning with students in the Silver Springs/Stagecoach area for the last 17 years. She leads the award-winning Silver Stage Elementary School G.R.E.E.N. Team.

## **JOSIE LUCIANO**

Josie Luciano is the garden specialist, adolescent science teacher and a parent at Mountain View Montessori. She is the founder of Urban Roots and co-organizer for Permaculture Northern Nevada.

## **LEAH MADISON**

Leah Madison has a background in traditional biology with an emphasis on ecology. She has been translating science for the general public for more than 7 years in both federal and non-profit organizations.

## **WENDY MADSON**

Wendy Madson is the garden coordinator within Lyon County schools and communities. She connects farmers to school administration and teachers and shows youth and businesses the importance of local, healthy choices that contribute to overall health.

## **CATRINA PETERS**

Catrina Peters has a bachelor's degree in nutrition and a master's degree in foods and nutrition and is also a registered dietitian. She is the School Nutrition Services manager for the NDA and the Nevada lead for the National Farm to School Network.

## **MACKENZIE PETERSON**

Mackenzie Peterson began working for DRI GreenPower in 2013. As Green Box administrator, she works with educators and DRI researchers to bring cutting edge science content to the classroom.

## **CINDY RAINDSOON**

Cindy Raindson is a registered dietitian and the food service supervisor at Lyon County School District where she manages 16 school kitchens across five communities in rural northern Nevada.

## **RANDY ROBISON**

Randy Robison was the champion gardener many times at the Nevada State Fair and is a University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Master Gardener vegetable expert.

## **FAYTH ROSS**

Fayth Ross has nearly two decades of experience in marketing and technical communications and is a seasoned instructor, having taught at university, private college and community college levels. She is currently the executive director of Urban Roots.

## **AMBER SMYER**

Amber Smyer conducts education and outreach activities at the NDA to help people understand the importance of food and agriculture in Nevada. Amber holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural education and a master's degree in public affairs.

## **JIM SNYDER**

Jim Snyder, along with his father Ed, brother John and sister Lucy Rechel, operates Snyder Family Farms in Mason Valley. The family grows hay, fruit and vegetable crops and runs a cattle feedlot.

## **STEFANIE TEETER**

Stefanie Teeter is the executive chef of Liberty Food and Wine Exchange. A graduate of the Truckee Meadows Community College Culinary Program, she heads the Liberty restaurant, wholesale and catering divisions, sourcing fresh, local and seasonal products.

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