

Speakers' Biographies:

Kathy Carver is the Operations Manager for ExtraFood.org, a food recovery non-profit serving Marin County. ExtraFood picks up excess fresh food from restaurants, grocery stores, farmers' markets, and other businesses, and immediately delivers it to non-profits serving Marin's most vulnerable populations. Kathy began working with ExtraFood as a volunteer in 2014. For the past two years, she has managed the day-to-day logistics of ExtraFood's food recovery program, including volunteer management, food donor-recipient matching, delivery scheduling, and food trip reporting. Before joining ExtraFood, Kathy cofounded the Outdoor Education Center and school garden program at Marin Primary & Middle School in Larkspur, managing the program for 5 years. She also co-founded the Marin School Garden Network and was a Marin Master Gardener for fourteen years. Her experience with growing food led her to fully appreciate the labor, fuel and water intensive processes of growing, harvesting and getting food to the table. She's passionate about food, edible gardens, cooking, health, sustainability, and not wasting food!

Jordan Figueiredo is an Anti-Food Waste Activist from Northern California. Through social media, writing, talks and activism he connects and ignites the movement to end food waste and hunger. Most notably through The Ugly Fruit And Veg Campaign which uses funny, bizarre, and beautiful images of produce in order to highlight the 20-40% of all fruits and vegetables that go to waste, before stores, due to optional grocer cosmetic standards. The Campaign, through Change.org, has been successful in petitioning Whole Foods Market and Walmart to sell ugly produce. The Campaign has also been featured on the TODAY Show, in Huffington Post, NPR, Upworthy, Mic, Think Progress, CBS News, Los Angeles Times, and many others. Along with more than 170,000 people in 190 countries, you can follow The Ugly Fruit And Veg Campaign on Twitter, Instagram, We Heart It and Facebook. For more, visit www.UqlyFruitAndVeg.org.

Nick Lapis is Californians Against Waste's Director of Advocacy and has been with the organization since 2007. As CAW's lobbyist, Nick advocates for the enactment of strong waste reduction and recycling policies and has led the organization's efforts to pass several landmark pieces of legislation. Nick also heads CAW's climate and organics campaigns and has advocated for the enactment of nation-leading environmental policies at the state's regulatory agencies. In addition to advocacy, Nick engages in policy research and coalition-building, representing CAW on a variety of boards, committees, workgroups, and coalitions.

http://www.cawrecycles.org/nick-lapis/

Jacquie Phelan, washed-up bicycle racer. Born to Depression era parents, she took their maxims beyond their limit. "Clean your plate" became "No Calorie Left Behind". Pretty soon, she was trying to harvest all the food waste she could dig. By her fifties, Jacquie was writing about gleaning and rating the dumpsters of resource-rich Marin County. Her cuisine is noted in "Salivation Army", her "tired food" blog.

Julie Owen Hanft's primary areas of focus are law, environmental education and sustainability. After graduating from Barnard College and the University of Miami Law School, she worked as a federal law clerk and commercial litigator. She holds certificates in Natural History and in Environmental Science from the College of Marin. She also earned a Certificate in Sustainable Practices from Dominican University. She is a graduate of the Environmental Forum of Marin and a University of California Certified Naturalist. Julie founded the Marin Open Garden Project and Marin GreenPlay, a nature awareness summer camp. She is also a board member with Turtle Island Restoration Network and Marin Clean Highways and contributes to the work of Clean Mill Valley.