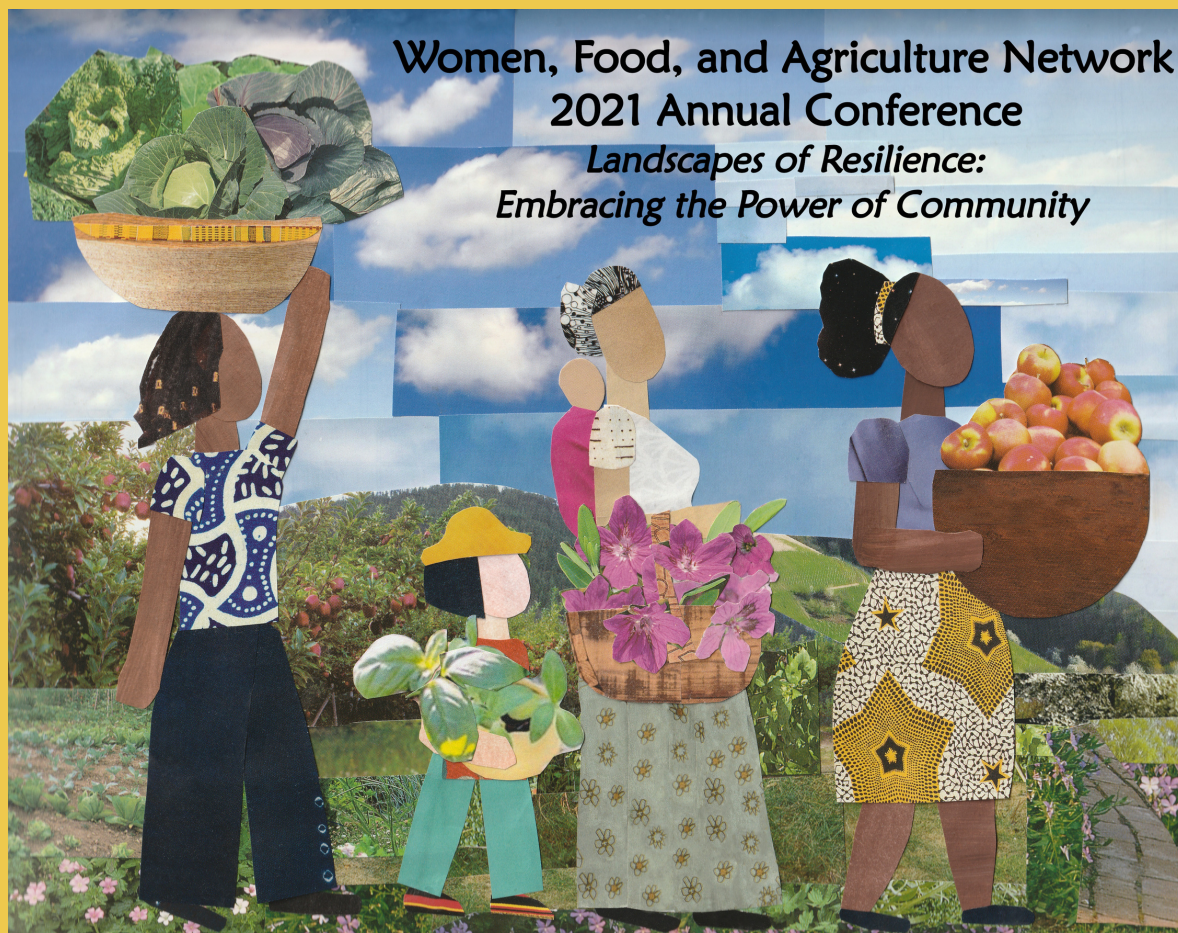




Logo Artist, Mirlande Jean-Gilles

CONFERENCE GUIDE

LOGO ARTIST

Mirlande Jean-Gilles is a mother of two, a visual artist and writer. Her award-winning fiction and poetry have been published in various literary journals and anthologies.

Mirlande's vibrant collages have been exhibited at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, University of Baltimore, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Kenkeleba Gallery and Corridor Gallery in New York. She was selected to be a "Bearden 100" in collaboration with The Romare Bearden Foundation. She was one of the women featured in the documentary "Imagine a Future". She is the recipient of the Maryland State Council for the Arts-Individual Artist Award for works on paper. She was commissioned to create original art for the 2019/2020 season for Baltimore Center Stage. Her artwork is inspired by her Haitian culture, motherhood and nature. She lives in Maryland with her family.



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WELCOME

From WFAN!



