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Bios for Speakers – names appear in alphabetical order

**William (Bill) Ahal**

LEED AP, is President of Ahal Preconstruction Services (APS). APS provides preconstruction services, owner representation, estimating, value engineering, constructability and construction consultation services to its clients. Bill attended the University of Missouri-Rolla (Missouri S&T), graduating with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1976. In addition, Bill has completed extensive post education training in construction and industry related topics. Bill utilized his many years of construction industry experience in not only preconstruction services, but also project management, safety and business development & marketing to found APS in 2009. Bill has extensive experience in the construction of education, distribution facilities, healthcare, utilities, and heavy industrial and civil projects.

**Doug Bauer**

Doug Bauer is vice president for the Pizzo Companies (Pizzo & Associates, LTD., Native Landscape Contractors, LLC, Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC)—a group dedicated to the furtherance of native plants in the urban landscape. He has project experience throughout the country and has completed numerous projects with clients across many business and government sectors. His specific skill set involves bringing naturalized plantings to environments that aren't so natural—think bio-swales, green roofs, urban park districts and corporate campuses. Doug has completed two degrees (University of Illinois & University of Chicago), fought wildfires with the United States Forest Service, completed the Chicago Marathon, climbed the highest peak in the continental 48 (Mt. Whitney), remodeled numerous 100+ year old buildings and recently canoed the Mississippi River from the confluence of the Missouri to the confluence of the Ohio. Doug is married and has a beautiful daughter, Harper.

**Hunter Beckham**

is a project manager and senior Landscape Architect at SWT Design. He returned to Saint Louis after attaining a professional degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Arkansas to build a career in his hometown. He now has 15 years of experience with special interest in sustainable practices particularly with green roof and ecological improvements by design as well as multi modal community planning. These interests have developed into a leadership role with the American Society of Landscape Architects as co-chair of the Sustainable Design and Development Professional Practice Network. He serves the local Chapter as Trustee and with a passion for the importance of history Hunter is the St. Louis liaison for the Historic American Landscape Survey as well as the Chair of the Federal Government Affairs Advisory Committee. Hunter is committed to the importance of community improvement by design for residents and travelers from around the world.

**Kristy DeGuire**

and her husband own DG2 Design, a landscape architect firm in St Louis. Kristy graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in landscape architecture. She is a registered landscape architect in the State of Missouri and the State of Illinois and currently serves on the executive board for the Saint Louis Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects as the public relations chair. Her experience includes landscape architectural designs, construction documentation and landscape construction administration for parks and trails, recreational facilities, residences, master-planned corporate campuses, commercial projects, urban plazas and healthcare master plans. She believes sustainability and accessibility are one of the two most significant aspects of landscape architecture.
Klaus Dieter-Rausch, RLA studied landscape architecture and environmental engineering in Freising, Germany. A member of SWT Design since 2004, he brings extensive experience in Master planning, urban development, and sustainable site design. Klaus is a certified green roof supervisor and installer and has presented many seminars on stormwater management and green roof systems.

Cindy Gilberg, owner of Gilberg Design and Consulting, is a Missouri native with a degree in ornamental horticulture from University of Missouri-Columbia. She and her husband Doug owned and operated Gilberg Perennial Farms (1979-2006) specializing in herbaceous perennials, native plants and aquatic plants. Cindy now focuses on horticultural design and consulting, teaching and writing with a passion for native landscaping. Some of her work includes many native landscaping projects for Shaw Nature Reserve and the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance. Cindy is a regular contributing writer to the Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin, the Gateway Gardener and the Healthy Planet with columns about native plants. In 2010 she co-authored "Shaw Nature Reserve - 85 Years of Natural Wonder", a book published by MBG.

