Mary Lu is a sweet, petite, older lady with a dynamic personality and an incredibly refreshing outlook on life. Mary Lu is an academic-turned-organic farmer and from a young age had an appreciation for spirituality and a love for the unconventional. Raised in Columbus, Ohio, Mary Lu was educated in traditional agriculture at Ohio State and University of Kentucky. Childhood visits to her uncle's farm, however, gave Mary Lu an appreciation for alternative agriculture. Before

volunteering abroad with the Peace Corps in Sri Lanka and working with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mary Lu spent a year at Grailville, where her interest in organic and local farming was grounded in a spiritual foundation. Since 1991, Mary Lu has been an active and integral part of the Loveland Grailville community, the largest Grail center in the United States. She currently serves as Farm Manager.