

Welcome  
to the  
Marin Community Garden  
Summit



Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Presented with





# Agenda

- 2:00pm Registration/Tables
- 2:20pm Welcome, David Lewis, Director UC Extension Marin
- 2:30pm “Why Community Gardens are Important in Marin County”  
Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey
- 2:45pm Introduction of Keynote Speaker by Patricia Decker,  
President of Marin Master Gardeners
- 2:50pm “Growing Healthy Lifestyles through Community Gardens”  
Milli Macen-Moore, Keynote Speaker
- 3:35pm Q & A
- 3:50pm “Working with Local Government to Create Community Gardens”  
Bob Brown, Interim Community Development Director, Novato
- 4:05pm Q & A
- 4:20pm Panel: “Challenges and Solutions to Creating Community Gardens”  
Karen Hamblett, San Geronimo Community Garden, Master Gardener  
Francesca Vietor, SF PUC, SF Foundation Environmental Program  
Officer  
Susan Miller, Foodscapes of Marin  
Miles Gordon, Community Gardens Project, NCO, Mendocino  
Mary Warner, Corte Madera Community Garden, Master Gardener  
Moderator: Kath Delaney, Global Footprint Network
- 5:15pm Q & A
- 5:30pm THANK YOU from  
David Lewis, UCCE Marin; Sam Hodder, California Executive Director,  
Trust for Public Land; Tom Wilson, Executive Director, Canal Alliance;  
and Lauren Klein, Summit coordinator, Marin Master Gardeners.
- Invitation to the walking tour at 6pm. Maps available.
- 5:40pm Mingle/Tables
- 6:00pm: **Walking tour** of neighborhood gardens  
with *Canal Community Youth and Maite Duran*, former Community  
Leadership Coordinator at Canal Alliance. Tour will visit Canal  
apartment garden, Bahia Vista School garden, and finish at the Trust for  
Public Land’s *Canal Community Garden ground-breaking ceremony* at  
Bellam and Windward at 6:30pm.

# Thank you to our Tablers

**Beekeeping:** Bonnie Bollengier, Survivor Stock Project  
**Hen keeping:** Sample eggs from 3 Chicks & a Goat; Coops from Laughing Chickens; hens from Woolly Ranch, Mill Valley; Hen-sitting by Claire Bildsoe  
**Composting:** Tom Bowen, Soil Solutions  
**Marin Master Gardeners:** Deborah Celle, Dave Phelps, Kathy Truett and Diane Lynch  
**Marin Open Garden Project:** Julie Hanft  
**Trust for Public Land:** Philip Vitale, Canal Community Garden Project  
**Green Schools Initiative:** Deborah Moore  
**Marin School Garden Network:** Kathy Carver  
**Canal Alliance:** Sign-ups for Canal community members for plots in new garden  
**Golden Gate Chapter of California Rare Fruit Growers:** John Valenzuela  
**Marin Community Farmers' Markets:** Lynn Bagley  
**iGrow Sonoma:** Autumn Buss and Wendy Krupnick  
**Information and Petition Table:** Materials from MCSTOPPP, Homeward Bound Homeless Shelter Garden, London Allotments, Seattle Food Forest, ChangeLab Solutions.org model ordinances, American Community Garden Association, League for Women Voters Government contact list, and more.

# And thank you to our Valued Volunteers:

- Refreshments: Laura Nicholetti
- Tablers coordination, Stage Manager: Mel Peratis
- Registration: Barb Greico, Kathryn Reinhardt
- Timekeepers for speakers: Betsy McGee and Linda Varonin
- AV person: Janet Duncan, MMG
- Check in: Pamela Fisco
- Volunteer set-up Coordination: Jenny Appleton
- Set-up: Dorothy Weaver, Mary Warner, Anki Gelb, Michelle Bush, Cindy Kamm
- Clean-up: Paul Bildsoe and daughters, Kate & Claire; Nina Cunnan, Bill Dittman
- VIP handler, Program production: Sharon Svensson, Essex&Drake.
- Ms. Lieu Phan, Vietnamese translation
- Marin Academy's Student Garden Class and Club

# Speaker Bios

**David Lewis** is Director of University of California Cooperative Extension Marin County and Watershed Management Advisor focusing on watershed management in Sonoma, Marin, and Mendocino Counties. In this position, he directs all research and extension programs in Marin County and develops and implements projects that integrate resource conservation with land use management across all three counties. He works with agriculture and natural resource managers to improve water quality and watershed functions through research and education. His training and background are in geology, as well as water quality and quantity in California oak woodlands.

**Steve Kinsey** has lived in West Marin since 1978 and has served on the Marin County Board of Supervisors since being elected in 1996 where he represents 2/3 of Marin County. As an elected official, Steve has focused on watershed and fishery restoration, sustainable agriculture, the integration of transportation and land use planning, and fiscally responsible government. He also champions the needs of all children, especially through his work as a Board member of First Five Marin since its founding. Given the multi-cultural nature of Supervisor Kinsey's district, he has worked closely with communities of color to reduce the barriers to equal opportunity. Steve has a B.A. in architecture from Arizona State University. Prior to taking office, he owned and operated a residential design/build firm for fifteen years.

