

Youth Leadership Program

EMERALD NECKLACE
CONSERVANCY

Fall 2010 Speaker Series



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About the Conservancy

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy brings people together to renew, enliven and advocate for the Emerald Necklace park system. Focusing its work in the six Emerald Necklace parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the Conservancy collaborates with the City of Boston, Town of Brookline, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the many park partners committed to keeping our parks healthy and accessible for all.

About the YLP

The Youth Leadership Program (YLP) is designed to create qualified leaders for parks-related youth work. The program enrolls 8-10 former Green Team members and other enthusiastic youth ages 17+, and teaches personal and community leadership skills, empowering youth to help make the world around them a better place.

The Leadership Program runs in three sessions (Fall, Winter and Spring). Youth meet twice a week for two hours after school and for four hours on Saturdays. During that time, they participate in environmental education workshops, learn about and complete park maintenance and restoration work, engage in team-building and leadership activities, coordinate community outreach, and practice public speaking and group leadership. Youth in the Leadership Program prepare to lead crews during the summer Green Team program.

For additional information, please contact Youth Programs Coordinator Julia Golomb at jgolomb@emeraldnecklace.org



The Emerald Necklace has been chosen as one of the American Planning Association's Great Public Spaces for 2010!

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About the Emerald Necklace

The Emerald Necklace parks include the Arnold Arboretum, Back Bay Fens, Franklin Park, Jamaica Pond, Olmsted Park and the Riverway. Created by Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted between 1878 and 1896, these six parks stretch five miles from the Charles River to Dorchester.



Schedule of Speakers

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Tom Williams

Boston Parks Horticulture

Tom Williams grew up an hour southwest of Boston in Holliston, MA where he planted his first garden at the age of 13. After giving away his first crop of potatoes, Tom realized the importance of plants in our lives.

At Paul Smith's College, Tom studied Forest Recreation and discovered his favorite subject, Dendrology (the study of trees) where he learned and came to appreciate the specificity of Latin names.



After leaving school, Tom sailed to Florida with \$165 in his pocket, where he worked in a restaurant before departing on his second sailing trip around the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Haiti, Puerto Rico and both the British and US Virgin Islands.

Returning home, Tom began working at Weston Nurseries pulling small weeds.

Quickly moving to larger weeds, Tom was promoted to supervisor where he managed a small crew and eventually became Field Production Manager. At Weston Nurseries, Tom also served as a muleskinner and performed a variety of tasks including transplanting rhododendrons and rehabbing Planet Junior cultivators.

In 2007 Tom moved on to Boston Parks and Recreation as the Superintendent of Horticulture. The horticulture unit is responsible for plantings across the city and grows around 150,000 plants each year, most from seed, in the city's greenhouses located in Franklin Park.

www.cityofboston.gov/parks/

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Julie Warsowe

Arnold Arboretum

Julie Warsowe currently leads the Arnold Arboretum's visitor education program, where she applies more than 14 years' experience working in the public garden sector. Since her arrival in 2006, Julie has worked to implement a comprehensive way-finding system for the Arboretum, organized a three-season visitor study, and created an interpretive master plan, now being



implemented. She currently supervises 4 permanent staff and more than 50 volunteer docents and interpreters. Prior to her joining the Arnold Arboretum, Julie served as Brooklyn



Botanic Garden's Director of Continuing Education and, previously, as the Garden's Community

Horticulture Program Manager. Julie earned her bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a master's degree in public garden management from Cornell University.

www.arboretum.harvard.edu/

Mike Kissinger

Tech Networks of Boston

Southie Trees is a collaboration between neighborhood groups, businesses and the people of South Boston. In an urban environment, trees mean cooler summers, lower asthma rates and higher property values. South Boston has one of the lowest rates of tree cover of any Boston neighborhood. It is the mission of Southie Trees to close that gap and help the people of South Boston build a greener future for themselves.



Southie Trees began as a collaboration between Tech Networks of Boston and Planet Southie - an IT services company and a local environmental group. We are always looking for new partnerships with people and organizations that can help preserve our urban forest and help it grow and thrive. To introduce yourself and get involved, just email planetsouthie@gmail.com.

<http://planetsouthie.blogspot.com/search/label/trees>

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John Lineham

Zoo New England

John's passion for wildlife and the environment began at an early age. During his teenage years, he served as a volunteer at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in Milton. Upon graduating from his studies in Wildlife Management at the University of Maine, he began his career as a Laborer at Franklin Park Zoo.

Over the next twenty-nine years, John worked his way through nearly every position at each of the two Zoos, and also worked towards a graduate degree at Harvard University on a part-time basis. In 2002, John was promoted to President and CEO.

In his current role, John is responsible for the care and management of 1,000 plus animal residents and 155 Zoo employees and has furthered Zoo New England's commitment to education and conservation.

Zoo New England is active in an efforts to help expand numbers and habitat for the Blanding's turtle right here in

Massachusetts. Both Zoos have received numerous awards and accolades for their conservation efforts, as well as outstanding education, youth development, animal husbandry and health care achievements.



www.zoonewengland.org/

Dawn Chavez

Boston Youth Environmental Network

Dawn co-coordinates the Boston Youth Environmental Network, a citywide network connecting individuals and organizations to resources to improve the quality and quantity of environmental education and employment opportunities for young people in Boston.

Before joining the Boston Beyond team, Dawn worked as Education Director for the Urban Ecology Institute and directed a residential environmental education center in the Berkshires for students from New York City. Prior to moving to Boston, she worked for eight years leading inner city students from New York (her hometown) in environmental learning experiences.



Dawn holds a B.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University, a M.A. in Environmental Studies from

Montclair University, and is pursuing a PhD from Antioch University New England.

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