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## WILD IDEAS WORTH SHARING Speaker Series

# PERENNIAL POLY CULTURES: SUSTAINABLE, EDIBLE LANDSCAPES

**Carol Davit** | *Missouri Prairie Foundation*

In her role as Executive Director of the Missouri Prairie Foundation, Carol is among our region’s most purposeful and passionate advocates focused on the critical importance of prairies, which once covered more than 15 million acres of Missouri and occupied a 160-million acre domain across North America. While reinforcing the critical importance of conserving remnant prairies, Carol will focus in on success stories of vibrant prairie plantings at corporate campuses, homes, and public spaces throughout Missouri, reinforcing how prairies can and should be a core, foundational component when designing outdoor spaces for people.



**Scott Allegrucci** | *The Land Institute*

Scott Allegrucci will share TLI’s work on perennializing grain, oil seed, and pulse varieties—the kinds of plants that make up much of our human diet—as an alternative to the current commodity crop agricultural model. This is not about integrating edibles into designed landscapes, but rather, about ecologically sound and resilient agriculture that can evolve beyond niche practices. Scott will be joined by Dr. Claudia Ciotir, postdoctoral fellow on the Perennial Agriculture Project Global Inventory. This collaborative research partnership between the Missouri Botanical Garden, Saint Louis University, and The Land Institute is evaluating data on wild, perennial plant species toward eventual use in sustainable agriculture programs spearheaded by TLI.



### WHEN

Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Check-in/networking  
6:15 p.m. Formal presentation

Free wine and light appetizers

### WHERE

Alberici Headquarters  
8800 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63114

### REGISTRATION

**Free event** but registration is required. Please register at [www.usgbc-mogateway.org](http://www.usgbc-mogateway.org) by Monday, October 17.

*Convened by BiodiverseCity St. Louis and the 100+ organizations within its network, the Wild Ideas Worth Sharing series offers opportunities to network, learn, and envision a more biodiverse St. Louis region and world. In 2016, the series features local and global perspectives on how cities, communities, and entire cultures can live in ways that enable a greater diversity of life to survive and thrive, challenging us all to wildly rethink how we live, learn, work, and play.*

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