



WILD IDEAS WORTH SHARING | 2016 Speaker Series

THE DIRT ON SOIL: LIFE UNDERGROUND

Jeff Lowenfels and James Sotillo come together in St. Louis from opposite ends of the country with a focus on biodiversity on levels too long beneath our notice.

Jeff Lowenfels is the longest running garden columnist in North America, a noted author, and a highly entertaining horticultural speaker. His book *Teaming With Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web*, was reviewed as "the most important new gardening book in 25 years and maybe even ever." Jeff is a national leader in the sustainable gardening movement, past president of the Garden Writers of America, and was inducted into the GWA Hall of Fame in 2005, the highest honor a North American garden writer can achieve. Jeff will explain how maximizing soil health improves both plant health and water quality. His promise: No one goes away from a Lowenfels talk disappointed or unchanged. Guaranteed!



James Sotillo, Founder and President of Ecological Landscape Management, is recognized as one of the leading Soil Life Consultants and Arborists in the industry. James has forged his notability through his powerful lectures, innovative research and technology advances, and his passionate approaches towards projects of varied scales. He will discuss the art of creating dynamic landscapes that are ecologically balanced, aesthetically beautiful and energy balanced with a focus on making connections between how below ground and above ground food webs impact each other. Projects that will be highlighted include Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier One, MoMA Sculpture Garden, Maggi Daly Park, and the St. Louis Gateway Arch Grounds project.



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WHEN

Wednesday, May 11, 2016
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

- 6:30 p.m. Check-in and networking
- 7:00 p.m. Program
- 8:30 p.m. Refreshments and book signing

WHERE

Mary Institute and Country Day School (MICDS)
101 N. Warson Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63124
Map and directions at:
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FREE REGISTRATION

Space is limited; registration is required. Register by May 3 at:
deercreekalliance.org/wiws

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