

# Speakers Bureau

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**ecomaine** speaker bureau is available to groups on weekdays and weeknights all year long. You may make arrangements to hold your meeting right at **ecomaine** Portland office or you may prefer to invite our speaker to visit your site. In either case, there is no cost for use of our space or for the speaker.

Once you have selected a topic of interest, please contact the speaker directly through his/her e-mail address or by phone at **207-773-1738** (weekdays). At that time, you can discuss dates, time, audience, and any items of particular interest to your group. Our speakers will do their best to accommodate you.

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# Alison McCrady

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**Recycling Coordinator**  
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## **Topic:** *So, you bought a black plastic compost bin... now what?*

- Learn about the natural process that makes *humus*, a valuable soil amendment, out of weeds from the garden, grass clippings, leaves, and kitchen vegetable scraps.
- Learn how to trouble shoot problems you may encounter with your compost pile.
- Learn about other types of composting systems you can easily build in your back yard.

**For:** adults (primarily); compost beginners

**Time:** 90 minutes (including video)

## **Topic:** *Recycling for senior citizens*

- Whether at home or in senior housing, learn the philosophy and economics behind recycling and how you can fit a bin into your routine and household
- Why we recycle and how it saves resources and taxpayer dollars
- What is recyclable and what is not
- Make Posters for the Commons area or wash room+
- What happens after the truck takes your recycling away?

**For:** senior citizens

**Time:** 60+ minutes (includes 10-minute video; photos & example materials; recycling brochures provided, Q & A)

# Mark Maritato

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## **Topic:** *Estimating annual carbon emissions*

- Learn how to quantify your annual emissions
- Steps to off-set or reduce current carbon rates
- Background lecture

**For:** municipalities, general public, high school

**Time:** 45 . 60 minutes (including 15 minutes of Q & A)

## **Topic:** *Greenhouse gasses: Waste-to-energy technology vs. landfills*

- An optimal solution to waste-related uncontrolled biogas releases
- What is waste-to-energy technology?

**For:** municipalities, general public, school groups

**Time:** 45 . 60 minutes (including 15 minutes of Q & A; if an on-site presentation, add 20 minutes for an optional tour of the **ecomaine** waste-to-energy plant)

## **Topic:** *How big is your energy footprint?*

- Sensible measures to consider in shrinking your energy appetite
- Accomplishing a reduction without drastically altering your lifestyle
- Background lecture

**For:** adult groups

**Time:** 45 - 60 minutes (including 15 minutes of Q & A)

# Anne Hewes, Ph.D.

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**Environmental Manager**

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## **Topic:** *Fuels: oil vs. trash*

- An overview lecture of our energy usage . from fossil fuels and oil dependency to energy conservation and renewable energy
- Learn how your trash can generate electricity and contribute to the alternative energy movement
- An on-site presentation includes an optional tour of the **ecomaine** waste-to-energy plant (add 20 minutes)

**For:** adults, civic organizations

**Time:** 20 . 30 minutes

## **Topic:** *Debunking the incinerator myth*

- Learn the benefits of managing our trash through an environmentally sound manner
- How to manage trash to ensure a sustainable future
- What is waste-to-energy technology?
- What about air pollution? What happens to the ash?
- Without the right technology, learn what could happen here and what *did* happen in Naples, Italy

**For:** adults, civic organizations

**Time:** 30 minutes (including Q & A; if on-site at **ecomaine**, add 20 minutes to tour the waste-to-energy plant, and 20 minutes to tour the ashfill)

**Topic:** *Industrial ecology – the reuse of waste material*

- Learn about the sustainable science of industrial ecology (IE)
- Find out how IE uses nature as its model to address consumption and waste disposal
- Learn how **ecomaine** technology reuses waste and conserves water

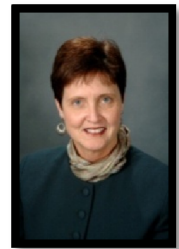
**For:** adults, civic organizations

**Time:** 30 minutes (including Q & A; if on-site at **ecomaine**, add 20 minutes to tour the waste-to-energy plant and, if before 4:00 p.m. add another 20 minutes to tour the recycling facility)

## Shelley Dunn

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Communications Specialist  
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**Topic:** *What happens at ecomaine?*

- Who owns **ecomaine**?
- What happens to the trash and why?
- Do my recyclables *really* get recycled?
- Environmental concerns
- How expensive is trash disposal?

**For:** adults, civic organizations

**Time:** 30 - 60 minutes (including Q & A; use of video or photos; if on-site at **ecomaine** and in daylight time will include 20 minutes for overview and 40 minutes for touring three sites)

# Kevin Roche

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General Manager  
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## **Topic:** *A regional & ecological solution for trash*

- A summary municipal trash disposal options
- Regional vs. singular municipal action
- Environmental impact: who is responsible?
- What could be Maine's future problems and what are some possible solutions? does the future hold?
- The role of Maine legislation

**For:** businesses, civic organizations, college/university classes, chambers of commerce, municipalities

**Time:** 30 . 90 minutes (including Q & A)

## **Topic:** *ecomaine: Strategies & Accomplishments*

- What were the original goals of the organization? Have they changed?
- How did **ecomaine** arrive at its present status or state?
- What are its major accomplishments?
- What are its strengths and concerns today?
- What are **ecomaine's** strategies for the future?

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**Time:** 30 . 90 minutes (including Q & A)

## **Topic:** *Single sort recycling: benefits & implementation*

- How was recycling accomplished before single sort was available? What is single sort? How long has single sort been available?
- In what ways did **ecomaine** think that single sort would be beneficial? What was the cost of single sort technology?
- How did single sort recycling affect municipal operations? How did it affect recycling in homes?
- How has the market for recycled material affected **ecomaine** and its municipalities?
- What are the most common misunderstandings about single sort? What should individual consumers know about what can and cannot be recycled? What about businesses?

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**Time:** 30 . 90 minutes (including Q & A)

## **Topic:** *The future of solid waste management*

- What is ~~%~~solid waste-? How is it managed presently? What are our choices?
- What are the problems now? What are potential problems in the near future?
- Is Maine different from other states?

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