JULIANN SALINAS
WFAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear WFAN Members, Friends and Co-Conspirators,

I am both honored and humbled to welcome you to this year's annual conference! As some of you know, I attended last year's conference as a WFAN member, which was themed "Growing Our (Bio) Diversity: Seeding Our Stories, Growing Our Power." We were at the height of the pre-vaccine stage of the pandemic's 2nd wave and, as was likely apparent in some of my dazed interactions during breakout sessions, I was suffering through the throes of a COVID infection that tore through our home a week before the conference. Still, there was never a moment where I felt unwelcome or invalidated, even when I could only bring my "B" or "C" game to the table. Instead, I was supported and given grace at every turn, allowing me to absorb all that I could in the moment, with encouragement to revisit any of the sessions that were unclear or challenging to attend.

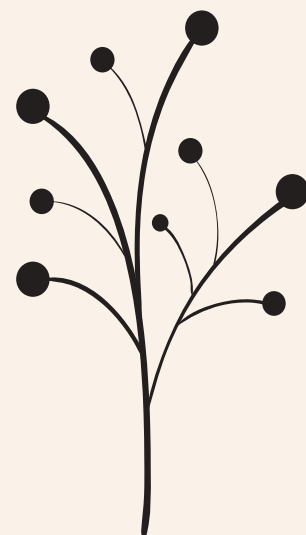
WFAN's culture of, and commitment to, compassion and supportive relationship-building forms the landscape of resilience in which we stand this year. Many of us had high hopes for 2021 as a year of recovery and healing. Instead, we have been faced with compounding challenges on many fronts. Thankfully, we have tended to the story seeds from 2020 through the development of a robust Storytelling Toolkit and Sustainability Ambassador presentations, and grown our power through continued advocacy and mentorships, providing us with the fortitude to move forward even in the face of sometimes overwhelming adversity.

There is so much work to be done, particularly to achieve the equitable, ecological and just food and agriculture systems we envision. With your continued shared commitment to this mission and our values, which run through all the amazing offerings during this week's conference, we will continue to hone our skills, share our vulnerabilities, and creatively meet and resolve the challenges in front of us and on the horizon.

I am so excited and grateful to share these moments once again with you.

Always,
Jules Salinas
Executive Director

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER KAREN WASHINGTON



Food Justice is More than Growing Food and Feeding People

People in poor urban and rural communities are told that if they want food security, all they have to do is grow their own vegetables., give up soda and exercise, as if, by magic, eating vegetables and drinking water are going to solve the problems in the food system, without looking at the institutional. environmental and structural determinants that reinforce racism in today's society. So does the food system needs to be fix or does it need to change?

Karen is a farmer and activist. She is Co-owner/Farmer at Rise & Root Farm in Chester New York. An activist, food advocate; in 2010, Co- Founded Black Urban Growers (BUGS) an organization supporting growers in both urban and rural settings. In 2012, Ebony magazine voted her one of their 100 most influential African Americans in the country and in 2014 was the recipient of the James Beard Leadership Award. Recently in 2020 Essence magazine name Karen one of their Essential Heroes recipient. Karen serves on the boards of the New York Botanical Gardens, Soul Fire Farm, the Mary Mitchell Center, Black Farmer Fund, and Farm School NYC.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTERN STANDARD TIME



11/3 12:00-1:00

THE ANTS AND THE GRASSHOPPER

Screening of the documentary The Ants and the Grasshopper and live Q and A with film director Raj Patel

11/4 7-8:30 PM

FOOD FOLX

Screening of WFAN's documentary short, Food Folx, and roundtable with farmers

11/5 1-1:45 PM

AFFINITY GROUPS

- LGBTQ (Tamara Brown)
- Spiritual Herbalism and Ancestral Practices (Regina Kankinza)
- Women Caring for the Land (Wren Almitra)

11/5 6-6:30 PM

BOD MEET AND GREET

WFAN Board of Directors Meet and Greet

11/6 9:30-10:30 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Karen Washington: Food Justice is More than Growing Food and Feeding People

11/6 1-1:45 PM

AFFINITY GROUPS

- White Caucus (Angie Carter),
- Farmland Access (Hannah Breckbill)

11/6 3:45-4:30 PM

AFFINITY GROUPS

- BIPOC (Michi Lopez)
- Parenting (Caite Palmer)
- Eat Like a Nutrivore: Modern Nutrition from a Traditional Perspective (Linda Williamson)

11/6 4:45-6:00 PM

GROWING OUR EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Leslie Davenport: Climate Change

Whova and Zoom Help

THE PROCESS

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Steps:

- All registered participants will receive a Whova email invite from a week before to the end of our registration date (11/3/21) deadline
- Participants will then create an account in Whova (easy and free)
- Participants are "in" the conference platform!
- All presentations run via Zoom through Whova

HOW-TO GUIDES AND LINKS

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Zoom:

- <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

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Book Talks

THE FARMER'S LAWYER

SARAH VOGEL

11/5 10:30-11:00 AM

A courageous American story about justice and holding the powerful to account, *The Farmer's Lawyer* shows how the farm economy we all depend on for our daily bread almost fell apart due to the willful neglect of those charged to protect it, and what we can learn from Sarah's battle as a similar calamity looms large on our horizon once again.

