**Colleen Adrian** – Colleen has been a Master Gardener for 12 years and is a member of QCHerbs. Her favorite hobby is gardening.

**Bill Brunkan** – Bill has been a Scott County Master Gardener since 2006 and notes that he has been fascinated with growing things and technology since he can remember.

**Laura Christensen** – is a landscape architect practicing in Wheaton, Illinois. She started the DESIGN WITH NATURE blog about seven years ago and does primarily residential landscape design in the Chicago suburbs. She is also an educational speaker for garden clubs in Illinois. Prior to creating DESIGN WITH NATURE, she practiced as a landscape architect and city planner for the Village of Schaumburg as their staff design planner and landscape architect, and as a planning consultant at Camiros, Ltd. in downtown Chicago. Camiros is a nationally recognized planning, landscape architecture and economic development-consulting firm.

Laura has a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and masters of science in Urban Planning from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She enjoys doing on-going continuing education through the horticulture program and the Morton Arboretum and Chicago Botanic Garden as well as attending conferences through the American Society of Landscape Architects, for which she has been a member for 36 years.

**Rhonda Cooper** – Rhonda started gardening when her children were young for their benefit, and found she enjoyed it. She is a 10-year Master Gardener and a member of QC Herbs. Rhonda co-speaks about herbs at Illinois Extension, Scott County Extension, and the Food Hub.

**Jason Delaney** – Jason is celebrating his 19th year with the Missouri Botanical Garden, currently as the North Gardens Supervisor and Bulb Collections Specialist. For 16 years he oversaw the bulb, daylily, and iris collections, among others. Jason has participated in conservation-focused collecting expeditions in the Altai, Atlas, and Caucasus mountains, and in northeastern China; he has traveled to Taiwan, New Zealand, and throughout the U.S. for his work with daffodils; and his work with bulbs has been featured in numerous magazines, journals, newspapers, and television programs.

Jason also operates Professional Horticultural Services, specializing in residential garden design and maintenance, and daffodil production. Jason’s daffodil collection is situated on three acres in Flora, IL, where over 3,500 varieties grow for commercial production, breeding, and evaluation; collecting novel garden varieties and preserving historic daffodils are his primary foci. His collection will be one of the major attractions during the 2016 World Daffodil Convention, in St. Louis. Jason has been breeding crinum, daffodils, daylilies, and lilies since the 1990s. His finest exhibition daffodil, ‘Orpha’, a white-orange trumpet, was named in honor of his beloved cat.

**Tom Dywiak** – Tom has been a Scott County Extension Master Gardener for 30 years earning the title Lifetime Master Gardener for his efforts in teaching gardeners about a range of topics from starting seeds to growing roses and dahlias to preparing the fall garden for the next season. He is past president of the Tri Cities Rose and Gardening Club and a consulting rosarian for the American Rose Society.
Mark Geist – is the owner of Geist Small Engine Service in Pleasant Valley. He has been providing service in the QC area for almost 30 years and repairs lawn mowers, snow blowers, weed trimmers, chainsaws, and does small engine tune-ups and replacements along with sharpening mower blades and chain saw blades.

Richard Jauron – Richard grew up in the small farming community of Earling in west central Iowa. He has degrees in Horticulture from Iowa State University (Bachelor of Science) and Kansas State University (Master of Science) and has been a horticulture extension specialist at Iowa State since 1984. He provides horticultural information to home gardeners and extension staff via the telephone, written communication, radio, and computer (Internet and e-mail). He also assists with the Master Gardener Program and Home Demonstration Gardens.

Linda Küffer – Linda has been a Scott County Master Gardener since 2009. Linda's love of gardening and preserving got its start in the family garden when, as a small child, her mother paid her a nickel for every quart of strawberries she picked. Those berries went to the local grocery store and were sold. But many quarts of berries went to the family table for shortcake or were made into strawberry jam. Snipping beans and podding peas were all part of summertime activities for her family. The family ate from the garden all year as many veggies and fruits were either canned or frozen. It has been a lifelong passion of Linda’s to preserve the harvest from the garden. Linda feels that knowing where the food comes from and how it is grown should be important to all of us.

Dan Mays - Dan is a local Master Gardener from Walcott, Iowa, who has extensively utilized native plantings throughout the design of his home landscape for over twelve years. He consults and speaks about native plants throughout the bi-state region. His presentations are lively, informative, and often bring a smile. Mr. Mays’ knowledge is deeply seated in both academic study and especially personal experience. Occasionally, he calls in to question the conventional “wisdom” from those whom he says, “rarely get their knees dirty”.

