

# Life Beneath Our Boots: Biological Systems for Healthy Soils and Crops

## Speakers

John Montague, Mary Beerman, Dr. Peter Van Straaten

**Friday Feb. 28, 2020, 10 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Linwood Community Centre,**  
5279 Ament Line, Linwood, ON

**John Montague** is a Holistic Soil Consultant, teaching people how to heal their soil. He studied at Rodale Institute, the Univ. of Guelph and with Dr. Elaine Ingham of The Soil Foodweb Inc. He believes that you should feed your soil not your plants and that there should be a microscope on every farm. [www.theglenroadorganics.com](http://www.theglenroadorganics.com)

**Mary Beerman** creates and develops strong and productive outside places, beginning with great soil. She promotes the microscopic soil world as the key to low maintenance and high performance environments and integrates native plants in the growing environment as above and below ground bio-control. [www.marylivingoutside.com](http://www.marylivingoutside.com)

**Dr. Peter Van Straaten**, Professor Emeritus, School of Environ. Sci., Univ. of Guelph will discuss how rocks become healthy feed and food and how P is more available with phospho-composting. [www.uoguelph.ca/oac/video/rocks-crops](http://www.uoguelph.ca/oac/video/rocks-crops)

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