BET THE FARM: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE AROUND GROWING FOOD IN AMERICA

BETH HOFFMAN

11/5 3:30-4:00 PM

How do stories we tell about agriculture trap farmers in a cycle of debt, encourage self-exploitation and pit farms against each other? Beth Hoffman will talk about her new book *Bet the Farm*, her life as a farmer and the ways cultural myths can impede - or encourage - farmer success.

THE UNHEALTHY TRUTH

ROBYN O'BRIEN

11/6 9:00-9:30 AM

O'Brien turns to accredited research conducted in Europe that confirms the toxicity of America's food supply, and traces the relationship between Big Food and Big Money that has ensured that the United States is one of the only developed countries in the world to allow hidden toxins in our food—toxins that can be blamed for the alarming recent increases in allergies, ADHD, cancer, and asthma among our children.



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Workshops by Track

Look for the track icons in our session descriptions to personalize your conference!

The Women, Food, and Agriculture Network offers a platform, with our conference, to advocate and agitate for social transformation in our lives, communities, and shared work. We are committing to the following areas of knowing and growth as guide-posts for our 2021 conference --and we invite you to join us.

Roots of Land Knowledge



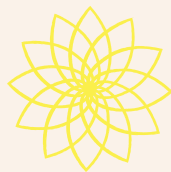
When we look at the terms regenerative, sustainable, and land-stewardship, what do we see? When we dig deep, how exactly do practices such as perennial cropping systems, permaculture design, biodynamics, and others revive the land? How are these inputs building community in all ecosystem levels? What are the inputs, assumptions, and field practices involved? And what are the outputs? How is success measured? And where do we trace the lineage of this knowledge? Listen to peers doing this work.

Anti-oppression and Equity Building



Build and strengthen anti-oppression knowledge, initiatives, and action through training, reflection, and collaboration. Explore workshops that demonstrate work and success in anti-oppression farming and food systems? Explore work and boots on the ground. How do we serve? What is being learned? How is wellness amplified?

Business Development and Systems Design



How do you build your farm or food business using strategy, storytelling, marketing, organization, and systems design? In these workshops, explore business and systems design -- and ask, How does the concept of community show up for you in your successful business plans?

Capacity Building in Farm and Food Systems



Explore real-life case studies and success stories of farmers and organizations who are pushing the limits of what is possible in the areas of food policy; local, state, regional, and federal politics; alternative economies; radical collaboration; and unexpected partnerships to grow in ways that serve community and wellness in reciprocity.

All Times in Eastern Standard Time

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, November 3rd

Time TBD: FILM AND CHAT

Screening of the documentary *The Ants and the Grasshopper* and a live Q and A session with director Raj Patel. Stay tuned to WFAN communications for the exact time of this event.

Thursday, November 4th

7-8:30pm FILM AND CHAT

Screening of WFAN's 2021 documentary short, *Food Folx*, and live panel discussion with film farmers



All Times in Eastern Standard Time

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, November 5th

9-10:30 am WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Building Depth and Breadth in a Local Food Landscape

Workshop 2: Finding Hope in Farmland

Workshop 3: Language Matters: Tools for Eliminating Xenophobic Language in Grassroots Organizing

Workshop 4: From Dream to Reality, Basic Project Planning and Management

Workshop 5: Living on the land: BIPOC farmers, Agroecology and Organic Farming Systems

10:30-11:00 am BOOK TALK

Sarah Vogel, *The Farmer's Lawyer*

1-1:45 pm AFFINITY GROUPS

Group 1: LGBTQ

Group 2: Women Caring for the Land

Group 3: Spiritual Herbalism and Ancestral Practices

2-3:30pm WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Rotational, Regenerative and Resilient? Exploring Livestock Production in New York's Hudson Valley

Workshop 2: Creative Harvest: Slaughter Loopholes for Profit and Transparency

Workshop 3: Radical Collaborations for Land Access

Workshop 4: Goldenrod and Asters: When Women Gather Together

Workshop 5: Soil Sisters: Cultivating Rural Resilience through Local Networks

3:30-4:00 pm BOOK TALK

Beth Hoffman, *Bet The Farm*

4-5:30 pm WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Dismantling White Supremacy in Farm & Food Systems Organizations

Workshop 2: Bees As Seeds: The Importance of Place, Power, and Purpose in Pollinator Conservation

Workshop 3: Mycelia Mapping: A Tool for Community Resilience

6-6:30 pm WFAN BOD MEET AND GREET

Come meet and chat with WFAN's Board of Directors!

