

Experience

Organic Horticulture Specialist and Garden Designer

Oasis Garden Design

2000 – Present (15 years) Ontario

A Certified Organic Land Care Professional in business, consulting and education. Emphasis is on ecological landscape design with 20 years experience working on private and public lands, most notably, consulting on organic maintenance practices for Corktown Common Park (PanAm Games 2015 Athlete's Village), Toronto, in 2014 and 2015. Twice nominated for Urban Habitat Stewardship Award, Evergreen Canada, for a waterfront Parks Canada project, involving training, educating staff and the public on the requirements for indigenous plants and developing and maintaining healthy ecosystems. Astrid's gardens have also been featured on Doors Open, various community garden tours, and CTV's Garden of the Month. Astrid worked as a design judge for Communities in Bloom. She works part-time as the Academic Manager for Gaia College and teaches for and coordinates the Organic Land Care Programs Levels 1, 2 and 3 for Seneca College. Astrid is on the board of Society of Organic Urban Land Care (SOUL), and a professional member of Landscape Ontario.

Experience:

- Needs assessment, proposal writing, curriculum development for college certificates in Sustainable Landscape Design, Gardening Expert for Humber College and Gaia College, and Organic Land Care Levels 1, 2, and 3, Seneca College. Curriculum development and instructor for Contemporary Educational Practices, Algonquin College. Consultant and educator, Oasis Institute for Healthy Living Inc.
- College instructor: Plant Knowledge 1-Natives, Plant Knowledge 2 - Ornamentals, Organic Horticulture Specialist, Basic Botany, Ecological Landscape Design, Growing Food Organically.
- Ecological Garden designer, Oasis Garden Design 1996 to present, www.oasisgardendesign.ca
- Landscaping Manager for Prescott Blossoms, 2002 and 2003; managing crew of 12 on various municipal and federal park projects – emphasis on restoring native plants.

Education and Consulting

Oasis Institue for Healthy Living Inc.

1998 – Present (17 years) Toronto, Canada Area

Certified Organic Land Care Professional
Professional Home Economist
Inter-Provincial Red Seal Cook Certification
Instructional Designer for face-to-face and online learning
Corporate wellness programing
Presenter, public speaker, media spokesperson
Garden Designer
Master Gardener



Instructor/Academic Manager

Algonquin College

2000 – 2012 (12 years) Ottawa, Canada Area

Curriculum Development: Bachelor of Hospitality & Tourism Management, Culinary Management;

Food & Nutrition Management Coordinator;

Academic Manager for Trades, School of Part-time Studies;

Instructor, Expert Gardener Certificate Program.

Instructor

University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus

1986 – 1997 (11 years) Kemptville, ON

Food and Nutrition Technician/Instructor

Food and Nutrition Manager

Versa Services (Aramark)

April 1983 – November 1986 (3 years 8 months) Eastern Ontario

Manager of Patient Services/Catering for various Hospitals and Schools