



ZERO WASTE FOOD SERVICE FOR RESTAURANTS TO POTLUCKS

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PRESENTERS & TOPICS



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Moderator

Green Print Alliance seeks to reduce worldwide deforestation by helping clients utilize sustainable practices when we print for them. The GPA vigorously promotes the use of FSC and SFI certified papers and vegetable based inks. On behalf of clients that print with us, we donate trees to American Forests, Global ReLeaf Fund.

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STEPHANIE BARGER

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Topic: Food Service Waste & Alternatives to Disposables

Stephanie Barger is the Founder and Executive Director of Earth Resource Foundation (ERF) based in Costa Mesa, CA and teaches environmental responsibility where you live, work and play. With a background in Business Administration Stephanie has worked as a real estate agent, mortgage banker, computer analyst, nonprofit consultant and accountant. Through ERF, Stephanie has coordinated many conferences and campaigns to help businesses, schools and communities understand the importance and benefits of changing wastes into resources while creating positive economic shifts. She is well respected for her work on Zero Waste, ocean plastics and smoke-free beaches. Stephanie has also dedicated her time to the Advisory Board or Board of Directors for Trails4All, Journey to the Heart (indigenous peoples), Surfrider Foundation, OC Interfaith for the Environment, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, Shelter First (homeless) and Copes (child abuse).

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KREIGH HAMPEL

Recycling Coordinator – *The City of Burbank*

Topic: A World History of Food Service Waste in 15 Minutes

Kreigh Hampel has served as the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Burbank since 2003 and is immersed in the City's Zero Waste programs. He has previously worked with both public and private agencies on educational programs that address recycling, urban forestry, school gardens and solar energy. Kreigh applies the designs of natural systems to the models of sustainability.

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MARIALYCE PEDERSEN

Senior Research & Content Development Representative –
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Topic: Getting to Zero Waste, Closing the Loop on Organics

Marialyce Pedersen is the Senior Research & Content Development Representative for The Walt Disney Company's Corporate Environmental Affairs Department, headquartered in Glendale, CA. Marialyce received a journalism degree from Humboldt State University in the 1980s, but after several newspaper jobs, was drawn to begin an environmental career in Los Angeles in 1990, as a "compost evangelist" along with Kreigh Hampel. Working for a small company, Harmonious Technologies, which provided home compost program consulting services, she is the co-author of the bestselling paperback book, *Backyard Composting*. More recently, Marialyce successfully led the ESPN X Games in Los Angeles to 80% diversion from landfills with both recycling and composting programs in place. Prior to coming to Disney in 2003, she worked for local government, implementing residential and business composting and recycling programs in Thousand Oaks, Santa Barbara County and Ventura County. She continues her quest to create a composting and recycling society to attain zero waste, always eager to respond to requests for assistance from Disney business units and the local community interested in developing new organics diversion programs.

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ERIC WILHITE

Vice President Supermarket Division –
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Topic: Supermarket Composting

Eric Wilhite has 30 years grocery experience and 20 years in management. He came to Community Recycling in 1995 and was part of the team that designed the supermarket composting program. Eric worked as a regional manager doing training and outreach for the supermarket program. He assumed his present position of Vice President Supermarket Division in June of 2008.

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