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Bob was one of the eight founders of **Urban Harvest, Inc.**, in 1994 and Executive Director from its inception until he retired in early 2008. He continues to teach, write, and advocate for urban food systems. While he led Urban Harvest, it grew from \$500 initially to an annual budget of over \$800,000 with the equivalent of 11 full time staff. When he retired, Urban Harvest was teaching about 75 food and other gardening and farming classes a year, working with 130 community garden projects, providing staff for 20 after-school instruction programs, and running both a farmers' market with 30 vendors and an organic landscapers' education organization with 110 business members. He is a 30-year resident of Houston and is author of the best selling *Year Round Vegetables, Fruits, and Flowers for Metro Houston -- A Natural Approach Using Ecology*. Bob also writes a monthly Sunday gardening column in the *Sunday Houston Chronicle*, called "In the Garden with Urban Harvest."