

Sustainable Living Coalition Board of Directors

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Stuart Valentine
Chairman, SLC Board of Directors

Stuart has played an active role in the Green Private Investment sector of the Sustainable, Responsible and positive Impact (SRI) movement since 2000. He is passionate about building the personal relationships and networks necessary to create meaningful, systemic change in the world of finance towards a more sustainable, life-supporting investment model.

Barbara Stone
Executive Director Southeast Iowa Food Hub

Barbara has been involved in organic farm management and connecting communities to local food production for 9 years in Iowa. Having grown up on farms and ranches with family that valued growing clean food, she is passionate about feeding people nutritious food that comes from living soil. She is involved extensively in Iowa and the Midwest with regenerative agriculture, studying food finance models and employing soil science to ensure farmer success. Implementing Farm to School programs, youth and farmer education/mentoring, alleviating hunger initiatives are current projects. Member Iowa Food Hub Managers Working Group, Practical Farmers of Iowa. Cornell University: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Bob Ferguson
Executive Director

Bob has a varied background as an entrepreneur and community leader and organizer. He has spoken and trained throughout the US and Canada and has extensive experience in creating educational presentations and web based information portals used throughout field sales organizations. He is deeply involved in sustainability, local economic development and regional food systems in Fairfield. He served as co-chair of the Fairfield Go-Green Commission and relishes his current position as Executive Director and Chief Gardner for the SLC

Hap Mullenneaux
Treasurer

Hap Mullenneaux and his wife, Lin, believe that reconnection with nature is critical for humans. Over the last twenty years, Hap and Lin have become adept at creating homes out of materials directly from nature. Their projects range from tiny houses on wheels to the SLC's strawbale Eco-Barn which they finished with earthen plaster and wood that was often straight from the forest. Our buildings should not separate us, but serve our reconnection with nature and each other.

Faith Reeves

Faith has a passion for learning how to produce truly nutritious food while regenerating soils. She is the Farm Manager of the Sustainability Research Institute (SRI) demonstration farm, and has designed, promoted and managed a Business Supported Agriculture (BSA) model for the last 7 1/2 years. She has a certificate in Nutrition Farming® from NTS, a certificate in Permaculture Design, and is a graduate of Elaine Ingham's "Living Soils" class. She is a

budding, enthusiastic and self-taught living soils consultant and agronomist. Microbes + Minerals = Magic

Mary Tarnoff

Award winning science educator - retired

Community activist in environmental and social justice fields - education and advocacy of the public and legislators

2017 Activist award - Iowa State Sierra Club

2002-2003 Director of Research, Mothers for Natural Law (one of the first organizations to raise concerns about the possible side effects of genetically modified foods.

2001-2002 Director of Research of Mother Design – Environmental, sustainable housing design

Brandon Nelson

Brandon has been a real estate lawyer in Fairfield Iowa for 35 years, and has been passionate about sustainable homesteads, alternative energy, and progressive community action.

Jessie Nichols

Jessie has been a teacher of the Transcendental Meditation technique since 1970, spending several years in the 1970's working at the international level directly with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in Europe. She founded the TM center in Kansas City in 1969, and taught TM in Russia in 1990-91, participating in teaching 250,000 people in the Soviet Union countries in six months. She received her undergraduate degree from Stanford and an MBA from Maharishi University of Management.

She is committed to growing the power and reach of the Sustainable living Coalition. Her vision is to create a region that is producing safe, nutritionally dense food which can offer a working model for other communities.