SUSTAINABILITY SPEAKER SERIES (S3)
Bringing Together Sustainability Experts in New Jersey
Wednesday June 19, 2019
Time 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Pinelands Nursery & Supply
557 Island Rd, Columbus, NJ 08022

The Goal of S3 is to offer NJ business stakeholders information sharing and educational opportunities focusing on the topic of sustainability.

AGENDA

10:00 AM  Registration/Meet & Greet

10:35 AM  Introductions
Gina Gambacorto, Environmental Specialist 1
Office of Sustainability
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

10:50 AM  Sustainability at Pinelands Nursery & Supply
Tom Knezick, Production Analyst
Pinelands Nursery & Supply

11:20 AM  Break

11:30 AM  Creating Pollinator Habitat
Kelly Gill, Senior Pollinator Conservation Specialist
The Xerces Society

Partner Biologist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

12:00 PM  Tour of Pinelands Nursery & Supply’s Wildflower Farm

12:30 PM  Adjourn
Tom Knezick, Pinelands Nursery & Supply

Tom Knezick is the Production Analyst at Pinelands Nursery & Supply. Pinelands Nursery & Supply was founded by Tom’s parents in 1983 and has since grown to be one of the largest native plant nurseries that specializes in plants for restoration on the east coast. Tom also co-owns and operates Pinelands Direct Native Plants, a pollinator focused online garden center, with his wife Melissa.

Kelly Gill, The Xerces Society & United States Department of Agriculture

Kelly Gill is a Pollinator Conservation Specialist for The Xerces Society and a Partner Biologist with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Kelly provides technical support for designing, installing, and managing habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects. Kelly’s responsibilities include writing site-specific conservation plans, with a focus on protecting and improving habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, and benefits to other wildlife, and assisting NRCS staff with habitat planning for Farm Bill conservation programs. She has experience working in a variety of landscapes and habitat types. Kelly also develops technical guides on restoring and managing habitat and conducts training courses and educational programs. Kelly completed her Master’s Degree in Entomology at Iowa State University where she conducted field research to evaluate different plant communities for their use in conservation plantings and on development of best practices for conserving pollinators and beneficial insects in agricultural landscapes.