



Donald L. DeLano  
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Director Since: November 2017

Current Position: Board Director

Current Profession: Horticulturist and Farm Manager at The Farm at Fairplex

**Bio:**

Donald L. DeLano is the Horticulturist and Farm Manager at The Farm at Fairplex, located on roughly 7 acres of land at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds. The Farm, besides being an integral part of The Los Angeles County Fair run in September, also is a working urban farm supplying produce to our on-grounds hotel and Farm dinners and events. It is also teaching facility hosting year-round educational field trips of all ages covering a wide variety of topics from gardening to cooking and partners with local entities to host classes on a wide variety of gardening and urban farming topics. We also work with 4-H, FFA and Boy and Girl Scout Groups, and host numerous in-service volunteer opportunities. The Farm is primarily a volunteer run facility.

Bachelor of Science Degree from Cal Poly, Pomona in Ornamental Horticulture with an emphasis on Plant Production, Plant Pathology and Plant Physiology. Retired from teaching horticulture and plant science classes at Cal Poly, Pomona.

Don also volunteers as a grant reader for the CDFA Specialty Crops Grant Program and edits the journal of the Los Angeles Fern and Exotic Plant Society.