

## Panelists for March 25th Discussion on Films (Seed, Queen, Modified)

The films will be followed with a panel discussion led by **Carol G. Durst-Wertheim, Ph.D.**, President of FCWC, on March 25th 7:30-8:30 pm.

**Carol Durst-Wertheim, Ph.D.** has taught in culinary arts, food studies, hospitality and tourism programs at several New York metropolitan universities. She was the first Director of the New York Restaurant School, owned New American Catering, wrote *Vignettes & Vinaigrettes: A Memoir of Catering before Food Was Hot* (2020), *I Knew You Were Coming So I Baked a Cake* (1997), and completed an Oral History for the New York Women's Culinary Alliance (2013). Her writing appears in encyclopedia and essay collections. She researched women's food industry work for her dissertation, leads film series and book discussions. She is currently Board Member and President of the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, a former board member of Women Chefs and Restaurateurs (Mentoring Program) and Infinite Family, an on-line mentoring program for South African teens.

### Panelists:

**Lewis Ziska, Ph.D.** is a Plant Physiologist formerly with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Ziska has published numerous research articles related to climate change and rising carbon dioxide that address: agriculture and food security; invasive species; and plant biology and public health. Dr. Ziska works on the impacts of climate change on human health. Dr. Ziska's work has been featured on major media platforms. His most recent book is: *Agriculture, Climate Change and Food Security in the 21st Century: Our Daily Bread*.

**Dr. Joan Gussow** earned an M.Ed and an Ed. D. in Nutrition Education from Columbia's Teachers College. Shortly after graduating, she was hired by Teachers College to become the chair of the nutrition department, creating the legendary course, *Nutritional Ecology*. \* She testified in front of a Congressional Committee about the poor quality of the foods advertised to children on television. Her testimony was also published in the *Journal of Nutrition Education*. \* She has served in various public, private, and governmental organizations, including the Boards of the National Gardening Association, the Society for Nutrition Education, the Jesse Smith Noyes Foundation, Rockland Farm Alliance, Just Food, the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences, the FDA's Food Advisory Committee, and the National Organic Standards Board. \* Her classic 1978 book *The Feeding Web: Issues in Nutritional Ecology*, tracked the environmental hazards of an increasingly globalizing food system and made her one of the most influential people in food thinking. \* Her subsequent books include *The Nutrition Debate* (1986), *Chicken Little, Tomato Sauce and Agriculture* (1991), and *This Organic Life: Confessions of a Suburban Homesteader* (2001), the latter based on the lessons learned from growing virtually all of her own food. Her 2010 book, *Growing, Older*, is a garden-based collection of "reflections on death, life and vegetables".

\* Gussow currently lives, writes, and grows organic vegetables on the west bank of the Hudson River where she is at work on a new book based on the complete destruction and miraculous resurrection of her beloved garden. Her tentative title: "Starting Over at 81".

**Carol Capobianco** is Director of The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, whose mission is to promote the use of native plants. Carol cultivated her interest in native plants and an understanding of their ecological significance through her work at nature-based organizations: The New York Botanical Garden, the National Audubon Society, and Groundwork Hudson Valley.