

# Meet our Permaculture Instructors!



## **Dave Boehnlein**

Dave Boehnlein is a permaculture designer, educator, and author. He serves as the principal for Terra Phoenix Design working on projects throughout North and Central America. He is the education director at the [Bullock's Permaculture Homestead](#) a 35 year-old permaculture homestead on Orcas Island, Washington.

He offers Permaculture Design Courses through [Bastyr University's Holistic Landscape Design Certificate Program](#) and [Alderleaf Wilderness College's Wilderness Certification Program](#). Dave is a member of both the Cascadia Permaculture Institute and the [Permaculture Institute of North America](#). He holds a diploma in Permaculture Education and seeks to mainstream permaculture design with integrity.

To that end, Dave teamed up with landscape designer and author, [Jessi Bloom](#), and illustrator, [Paul Kearsley](#), to write [Practical Permaculture](#), an excellent entry-level permaculture design text.

Pearlstone's lead instructors include Greg Strella, Perri Dejarnette, and Joe Murray have more than 40 years of combined experience designing, implementing, and stewarding community-scale agriculture, sustainability projects, and educational programs. Their work includes founding Baltimore City Public Schools' Great Kids Farm, founding Ancestral Knowledge, serving as a board member for the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture amongst other deep and relevant experience that prepares them to teach Permaculture.



## **Greg Strella, Chief Stewardship Officer**

Greg works with an incredible team to care for Pearlstone's abundant 180 acres of forests, meadows, streams, agricultural fields, and beautiful facilities. Prior to joining Pearlstone in 2015, he helped lead the founding and development of Great Kids Farm – a 33-acre farm-based education campus for students of the 196 Baltimore City Public Schools. Greg has served on the boards of several organizations including the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture and Future Harvest, and Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture.

Greg studied permaculture with Bullock Brother's Permaculture Homestead. He has 14 years of sustainable agriculture experience across a diverse mosaic of conditions and cultural environments in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.



**Perri DeJarnette, Land Steward**

Over the past seven years Perri has cared for the land at Pearlstone, spending her time with vegetables, animals, and trees. She is passionate about stewarding healthy ecosystems and sharing her eclectic knowledge of the natural world with others. When she is not farming, Perri loves to cook up something delicious and crochet.

Perri studied permaculture with the Shenandoah Permaculture Institute. From tractor maintenance to certified organic blueberries, Perri's wide range of skills support a thriving mosaic of plantings, meadows, and forests at Pearlstone.



**Joe Murray, Wilderness Educator**

Joe has been teaching nature connection since 1997 and has made it his life's work to learn from the indigenous peoples of the earth and share the old ways with as many people as possible. During that time he has mentored thousands of kids and helped design the curriculum for several wilderness schools and is a founding member of the nonprofit Ancestral Knowledge 501(c)3.

Joe studied permaculture with Forested. From bird language to natural building, Joe's understanding and respect for all life permeates his work. He is particularly excited to be collaborating with Perri to re-introduce fire to Pearlstone's meadow ecosystems this spring.