Tom Monroe – Tom has been a Master Gardener since 2007. He is very active in gardening all year long. He starts his own plants and schedules speaking presentations throughout the year for the Master Gardeners of Scott County. He brings his own unique flare to all his presentations.

Lisa Orgler – An award-winning educator, designer and artist, Lisa Orgler is a garden design educator and illustrator. Always trying to make connections between art and landscape design, Lisa strives to showcase gardening in a new, sometimes whimsical way. Lisa is the former assistant director at Reiman Gardens, currently a landscape design lecturer in the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State University and is the mastermind behind www.lisaorgler.com a site focusing on garden design education. She also holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in landscape architecture. Though Lisa grew up in Northern Illinois, she has called Iowa home for over 20 years.

Brian Ritter – Brian is the Executive Director of Nahant Marsh and the Program Director for Conservation Technology through the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (EICC) and the Advanced Technology Environmental and Energy Center (ATEEC). He teaches EICC courses on site and uses Nahant preserve as an outdoor classroom. He also teaches a course at Saint Ambrose University. Brian has overseen operations at Nahant Marsh since 2007 and has initiated and sustained many environmental education programs, biological research projects, and natural resource management practices. His hobbies include hiking, paddling, organic gardening, cooking, camping, and fishing.
**Dick Sayles** – Dick has been a member of the ISU Scott County Master Gardeners since 2005 and has served as a Board member of the organization. Graduating from Iowa State University with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, he is very passionate about gardening with nature and is a member of SHARE (Simply Have Areas Reserved for the Environment).

Many species of birds, insects and other wildlife visit and make their home in the diverse plantings which have been integrated vertically and horizontally. Dick and his wife Kit have approximately 5 acres near Buffalo that they have turned into a haven for the wild. Utilizing ideas that Dick has gained in travel, he has been influenced heavily by the need for diversity.

Dick is the current President of the Quad City Audubon, and a member of the National Audubon since 1977. Dick has traveled extensively in the United States and visited Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, France, and Peru in pursuit of Birds and Gardens. He is an avid reader and photographer.

**Tony Singh** - is the senior vice president of The Singh Group/Merrill Lynch in Davenport. Outside of work, he is passionate about pollinators. To draw awareness to pollinator issues, Singh undertook a “walk for the bees” in 2014. For 37 days, he hiked the 500-mile Colorado Trail, collecting monetary pledges for the number of miles he walked. With his own dollar-for-dollar match, the effort raised $19,000. That money was donated to Nahant Marsh to help fund the Quad Cities Pollinator Conference and other pollinator-related projects. He also serves on the board of directors for WVIK Public Radio Foundation in Moline and is actively involved with conservation efforts in rural Scott County. In his free time he enjoys an active outdoors lifestyle. In 2011 he completed the legendary Appalachian Trail. He hiked the 2,100-mile trek from Georgia to Maine in sections, taking 23 years to achieve his lifelong goal.

**Martha Smith** - Martha has been with University of Illinois Extension since 1994. Prior to this she was a horticulture agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension in New York. She earned a bachelor degree from University of Illinois in Ornamental Horticulture and a Master’s degree in adult education from Western Illinois University. Prior to Extension, Martha worked as a perennial grower, horticulture broker and landscape designer. Martha is a member of the Perennial Plant Association, Illinois Green Industry Association, North America Rock Garden Society, American Conifer Society and is a certified arborist. Her current responsibilities serve Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark counties in Illinois as horticulture educator. She coordinates and teaches both the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist trainings in Rock Island and offers various programs across the state.

**Emily Swihart** – Emily holds a bachelor’s degree in horticulture and a master’s degree in landscape architecture and she uses both to help communities plan, organize, obtain funding and implement landscape improvement projects. Emily manages and provides design services for Trees Forever’s Iowa’s Living Roadways Trails Visioning program. As an avid outdoorswoman, Emily enjoys exploring trails, biking, and gardening. She is also a passionate lifelong learner who loves to read and travel.

**Ray Wolf** – Ray is a Scott County Master Gardener and the Science and Operations Officer for the National Weather Service in Davenport, Iowa. As a Master Gardener, Ray leads the county's Master Gardener Adult Education program, serves on the Master Gardener Board, and is a frequent speaker on topics relating weather and climate to gardening. He has lived and gardened in the varied climates of Illinois, Colorado, Mississippi, and Iowa. Ray received an M.S. in Agricultural Climatology in 1985 and a B.S. in Meteorology in 1982 from Iowa State University. At the National Weather Service, he is responsible for managing operations, staff training, and local research.