

Urban Farming 101: Speakers

Andrea Platt Dwyer, Executive Director, Seattle Tilth

Andrea began serving as director of the 31-year-old Seattle Tilth, an organic gardening education organization in March 2009.

Andrea came to Seattle Tilth from Camp Fire USA, where she was chief executive officer of its Minnesota Council for 10 years prior to moving to Seattle. Since her move, she had served as a Camp Fire field executive in Seattle. She has served in management positions at non-profit organizations for most of her 30-year career.

Eddie Hill, Executive Director, Creative4Community

Eddie, is the founding Director of C4C He has worked locally and nationally to influence local green policies and practices, and to help drive diversification of urban agriculture, urban planning and community food systems development in the Northwest. He is currently managing 62 youth and 14 staff in four programs providing an introduction to urban agriculture and urban ecology as well as stewarding over 12 acres of urban land.

Jill Kuehler, Executive Director, Zenger Farm, Portland, OR.

Inspired by her summers spent in her grandmother's garden digging for worms, Jill still cannot keep the dirt out from under her fingernails. While in the Peace Corps in Guatemala she helped a rural elementary school install a garden that continues to provide food for school lunches. Commitment to connecting children with their food source has been her passion ever since

Before becoming the Executive Director of Friends of Zenger Farm, Jill was managing the Lents International Farmers Market, a program of Friends of Zenger Farm, for two seasons. In addition to the LIFM, Jill also directed The Sauvie Island Center, a Portland non-profit organization teaching children about farms, the food they grown and the landscape in which they exist. Jill also spent two years as the Wellness Coordinator at Abernethy Elementary, developing a model wellness program centered on the school's Scratch Kitchen and Garden of Wonders where students learn to grow, prepare and eat good food