



SPRINGS PRESERVE STAFF EXPERTS

Francis N. Béland
Director

As Director of the Springs Preserve, Francis Béland oversees development, construction and operations of the 180-acre, \$250 million dollar visitor attraction.

Jay Nichols
General Curator

In his capacity as General Curator Jay Nichols manages, plans and oversees all curatorial activities for the Preserve, including all phases of collections management, exhibit design and conservation and public programming.

Kendall Christian
Specialist Preserve Curator

Kendall Christian manages, plans and oversees all curatorial activities for the Desert Living Center (DLC), a five-building complex focused on sustainable living and targeting LEED Platinum Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Dr. Raymond Saumure
Living Collections and Research Biologist

Dr. Raymond Saumure oversees all wildlife related issues at the Springs Preserve, including the native species exhibited in Origen's Natural Mohave Gallery, as well as the native wildlife that inhabit the Springs Preserve itself.

Dr. Von Winkel
Restoration Ecologist

Dr. Von Winkel is responsible for planning and implementing native habitat restoration, management of native plant communities, ecological research and reviewing and assisting with landscape, exhibit, and facilities designs at the Springs Preserve.

Marcel Parent
Education & Volunteer Programs Manager

Marcel Parent is responsible for the design, development and implementation of the education programs for youth and adults, as well as the Springs Preserve's general and docent volunteer program.

Pete Duncombe
Curator of Gardens

With nearly 25 years experience in the horticulture industry, Pete Duncombe oversees the development and maintenance of the Gardens at the Springs Preserve, including documenting, labeling and interpreting the numerous collections of plant life in the Gardens.

Linn Mills
Horticulture Specialist

A horticulture expert, Linn Mills is a popular face on local television and in print and is a resource for guests of the Gardens answering questions from Dr. Greenthumb's office, teaching classes on various garden-related topics, taking visitors on tours and offering solutions to gardening problems.

###