All Times in Eastern Standard Time

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Saturday, November 6th

9-9:30 am BOOK TALK

Robyn O'Brien, *The Unhealthy Truth*

9:30-10:30 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Karen Washington

10:30-12:00 pm WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Economic Empowerment for Women Farmers

Workshop 2: Centering Youth Voice in the Garden

Workshop 3: Farming Business Guidance and Data Resources for the Working Farmer

1-1:45 pm AFFINITY GROUPS

GROUP 1: White Caucus

GROUP 2: Farmland Access

2-3:30pm WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Systems Thinking for Community Building

Workshop 2: Critical Dialogues at Land Grant institutions: Curriculum, Relationships, and Education for Equity in Agriculture and Forestry

Workshop 3: Elevating Womxn in Agriculture: Policy and Action for Advancing Women and Femmes as Leaders in Resilient Agriculture

3:45-4:30 pm AFFINITY GROUPS

GROUP 1: Eat Like a Nutrivore: Modern Nutrition from a Traditional Perspective

GROUP 2: BIPOC

GROUP 3: Parenting

4:45-6:00pm SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE SESSION

Growing Our Emotional Resiliency

Friday

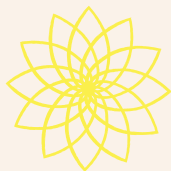
WORKSHOPS SESSION I

9:00-10:30 AM

CARIE STARR AND ANNIE WARMKE

From Dream to Reality, Basic Project Planning and Management

Project management is the backbone of success. How do you get there? Learn basic planning with design tools such as google earth, basic budget planning, how to barter and trade for what you need, plus favorite resources for a variety of farm work including how to utilize your network.



HANNAH BRECKBILL

Building Depth and Breadth in a Local Food Landscape



Humble Hands Harvest accessed land through a creative process that involved the whole neighborhood. Hannah will share the nitty-gritty of that story and will discuss the replicability and adaptability of that model, and of other commons-based models. Then she'll share the visions of scaling up through collectivization that a group of food businesses in Decorah, Iowa are acting on.

MICHELLE OSBORNE AND EOWYN CORRAL

Language Matters: Tools for Eliminating Xenophobic Language in Grassroots Organizing.



Dakota Rural Action (DRA) and Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA (RAFI-USA) have developed this workshop, which is intended for organizers, advocates, and community leaders working in rural spaces running agricultural campaigns. The project uses a popular education model to explore how xenophobic language shows up in rural grassroots campaigns and workshops alternative language and narrative strategies focusing in on campaign merits eliminating the need for faulty language.

Friday

WORKSHOPS SESSION I

9:00-10:30 AM

BONNIE COLLINS

Finding Hope in Farmland

View a short documentary on the story of a refugee community seeking to revive their agrarian heritage. Learn of the challenges, solutions, and relationship building, addressed during the project. This documentary is sure to bring up emotions, and conceivably show how we can work together to overcome inequity in farming.



JENNIFER TAYLOR, IRA WALLACE, AND FELICA BELL

Living on the Land: BIPOC Farmers, Agroecology and Organic Farming Systems



Traditionally agricultural development and extension has decided to worked more with agribusinesses, medium scale farmers, and large scale farmers to accelerate goals. Generally small farmers, underserved small farm populations and their communities have not been included in extension and development strategies, or community programs and learning/training opportunities. This session will discuss some of the participatory capacity building efforts, success stories of BIPOC farmers and their communities.

Friday

WORKSHOPS
SESSION II

2:00-3:30PM

FRANCINE MILLER,
SHONA SANFORD-LONG,
AND
JOHANNA ROSEN

Radical Collaborations for Land Access

There is a growing movement of people working on developing land access models that include collaborative forms of ownership/stewardship. They tend to be less reported on, get less airtime. Presenters will discuss their work on these types of models, and inspire conversation from attendees regarding their projects: What are folks attempting? How is it working? Challenges? Opportunities? Let's share information and move these models forward.



LAURA LENGNICK

Rotational, Regenerative and Resilient? Exploring Livestock Production in New York's Hudson Valley

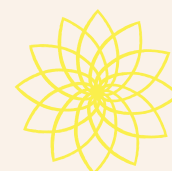
The Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming is a leader in regenerative livestock production in NY's Hudson Valley. Join Farm Director Laura Lengnick and Livestock Manager Nicole Scott as they explore the concept of resilience and how theory is being implemented at Glynwood and across our regional food system.



