

Brenda is a professional actor, singer and writer with decades of experience performing for both children and adults. Brenda first began writing songs and stories for “Granny Green’s Green Machine” in 2009 when her 6 year old daughter, Jeanne, entered kindergarten. This was when “Go Green” first became a buzz phrase. Sustainability was being encouraged at every level of business and government, but little was being changed at the basic level in school and at home in the NJ suburbs. Brenda realized that kids were in need of environmental and sustainability education programs. Her thinking was that since children bring new ideas and trends home, kids can be essential catalysts for change. “Granny Green’s Green Machine” is a fun way for children and their grownups to learn how they can make a difference.

At the same time she was developing The Green Machine, Brenda began an informal, but concentrated study of environmental issues. She joined sustainability groups, worked with local environmentalists, was appointed to her town’s environmental commission, started a green team, and led several green education campaigns and clean-ups. In 2012, Brenda became a certified NJ Learns Sustainability educator, and in 2013 she began writing a monthly environmental column for North Jersey Media newspapers.

“Granny Green's Green Machine” is an upbeat, educational, amusing and musical look at how children and their grownups can make the world greener right in their own backyards. With original songs, original illustrated storybooks, plenty of audience participation, colorful props and puppets made from recycled materials, “Granny Green’s Green Machine” helps children understand how they are connected to the natural world. Kids learn how some of the Earth's cycles and systems work together — just like the parts of a machine!