David Mudd received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and has a background in commercial construction management. He currently works in the Landscape Products Division of Midwest Products Group, providing technical assistance and product training for hardscape systems including segmental retaining walls and interlocking unit paving. Associations include the US Green Building Council, the Engineer's Club of St. Louis, and the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute. Midwest Products Group is a leading manufacturer and distributor of masonry and landscape building materials for projects throughout the central United States. Please visit www.mpgblock.com or call 314-291-3200 for additional information.

John Grimm, PE holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University and is a Missouri Registered Professional Engineer. He currently works for the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District as a Principal Engineer in the development Review Section. Primary responsibilities include assigning, managing, and troubleshooting review projects in the East half of the District. He has been at MSD for more than 12 years and has worked in both the Development Review Section of Engineering and as a Field Engineer in the Maintenance Department. Prior to MSD, he worked in private consulting and private industry for 11 years.

Jay Hoskins, PE, is a Principal Engineer in the Planning/Development Review Group with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD). He serves in a variety of roles and projects that involve implementation of green infrastructure and other post-construction stormwater BMPs, including development plan review, stormwater Phase II permit compliance, and the Green Infrastructure CSO Pilot Program. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, and his Master’s of Science degree in Environmental Engineering and Science from Clemson University.

Stephen Ibendahl, RLA, ASLA; Mr. Ibendahl is a Sustainability Planner with the Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation & Development with over 15 years of professional experience. He is an advocate for walkable communities and sustainable design. Professional experience includes a wide range and diversity of projects such as master planning,
park and trail design, streetscape design, site development, transportation enhancement, and public involvement. He is a past-president of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

Rick Kacenski, RLA, ASLA; works at HOK in St Louis as well as teaching Landscape Architecture at Washington University.

Brian Morgan, architect; Missouri Department of Conservation

Bill Retzlaff, PhD, is a professor at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Biological Sciences since 1999 where he teaches environmental science and biology. He received multiple degrees in forestry from both Auburn University, Alabama and Clemson University, South Carolina. Bill has been conducting research and studying the effects of different green roof soils on plant performance.

Ted H. Spaid, ASLA, CLARB, graduated with honors from Kansas State University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. A principal and co-founder of SWT Design in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Spaid is nationally recognized for his knowledge of park planning, landscape design, horticulture, environmental design, sustainable practices and landscape maintenance procedures. His innovative, environmentally conscious and unique designs, which address a variety of client needs, have earned great respect from both clients and peers during his 25-year career. Ted is a licensed landscape architect in 11 states. He has served as president of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) and as a member of the Forest Park Advisory Board. He has also been a part of landscape architecture teams whose work has received awards and recognition from the Central States ASLA and the St. Louis Chapter ASLA.

Jennifer Swick, Pace Construction

Dave Tylka is a semi-retired Professor of Biology at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, where he taught full time for over 20 years. He still teaches native landscaping, field zoology and Ozark ecology courses, and when not in the classroom, he and his wife are outside enjoying their home native landscape or traveling to other native landscapes. Dave was the first St. Louis Urban Biologist for the Missouri Conservation Department, a position he held for 14 years. While with the Conservation Department, he also co-produced and hosted “All Outdoors” on TV Channel 11 in St. Louis. In 2002, he wrote the Missouri Conservation Department book, Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People, which he then revised in 2009 for the second edition. Dave has also written several popular pamphlets on backyard landscaping, bird feeding, and butterfly gardening. As a widely recognized educator, biologist, nature author, and photographer, he brings together a wealth of information on native species and ideas that can inspire any landscaper.

Scott Woodbury is the Curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve, where he has been developing the garden for 19 years. The wildflower garden is a five-acre demonstration for landscaping with Missouri Native Plants and is adjacent to a 25 acre reconstructed tallgrass prairie. Scott received a BS degree in horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has worked at various public gardens including Old Westbury Gardens in New York, Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, Castello Di Uzzano in Italy, and Tudor Place in
Washington D.C. He currently serves on the board of Wild Ones, a non-profit organization which is dedicated to promoting biodiversity and environmentally sound gardening practices using native plants.