DIAHANN LOHR

Goldenrod and Asters: When Women Gather Together, Amazing Things Happen

Women are like goldenrod and asters: superlative by themselves, stunning when together. This workshop examines women gathering together and the amazing things they accomplish. We'll compare women's groups and the roots of their power. We'll hold an open discussion on gathering together to grow our businesses and benefit our communities



Friday

WORKSHOP SESSION II

2:00-3:30PM

LISA KIVIRIST, KRISS MARION, AND DELA ENDS

Soil Sisters: Cultivating Rural Resilience through Local Networks

What's the key ingredient to cultivating change in our rural heartland? Creating connections between women committed to sustainability. Hear the grassroots origin of Soil Sisters, a Wisconsin network of women championing more women in elected office, new business start-ups, successfully sued the state over the right to sell cookies and more! Learn how to initiate such links in your community.



LIZ RIFFLE

Creative Harvest: Slaughter Loopholes for Profit and Transparency



Looking for a better slaughter option?

During the session I will talk about some creative loopholes that can be used to get your animals humanely harvested, on your time frame, and at the price YOU want! There are options for the small farmer who wants to get a bit creative with their marketing and methods. These methods also give you more transparency for your customers, and will highlight your holistic practices

Head over to WFAN's youtube page for select recorded events from our 2021 conference!

Friday

WORKSHOPS
SESSION III

4:00-5:30PM

TRACY LERMAN, LAUREN
SCHWEDER BIEL, AND
NATALIE HUGHES

Dismantling White Supremacy in Farm & Food Systems Organizations



In this session, you'll hear from three white NGO leaders at different stages of integrating anti-racist practices and principles into their organizations and discuss how to bring this work into your organization. Note: this session is geared towards white people in white-led organizations, but all are welcome.

MELANIE KIRBY

Bees As Seeds: The Importance of Place, Power, and Purpose in Pollinator Conservation



There are over 4,000 different bees across North America. Some are solitary while others live in communities. Their adaptive natures and diversity highlights the symbiotic choreography between species. Pollinator stewardship encourages us to recognize our responsibilities to support reciprocity that can nurture biodiversity, and our connection to our home planet.

PAULA WESTMORELAND AND
LINDSAY REBHAN

Mycelia Mapping: A Tool for Community Resilience



Join us as we explore how ecological and social mapping can build resilience at the watershed and personal scale. We will be sharing mapping work we've done and guide you in creating your personal mycelia maps.

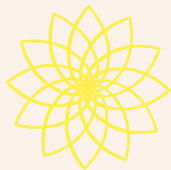
Saturday

WORKSHOPS SESSION I

10:30-12:00 PM

SUZI TEGHTMEYER

Farming Business Guidance and Data Resources for the Working Farmer



Finding information to support your agribusiness can be a daunting task. The USDA has many items, but they're not the only provider of data and guidance documents. This presentation provides an overview of websites to find publications and datasets to help you discover, network, learn and thrive.

HAWA VARNEY

Economic Empowerment for Women Farmers



During this session we will like to discuss how we can help women farmer's gain economic independence and move to farming that is productive and can better cater to themselves, family and community.

LAUREN NEWMAN, WILLA POHLMAN, AND MIGHTY GREENS YOUTH STAFF

Cultivating Young Leaders through a Cooperative Garden Business



Mighty Greens is a cooperative, garden-based business comprised of teens who use school gardens and greenhouses as spaces to learn how to care for plants and their communities This session will explore Mighty Greens as a case study of how centering youth voice and decision-making can promote youth empowerment and equity-building. Participants will receive a copy of our newly published Youth Entrepreneurship Cooperative manual.

Saturday

WORKSHOP SESSION II

2-3:30PM

HANNAH HEMMELGARN AND ASHLEY CONWAY

Critical Dialogues at Land Grant Institutions: Curriculum, Relationships, and Education for Equity in Agriculture and Forestry

University of Missouri faculty are beginning to confront the need for critical curricula on equity in agriculture and natural resources which addresses cultural erasure and theft from Indigenous peoples associated with land grant institutions. Hear about our experiences developing graduate-level coursework and share your own stories.



SAM NOVAK & KASEY ARMSTRONG

Systems Thinking for Community Building

As leaders in our field, community building is critical. In this participatory workshop, we will explore and experiment with ways that community building can be woven into personal and professional practices through whole systems thinking and practice. Please come with paper, a writing utensil, and a willingness to engage!