**Bob Brown** is currently the interim Community Development Director for the City of Novato. He has been a Community Development Director or Planning Manager for over 33 years in the Bay Area. Bob also was the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of San Rafael where he authored San Rafael's Climate Change Action Plan and a model green building ordinance, one of the most stringent in the nation, which has been adopted by several Marin jurisdictions and won a Leadership in Sustainability Award from the Marin Builders Association. Bob is an adjunct faculty member at Dominican University, teaching in the Sustainable Practices Certificate Program. He holds a BS in Environmental Biology from the University of Santa Clara and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from San Jose State University.

**Milli Macen-Moore** started her community work by teaching her neighbors how to grow their own food as a tool to combat diabetes and obesity. In 2009, she became a certified Master Gardener. Her outreach and educational activities involved the Milagro Allegro Community Garden, established in 2009 in the heart of Highland Park. The 10,000 square foot, 32 plot, garden integrates urban farming, art and education for predominantly low-income local residents. It produces fruits, vegetables and flowers while helping to cultivate creative ideas, artistic expression and community values via classes, workshops and community events. Born and raised in Southern California, Ms. Macen-Moore played a considerable role in the success of LA Sprouts as well, a local nutrition and gardening program in Northeast Los Angeles for low-income children.

Ms. Macen-Moore is a UC-certified Master Food Preserver, sustainable landscape expert, and a volunteer coordinator for Cooperative Extension's Grow LA Victory Garden Initiative and Fresh from the Garden programs. She specializes in leading bilingual workshops for children on organic, edible landscapes. She has developed unique curricula for preschool, elementary and middle school students. Recognition for her community work includes a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles as well as attention from the English- and Spanish-speaking media (KCET, KPCC, L.A. Times, Univision, La Opinion and Urban Farm Magazine).

# Panelists Bios

**Karen Hamblett**, Co-founder, San Geronimo Valley Community Garden: Growing up in Indiana, Karen's family grew their own vegetables. She values knowing where her food comes from, and is passing that knowledge to her children. She is a recent Master Gardener graduate and lives in West Marin.

**Francesca Vietor**, San Francisco Foundation Environmental Program Officer: Francesca has been instrumental in activating San Francisco Public Utilities Commission land for urban agriculture in her role as PUC Commissioner in addition to her work at the SF Foundation. Additionally, she is Chair of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association's Food Policy Group (SPUR), and Former Executive Director of Alice Water's Chez Panisse Foundation. She is currently working on a SF Urban Ag Legislation and Food Policy Directive. She lives with her daughter in the City and West Marin.

**Susan Miller**, Founder, Foodscapes of Marin: Susan hails from Yonkers, New York where her family grew vegetables and fruit trees. She has continued that delicious tradition in Marin, helping others build gardens and grow food, whether on a back deck or half acre, with or without other community members. She is a Master Gardener and dedicated food growing entrepreneur.

**Miles Gordon**, Founder and Coordinator, The Gardens Project, North Coast Opportunities, Mendocino: Miles has a background in farming, and bilingual teaching. Since founding the Gardens Project five years ago, 24 gardens have been built, a Garden Network has been established supporting 68 community gardens, and a vibrant corps of community leaders has been born.

**Mary Warner**, President, Corte Madera Community Gardens: Mary has a BS in Microbiology and holds an MBA. Recently retired from the Biotech industry, she completed her Master Gardener certification in 2010, going on to facilitate the certification course the last two years.

**Moderator - Kath Delaney**, North America Region Director, Global Footprint Network: Kath serves on the GFN Senior Management team. She leads project and fund development, and the growth of the Global Footprint Network global partner network. She has spent the last 20 years working on environmental issues and sustainability. Kath lives in the East Bay with her family.

# Special Thanks

Philip Vitale, Project Mgr, Parks for People Bay Area, Trust for Public Land  
Vinh Luu, Asian Advocacy Project, Community Action Marin  
Pat Decker, President of the Marin Master Gardeners  
Mel Peratis, Companion in Arms of MCGS  
Laura Nicholetti, Summer point person and Refreshments  
Kathryn Reinhardt, Registration guru  
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Elissa Van Deursen, Event consultant, Question collector  
Viviana Rennella, Spanish translation  
Mark Bauermeister, Coordinator of the 2011 Marin Community Garden Summit  
David Haskell, Meredith Jacobson, committee members  
Nancy Boyd, MarinLink  
Effie Cook, Bonnie Nielsen & Steven Swain at UC Cooperative Extension Marin  
Maite Duran and the Canal Youth Council  
Steve Mason, Jeannette Sotomayer, and Inez at Pickleweed Community Center



Julie Hanft, Marin Open Garden Project:

and...

Lauren T. Klein

2012 Marin Community Garden Summit Chairperson.

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We wish to encourage a vibrant community gardening network in Marin County  
with policy makers' support and facilitation.  
Thank you for joining us today!

*Please continue the conversation at:*

[http://ucanr.org/sites/MarinMG/Community Service Projects/Marin Community  
Gardens](http://ucanr.org/sites/MarinMG/Community_Service_Projects/Marin_Community_Gardens)

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