



## ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTORS



**KELSEY** has worked with Sickles Market as the head greenhouse grower for 4 years. She is a certified Master Gardener through Middlesex County, and loves working with the community. She also has an educational certificate in the Fundamentals of Horticulture and in Historic Preservation. Her interests include all-things-nature, art and horticulture. Kelsey is very passionate about growing plants and teaching others the importance of composting and waste-reduction. Kellie Kellie's enthusiasm for orchids started over two decades ago while living in a New York City apartment, which was also an art studio, where there was an East-facing window and a grow light and stand. The art studio served as a perfect spot to utilize her BFA in Fine Arts and Painting, while caring for and learning about the art of Orchids. She has always enjoyed gardening and creating flower beds of roses and various ground covers, plants, shrubs and trees.

**KELLIE** is a certified Intrinsic Feng Shui Professional and Staging Consultant, a member of the International Feng Shui Guild, a member of the American Orchid Society and its local affiliate Deep Cut Orchid Society. Born and raised in Red Bank, she now calls Oceanport home.

**KEVIN**, a Little Silver resident, Kevin is a retired English and Humanities teacher who also supervised the Language Arts, Social Studies, Art, and ESL departments in the East Windsor Regional School District in Hightstown, NJ. Kevin also worked as an Agricultural Associate at the Rutgers School of Environmental Sciences where he participated in fieldwork to develop new and improved varieties of blueberries and hot peppers and assisted with classroom instruction. A Navy veteran, Kevin is a member of the Little Silver Green Team and is the Supervisor of the Little Silver Community Garden.

**MAEGAN** With a culinary career spanning twenty years focused on Farm to Table cooking in the Pacific Northwest, Maegan has redirected her compass to the source - Plants and Gardening. She is a seasoned vegetable gardener and a compendium of gastronomic knowledge eager to share what she has learned with others.

**NATALE** has been in the business of making gardens and homes beautiful for over thirty years. He grew up growing vegetables with his grandmother and his love for gardening has never left him. Natale has had a successful career in interior design, leading his own business and as a successful manager at Ethan Allen. He maintains two plots at the Shrewsbury Community Garden, which is one of the most thriving community gardens in the area. Natale helped to renovate the greenhouses in Deep Cut Park in Middletown, NJ and is a member of the infamous Longwood Gardens.

**CATHERINE** was born and grew up in her family's prestigious hotel in Paris, France. Living in the 8th arrondissement, famous for the Arch de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées, she naturally acquired a taste for chic decor and elegant floral displays. Living 15 years in London, she graduated in Floristry from Capel Manor College. For 10 years she had a floristry event business in West London as well as teaching floristry for Hounslow Adult Education. Catherine says, "It is a gift to see beauty everywhere you go and flowers are definitely a big part of that beauty. Every floral project is a journey and gives me immense pleasure when it all comes together "avec un certain je ne sais quoi!"