GABRIELLE ROESCH-MCNALLY AND CAITLIN JOSEPH

Elevating Womxn in Agriculture: Policy and Action for Advancing Women and Femmes as Leaders in Resilient Agriculture

Join us for an interactive discussion exploring challenges womxn, including those with diverse racial and ethnic identities, face in agriculture. Identify policy levers that could build a larger platform for organizing to elevate the voices of womxn in agriculture.



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Hannah has been farming with Humble Hands Harvest since 2013, and her perspective as a first-generation farmer who grows food has shaped her ideas and activism in agriculture. She also works as a Land Access Navigator with Renewing the Countryside and explores alternative economies with gusto!

CARIE STARR CMZ1973@HOTMAIL.COM

Carie Starr was born to hippie gardeners and was raised on her Cherokee Grandmother's farm where, along with a strong sense of her native heritage, seeds of love for the earth and environment were planted.. In 2008 Carie, along with her husband Jarrod, took a huge leap into farming with the native symbol of power, blessings and abundance, the American Bison. Carie is the full time operator of Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch, home to not only bison but, a flock of laying chickens and peafowl. In 2021 Carie was elected to the National Bison Association Board of Directors for region 7 which encompasses CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT. Most recently Carie and her friend Annie Warmke formed Buffalo Gals Voices, a business focused on telling women's stories, and providing learning opportunities that build confidence.

Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch is a member of The National Bison Association, Eastern Bison Association, Illinois-Indiana Bison Association,

ANNIE WARMKE ANNIE@BLUEROCKSTATION.COM

Annie Warmke owns and operates Blue Rock Station, a 40 acre agro-tourism farm located near Philo Ohio. She is a goat herder and raises milk goats, peafowl, and chickens. Most recently she has served as a consultant to various women-owned farms to help develop strategies for making a living.

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MICHELLE OSBORNE **MICHELLE@RAFIUSA.ORG**

Michelle Osborne serves as the Come to the Table Senior Program Manager at the Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA (RAFI-USA). Michelle earned a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School and a Master of Social Work from the UNC-CH School of Social Work. In her free time, Michelle performs improv comedy, hikes, and plays with her dog.

EOWYN CARROL **EOWYNC@DAKOTARURAL.ORG**

Originally from southern California, Eowyn lived for ten years in Austin, Texas. An artist and new homesteader herself, Eowyn and her family recently moved from Austin to South Dakota in order to pursue her dreams of raising the fiber animals needed to produce her felting and textile arts.

Eowyn Corral joins the Dakota Rural Action staff team to tame the administrative beast that is all things bookkeeping and Quickbooks. Bringing administrative sanity to those passionately engaged in local foods, as well as the arts, is nothing new to Eowyn, who brings years of Small Business Administrative and Accounting experience to Dakota Rural Action.

NICOLE SCOTT **NSCOTT@GLYNWOOD.ORG**

Nicole first joined Glynwood in 2017 as a Livestock Apprentice, then returned in 2019 as the Assistant Livestock Manager and has been our Livestock Manager since 2020. She is responsible for all aspects of Glynwood's diversified, certified Animal Welfare Approved livestock operation, including herd health and nutritional management of all stock, animal breeding, and pasture management. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Cornell University and has previously raised livestock in the Finger Lakes Region and in New Zealand.

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LAURA LENGNICK **LAURALENGNICK@GMAIL.COM**

Laura has worked for more than 30 years in agriculture and food system sustainability as a research scientist, policy-maker, educator, activist and farmer. Her research in soil health and sustainable farming systems was nationally-recognized with a USDA Secretary's Honor Award in 2002 and she contributed to the 3rd National Climate Assessment as a lead author of the 2012 USDA report Climate Change and Agriculture in the United States: Effects and Adaptation. Laura joined Glynwood in 2021 after serving as owner and principal consultant at Cultivating Resilience, LLC, a private firm that works with organizations of all kinds to integrate resilience thinking into operations and strategic planning. Before launching her consulting firm in 2015, Laura led the Sustainable Agriculture Program at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC, for more than a decade, where she also served as the Director of Sustainability Education, conducted research in sustainability assessment and holistic management, led energy descent action planning, collaborated with campus farm and food service managers, mentored capstone student research, and developed an innovative sustainable dining policy for the college.

FRANCINE MILLER **FMILLER@VERMONTLAW.EDU**

Fran Miller is a senior staff attorney and adjunct faculty member at the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS) at Vermont Law School (VLS), where she supervises students in the Food and Agriculture Clinic and leads a variety of projects. Fran focuses predominantly on farmland access, overseeing the expansion of CAFS's Farmland Access Legal Toolkit to better serve historically marginalized communities. She also serves private clients through CAFS and the clinic, particularly regarding collaborative and community land ownership and business formation. Fran spent many years as a trademark and copyright lawyer, obtained her LLM in Food and Agriculture Law and Policy at VLS in 2017, and moved to Vermont from New York City in September 2019 to work at CAFS.

