

About the Panel



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Alison Elliott, McEnroe Organic Farms

Alison Elliott is the Education Manager at McEnroe Organic Farm, where she develops educational programs about sustainable organic farm practices. Alison coordinates with and gives tours of the farm (1,200 acres) to community and school groups, runs the Farm Kids summer program, manages the apprentice program and local volunteers, maintains the one-acre Discovery Garden, plans all farm events and festivals, and develops partnerships with local organizations. Alison is passionate about educating people about organic farming practices.



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Lauren Kaplan, The Poughkeepsie Farm Project

Lauren began her farming career in New York City as Program Coordinator at Battery Urban Farm, a small one-acre farm in the Financial District. After completing an Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture at UC Santa Cruz, she apprenticed at a 15-acre, 700-member CSA farm in Nevada City, California before moving back east to join the crew of Fishkill Farms. Since landing at Poughkeepsie Farm Project, Lauren has taken on the role of Crew Leader, Workshare Coordinator, and CSA Marketing Coordinator. She lives in Poughkeepsie NY where she also teaches salsa dancing, cans peaches, slings cider, and enjoys learning about soil, trees, and bugs.



qfarms.net/

Dan Carr, Q Farms

Dan grew up on the front range of Colorado. After graduating from the University of Montana with a degree in history in 2005 Dan spent one year working on a variety of different farms in Europe. Afterwards, Dan was a Peace Corps volunteer in a remote village in northern Malawi for three years, where he learned how to keep honey bees from a local village headman named Bwana Mgoninga. After the Peace Corps he was an assistant livestock manager and the head beekeeper at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills, NY for 6 years before landing in beautiful northwestern Connecticut with Q Farms. Dan manages all aspects of Q farms, and is the farm's USDA poultry processing facility supervisor.

Dan and his wife Marleen van Gulick have also launched Beavertides Farm in Falls Village, CT where they raise 100% grass fed meat goats and sheep, and maintain a large honey bee apiary where they

produce honey and other hive products, and teach beekeeping classes.

D. Rooney, Rock Steady Farm



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D. is a mixed Latinx, gender non-binary farmer. D. got connected to farming after working as a carpenter, in addition to the music/audio industry and most recently working in the NYC restaurant industry at [Blue Smoke](#), when D's passion for food cultivated a desire to understand why there are inequities in our food system. In 2012, D. then became a certificate student of [Farm School NYC](#), which D. states was a life transforming experience that helped her identify her path and callings in life. During D.'s tenure with Farm School NYC, she also worked with [EcoStationNY](#), a nonprofit that focuses on social, environmental and food justice. D. used her farming and carpentry skills as vehicles to talk about larger social and societal issues around race, class, gender and sexuality. Working with youth at the Bushwick Campus Farm (a project of EcoStationNY) the Farm School community, other nonprofits focusing on food, social and environmental justice, enabled her to dive into many of these topics. D. also worked as a fellow for [Design Trust for Public Space](#) in NYC, in partnership with [Farming Concrete](#), to work with community gardeners about creative ways of collecting data that strengthens resiliency among community gardeners in NYC, nationally and globally.

Lynda Prim, Glynwood Farm



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Lynda Prim is the Senior Director of Glynwood Farm. She has worked as a farmer, technical advisor, educator, and program professional in farming and food systems development for over 30 years. Lynda's work is dedicated to promoting and advancing the values and keys to sustainability and innovation found in traditional and small-scale farming and she is an advocate for the value of land conservation and stewardship as central to farming for resilience.