**TITLE:** Permaculture

**HOST:** Steve Gabriel, Lori Brewer, and Marcia Eames-Sheavly, from Cornell Garden-

Based Learning (CGBL) in the Department of Horticulture

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - 12:00 – 1:00 pm, 300 Rice Hall

Abstract: A topical lunch will be facilitated by Steve Gabriel, Lori Brewer, and Marcia Eames-Sheavly, staff and faculty from Cornell Garden-Based Learning (CGBL) in the Department of Horticulture, to discuss the history and recent groundswell of interest in Permaculture as an interdisciplinary approach to gardening, farming, land use, and community development. Students projects are currently being planned in conjunction with the Dilmun Student Farm and Trillium Dining, and Cooperative Extension offshoots are inspiring educators statewide; in addition, new distance courses through CGBL have arisen on the topic. Since Permaculture combines aspects of horticulture, natural resources, crop and soil sciences, landscape architecture, as well as diverse other disciplines, we hope to engage students, staff, and faculty from the various departments in a discussion of where we are headed and how permaculture efforts can be shared and communicated though the blog <a href="http://blogs.cornell.edu/permaculture">http://blogs.cornell.edu/permaculture</a> as well as the Cornell Garden-Based Learning website, and other means.