SHONA SANFORD-LONG **SHONA@THEFLYDOGFARM.COM**

Shona Sanford-Long is a second generation farmer in the second year of managing her own farm business, Flying Dog Farm. She started her business with the purchase of the beef cattle, pigs, and sheep from her parents' farm, and was initially based on their land. Now, with the purchase of Belknap Brook Farm by the White River Land Collaborative, she is moving her base of operations to this new property where she is able to continue growing her farm. Flying Dog Farm is a certified Organic, pasture based livestock farm focused on producing good, nourishing food from animals that are treated with respect and managed to regenerate the land they are raised on.

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DIAHANN LOHR **DI@ADUNATE.COM**

Diahann Lohr is a marketing professional with a commitment to sustainable living. Since 2005 she has owned Adunate Word & Design, a unique marketing studio overlooking the farm fields of rural Watertown, Wisconsin. One of the few professionals skilled in both writing and design, Diahann is committed to helping food and ag-based entrepreneurs find success in their business through branding and marketing. She keeps her hands deep in the soil, raising herbs, vegetables, fruit, poultry and bees, and is a proud board member of WFAN.

LIZ RIFFLE **INFO@RIFFLEFARMS.COM**

Liz Riffle is the owner of Riffle Farms - American Bison, the first commercial bison operation in the state of West Virginia. Riffle Farms was also the first farm business to field harvest their animals for state certified commercial sale, which is also how her second business The Honest Carnivore - A WV Meat Collective was born. Liz offers farmers a better option for their animals via butchery classes, where the animal can be field harvested and still sold. She has years of supporting work behind her through The Good Meat Project and The Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund.

MELANIE MARGARITA KIRBY (TORTUGAS PUEBLO) **ZIAQUEENBEES@HOTMAIL.COM** **& MELANIE.KIRBY@IAIA.EDU**

Melanie Kirby (Tortugas Pueblo), has been taken around the world for 25 years with bees as her teachers- exposing her to the broader concepts and implications of land stewardship, agroecology, food systems, and diverse world views on conservation and outreach. In 2005, she established Zia Queenbees Farm & Field Institute (www.ziaqueenbees.com) in the southern Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico, her home state- specializing in breeding regionally-adaptive bees. Melanie is a Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellow and holds a graduate degree in Entomology. She is a mestiza (of mixed Indigenous, Hispanic, Caribbean, European) descent and works across cultures and landscapes promoting healthy pollinator conservation efforts with various communities and organizations. She also works as the Extension Educator for the Institute of American Indian Arts (www.iaia.edu) pairing Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) with western sustainable agriculture science. She is also a writer, consilience researcher, artist, mother and, an advocate for broadening narratives that amplify the voices of farmers and minorities.

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Tracy (she/her) is the outgoing Executive Director of the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, a 12 state network of farm and food systems practitioners working towards a just, equitable, and sustainable food system. She lives in the Hudson Valley with her husband, daughter, dog, a few houseplants, 11 bee hives, and an excessive collection of kitchen utensils.

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Lauren is a DC native with a long history at City Blossoms. Starting as a frequent visitor to the Girard Children's Garden back in 2007, she became increasingly more involved throughout her high school years completing numerous community service hours and internships with the City Blossoms team. After leaving the DC area to study Environment & Sustainability as a Posse Scholar at The University of the South in Tennessee, Lauren has returned to City Blossoms full-time as the Youth Entrepreneurship Cooperative Program Manager.

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Felicia Bell of RD & S Farm, LLC has been involved in agriculture all of her life. She is a fourth-generation farmer and was taught the responsibility of “helping your fellow man, your neighbor.” She has taken this ideal and combined it with her science and research background to create new methods and techniques that introduce regenerative principles and practices to small-acreage farmers like herself, helping them stay viable during economic hardships. RD & S Farm has many components such as natural livestock and certified organic fruit production. It is also the site of a Mobile Farm Animal Education Center featuring animal-assisted therapy, a Barnyard Crew 4-H Club, a Sustainable Agriculture Consultant service, a Natural Farm Tours location and a “TradAg Wellness, Traditional and Homeopathic wellness service provided by Felicia. The diversity of community farm activities yields many new business associates and clients.

