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BRIE ARTHUR

Originally from southeastern Michigan, Brie Arthur studied Landscape Design and Horticulture at Purdue University. With more than a decade of experience as a grower and propagator, she now shares her knowledge and passion by communicating the value of gardening across the US.

With her debut book [The Foodscape Revolution](#) becoming a best seller on Amazon, Brie looks forward to sharing garden advice with audiences who are excited about the future of growing with ecological, economic and nutritional sensibilities.

Brie is a passionate leader in the foodscape movement, a model of community development that incorporates sustainable, local food production. She speaks on a variety of horticulture topics around the country and serves as an ambassador for Soil3 organic compost.

As Vice President of Horticulture for [Gardenuity](#), a direct to consumer on-line gardening company, Brie is able to use her plant knowledge and extensive grower network to reach consumers nationally.

In 2017 Brie was awarded the first 'Emerging Professional' distinction by the [American Horticultural Society](#) and was named in [Grower Product News class of 2016 40 under 40](#). As founder of Emergent: A Group For Growing Professionals, Brie encourages an open dialogue and networking opportunities between seasoned professionals and rising green industry members.

Looking to the future, Brie continues to travel extensively sharing wisdom and humor with diverse audiences. Her second book, *Gardening with Grains* published by St Lynn's Press, will be available in 2019.

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JOE LAMP'L

Joe Lamp'l's (aka joe gardener®) infatuation with gardening and nature began as a child. After a run-in with his parents' favorite shrub, he panicked and jammed the broken branch into the ground. A few weeks later, it had taken root. Joe was not only relieved; he was also hooked on horticulture.

As one of the country's most recognized and trusted personalities in gardening and green-living, that passion for living a greener life is evident to a nationwide audience who watches Joe in his current role as Creator, Executive Producer and Host of the multi-award-winning PBS series, Growing a Greener World® and previously as host of Fresh from the Garden on DIY Network and more. Joe also shares his know-how through his popular books, podcast series, nationally syndicated newspaper column and more.

Joe is also the founder and "Joe" behind joegardener.com – a gardening-intensive website that launched in spring 2017. Its focus is on how-to videos, podcasts and blog posts around the most popular topics gardeners want to know.

When not talking or writing about gardening and living green, Joe can likely be found in and around his organic garden and spending time with his family on their Atlanta, Georgia farm.

KATY ROSS

Katy Ross has a passion for native plants and their place in Georgia's ecosystem. Katy has been in and around the nursery industry for over 20 years and has experience in all aspects of design, propagation, and nursery management.

She has worked for several nurseries throughout Georgia and holds an associate degree in environmental horticulture, a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in education. Katy first became interested in native plants early in her career and always promoted them as a hardier, better alternative to non-natives while working in the nursery industry. She believes in the power of nature to heal and works to educate her customers, as well as promote a love for gardening and nature. She is also a Georgia Certified Plant Professional.

Together with her husband, Edward, Katy owns [Night Song Native Plant Nursery](#) in Canton, Georgia. They are working to build a more sustainable native plant nursery and educate the public about the importance native plants and organic practices play in the environment.