

# FRANCES SUBBIONDO, (regenerative) Gardener, Designer, Builder, Chef

## o b j e c t i v e

regenerative service & learning -- progressive engagement in this evolving world

## e d u c a t i o n

**Advanced Permaculture Design Course** -- (Dave Jacke), Sivananda Yoga Ranch -- **October 2009**

**Village Building Convergence** -- Portland, OR -- **June 2009**, participant

**Teaching Permaculture Creatively** (Dave Jacke + Co.) -- Camp Epworth, NY -- **March 2009**

**Permaculture Design Certificate Courses** -- (Green Phoenix) Camp Epworth, NY -- **2009**  
(Local Energy Solutions) New York City -- **2008**

**Sachamama Ethnobotanical Garden** -- Western Amazon Basin, Peru -- **Fall, 2007**, resident

**San Francisco Botanical Garden**, SF, CA -- **2002-2007**, student, volunteer, gardeners' assistant

B.Arch., B.A., **Rice University (Architecture)** -- Houston, TX -- **1997-2003 (-'01/'02)**

**Metuchen High School** -- Metuchen, NJ, **1993-1997**

## e x p e r i e n c e

**Rancho Mastatal** -- La Cangreja, Costa Rica -- **Winter, 2010**

intern at sustainable living, natural building center near the southwest coast of Costa Rica; scheduled to lead a 3 day introduction to permaculture course to the staff, interns & neighbors

**Building Community Resilience** -- Brattleboro, Vermont -- **September, 2008**

**Forest Gardening Immersion Course** -- Camp Epworth, NY -- **January - April, 2010**

(teaching)

**We Co-Create: Regenerative Culture @ Home** -- Brooklyn, NY -- **December, 2009**

organized & facilitated community-offered workshop series on diverse array of topics in & around the realm of regenerative culture.

**Open Center / Old Stone House PDC** (w/ Claudia Joseph) -- New York City -- **2009**

invited as guest presenter, to share & offer wisdom on Botanical Classification & Fermentation

**Independent workshop offerings** (*nature works*) -- New York City, New Jersey -- **2009**

workshops presented on Urban Permaculture, Natural Foods, Fermentation, Introduction to Regeneration, & collaborator on many others (esp. @ We Co-Create above)

(business)

**Garden State Green Collar Futures** -- NW New Jersey -- **Fall, 2008 -- Present**

developing, organizing, & building a start-up service-learning organization (with partner Elyssa Serrilli) dedicated to re-skilling young, urban dwellers of the state of New Jersey, to perform the earthly & community work of regeneration -- produced & submitted a competitive, *pending*, federal grant offered by the US Department of Labor

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**nature works** -- New York, NY, Metuchen, NJ, & San Francisco, CA -- **Fall, 2006 - Present**  
founded, and now design, structure, & grow this cooperative company as a force for maximum good and minimal harm -- work as partner, offering: educational workshops; environmentally-regenerative, edible gardens & landscapes; habitat creation; & service as personal plants-chef to all who hire.

**Carlin's Gardens** -- San Francisco, CA -- **Summer, 2003 - Summer, 2006**  
served as gardener, project manager, crew manager, and client liaison – handled all field responsibilities for the daily operation of a 3-4 person gardening outfit – chiefly responsible for the execution of landscape installation, long-term garden maintenance, and plant pruning.

**San Francisco Botanical Garden, at Strybing Arboretum** -- SF, CA -- **2002, 2003, 2006**  
volunteered: in the arboretum nursery, caring for, and up-potting, young plants -- in the New World Cloud Forest, building soil fertility and weeding invasive species – then, in the California Native Garden fostering indigenous habitats and supporting the local ecosystem.

### skills & other offerings

- intimate knowledge of system ecologies & regenerative design principles -
- familiarity with a wide array of construction systems & passive environmental design -
- soil builder, and at ease employing a variety of organic fertility regimens -
- applied experience in permaculture-inspired life & relationship design -
  - well-versed in Adobe graphics programs & Apple-powered -
  - compassionate, attentive interpersonal skills *y hablo español* -
  - plant, food & cultural enthusiast -
  - transgender, edgewalker -

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