Her education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from Jackson State University, a Certification in Hospitality and Tourism and a Certification in Grazing Management. Felicia was appointed chairwoman of Mississippi Women in Agriculture Association in 2013. Felicia is a former board member and officer for the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group and the Mississippi Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association, the latter of which gives voice to African American small farmers and gardeners.

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Caitlin collaborates with AFT's national staff to advance the Women for the Land Initiative, specifically supporting extension, outreach, and evaluation of regional learning circles with women landowners and farmers. Prior to joining AFT, she worked as a diverse vegetable farmer, farmers market manager, and farm to school coordinator in Michigan, and served in both grassroots organizing and policy analysis roles for the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition in Washington, D.C. With more than eight years of experience cultivating regional food systems, she has developed programs and policy frameworks for cross-sector partnerships focused on economic development, health equity, and climate resilience in the San Francisco Bay Area, and nationally. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in biology education from Arizona State University and a Master of Science in agriculture, food, and environment with a specialization in urban and environmental policy and planning from Tufts University.

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Wren Almitra coordinates WFAN's Women Caring for the Land and Harvesting Our Potential programs. A life-long resident of Iowa, she took a leave of absence for a few years to get her Environmental Studies degree from Prescott College in Prescott, AZ where she studied Agroecology, among other sustainable agriculture and conservation biology courses. She has worked on small-scale farms in Iowa and Arizona and has recently moved to Colorado.

Prior to working with Women, Food and Agriculture Network, she worked with the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District as a watershed project coordinator. She also served as a team member for the Johnson County, Iowa Women, Land and Legacy chapter for two years, a role that ultimately led her to a passion for connecting women in the fields with resources and with one another.

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I'm Regina Kankinza and I help womxn learn the language of their bodies so they can be the protagonist in their own healing journeys using plant-medicine, ritual and reverence. In Her It Blooms is my ode and offering to support the body-mind-spirit complex of the warrior-womxn, the seekers, those determined to live life on purpose and those who came here to play and have pleasure on behalf of all the womxn before them who were denied that right.

I work at the intersection of health justice and cultural preservation. I care about folks healing themselves because this is one way we learn to heal the land, nature, community and society.

My offerings to you are rooted in deep study in Ayurveda, spiritual herbalism, ancestral practices, yoga therapy, health supportive cooking, pranayama, meditation, Nubian & Kemetic healing practices and vibrational therapies. I've dedicated various chapters of my life to learning with indigenous land activists, farm-to-table chefs, herbalists, Ayurvedic doctors, yogi's, Nubian & Kemetic keepers of the tradition, village elders, ancestors as well as with mama nature herself.

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Angie Carter grew up in rural Iowa during the Farm Crisis of the 1980s. This experience inspires her writing, research, and activism in agrifood systems transformation as well as her commitment to rural places and people. Angie lives in Michigan's Upper Peninsula where she works as an assistant professor of environmental and energy justice at Michigan Tech University, writes, and enjoys long walks in the woods with her pup, Willa.

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Southside Chicago born and Iowa-raised, Míchi (rhymes with peachy) López started her food systems journey as a 2018 farm apprentice. She learned to plant, weed, harvest, and distribute fruits and vegetables on a four-acre plot. Prior to that, Míchi had never farmed or gardened, nor had she ever met a farmer or gardener. Míchi will tell you, "it was love at first sweat." Her first season of growing shifted her career passions to improving food access, educating community members about vegetable farming, and leading grassroots community engagement with underrepresented populations. Now in her third season, Míchi loves connecting with other beginner farmers, especially women of color, and sharing stories of how they came to steward the land.

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Community Kitchen Co-op

A pioneer in organic farming for over 25 years, Dela Ends raises certified organic vegetables, herbs and flowers in addition to running a farmstay. Goat milk soap and natural skin care products are made on the farm. She is the president of the new Community Kitchen Co-op, a cooperatively run commercial kitchen venture. Goat milk soap and natural skin care products are made on the farm.

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After spending 20+ years as a journalist producing work on food and agriculture, Beth Hoffman moved from San Francisco to southern Iowa to take over her husband's family's 530-acre farm. Her areas of expertise include agriculture's potential in development, the financial viability of farms, and sustainability in agriculture. She has published on NPR's Morning Edition and the NPR food blog The Salt, written for The Guardian and The Counter, and produced work for the News Hour, Latino USA, and The World. She was a Fellow and Co-Lecturer at UC Berkeley's School of Journalism for the Africa Food and Agriculture Reporting Project and spent six years as an Assistant Professor in the Media Studies Department at the University of San Francisco. Her new book Bet the Farm: The Dollars and Sense of Growing Food in America combines Hoffman's expertise as a journalist and her deeply personal story of becoming a farmer.

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