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 December 13, 2007: [UMass Extension's Winter Botany](#) - Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA
 January 1, 2008: [Postmark Deadline for Re-accreditation](#)

March 15 (Snow Date: March 16)

The Layered Landscape: Creating Natural Gardens from the Ground Up Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Conference is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. While garden plans are often static two-dimensional documents, our native landscapes consist of interwoven and multi-layered tapestries that transform dramatically over time. In this conference we will illustrate how plants grow and proliferate in their native habitats, and how that information can be used to create more dynamic landscape gardens.Fees: Conference Fee \$118 non-member, \$110 NPC member

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Part One: The Plants: Native Plants in Context 2 AOLCP Credits

Part Two: The Composition: Learning the Layers: Design Inspired by Plant Communities 2 AOLCP Credits

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Young Tree Care Workshop: "Giving the Next Generation a Fighting Chance" Session Woods, Burlington, CT 8:30 - 3:45. A course for municipal and commercial arborists on production and care of young trees.

Many trees

that professional arborists provide care for have inherent problems that could have been mitigated by the proper selection, planting, and maintenance of these trees when young. The workshop will review: nursery production, right tree-right place, proper planting, structural pruning, and maintenance. Presented by

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits.*

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March 17

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants: Putting the Right Species in the Right Place at Mercy Center in Madison, Conn. 9am – 12noon. This workshop, presented by Charlotte Pyle a Landscape Ecologist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, will cover uses of native plants for wildlife, erosion control, and landscape aesthetics. Site requirements of specific native shrubs and herbaceous plants as well as general guidelines for the use of native plants in natural habitats also will be covered. Following the classroom work, Ms. Pyle will take the group outdoors to view the opposite: invasive plants in winter on the Mercy Center's Invasive Plant Walk. The workshop is geared for homeowners, environmental activists and members of land trusts, conservation commissions and others seeking to conserve and protect land in Connecticut. There is a \$10 fee and registration is requested. To register please contact Mercy Center Guest Services at 203.245.0401 or betty@mercybythesea.org *Worth 4 AOLCP Credits*

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March 20

Dry Shade at Natureworks 518 Forest Road Northford, CT 6:30-8:30 p.m. Beginner - Dry shade is one of the biggest challenges for any garden designer. Based on nearly 25 years of experience in the field, learn about the many perennials, groundcovers, ornamental grasses, and shrubs that REALLY work in this tough environment. Equally as important, understand how proper soil preparation, cultural techniques, and watering practices contribute to the success and longevity of your plantings. (203) 484-2748 *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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March 22

Getting the Dirt Out: A Workshop on Sediment and Erosion Control 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Waveny House, Waveny Park, 677 South Avenue, New Canaan, CT (Exit 37 from the Merritt Parkway, .1 mile north of the Merritt on left) This workshop provides the “hows” and “whats” of sediment and erosion control. It is intended to furnish you – whether you are municipal staff, planning and zoning or inland wetlands commissioners, homebuilder, contractor, environmental engineer, or other environmental professional –

with the fundamentals of erosion and sediment control practices, the basics of site planning, an overview of state and federal stormwater management requirements, and an understanding of low impact development. Presenters include CT DEP, Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO), and field engineers. Join us to understand this topic, especially relevant as southwest Connecticut faces increasing development. **REGISTRATION:** There is no fee for this workshop, but seating is limited. To register, please contact either: Sally Harold, Saugatuck River Watershed Partnership, or Jessica Kaplan, Norwalk River Watershed Initiative, by telephone or e-mail by March 14, 2007. Please provide your name, affiliation/job title, telephone number and e-mail address. Sally Harold, 203-226-4991, x 207 or sharold@tnc.org. Jessica Kaplan, 203-834-0033 or kaplan356@aol.com. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits.*

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March 22

Beetle Farmer Workshop Preston, CT - Preston Public Library Sponsored by the Preston Public Library. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We invite you to attend a farmer friendly workshop to learn about raising Galerucella beetles for biological control of the invasive plant purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) in your local wetlands. Raising beetles to control purple loosestrife is an exciting opportunity for community involvement that will be conducted by YOU - students and teachers, youth groups, families, municipalities, and conservation groups. If you know of a site invaded by purple loosestrife where biological control is desired, or if you would like to become a Beetle Farmer and rear Galerucella beetles for release in a wetland, please attend one of the Beetle Farmer Workshops in Connecticut. Step-by-step instructions to rear and release the beneficial beetles will be provided. No experience is necessary to become a beetle farmer! The workshops are free and open to the public. To sign up for a workshop, please RSVP to Donna Ellis at the University of Connecticut: phone (860) 486-6448; email donna.ellis@uconn.edu Refreshments will be served. For directions or to view the full workshop announcements, please visit the Beetle Farmer website at www.hort.uconn.edu/ipm/ipmbio.htm. *Worth 1.5 AOLCP Credits*

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TACKLING INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS USING NON-TOXIC TECHNOLOGIES in Boston, MA. A workshop at the Toxics Action Center's 20th Annual Citizens' Conference. Herbicides are widely overused in our regional waters, despite the realities of measurable contamination, potentially adverse ecosystem effects and human health impacts, and their lack of long-term effectiveness. This workshop will review a variety of lake management alternatives - biological, mechanical, manual and others - that can combat invasive aquatic plants and provide a better foundation for healthy long-term lake management. www.toxicsaction.org *Worth 1.5 AOLCP Credits*

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Getting Started with Perennials at Natureworks 518 Forest Road Northford, CT 10:00-12 noon Beginner - Thinking of starting a perennial garden? Want to switch from annuals to perennials? Have you been purchasing perennials for a few years but can't seem to make all the pieces of the puzzle fit together? Don't even THINK of buying another perennial until you have taken this class! A primer for anyone who is new to perennial gardening, this class will explore how perennials work, basic planning techniques to assure constant color, the fundamentals of drawing up a plan, and guidelines for selecting the best perennials for your site. (203) 484-2748 *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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March 24

[Care of the Perennial Garden March through November](#) at Natureworks 518 Forest Road Northford, CT 1:00-4:00 p.m. Beginner - What do you do, when do you do it? Using all organic practices, and based on the techniques demonstrated in the weekly Saturday morning garden walks at Natureworks, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente will take you through the growing season, month by month. Topics covered include waking up the garden, seed sowing and planting, spring and mid-summer feeding, preventative and emergency insect and disease control, pinching and pruning, staking, mulching, watering, division, and putting your garden to bed. (203) 484-2748 *Worth 3 AOLCP Credits*

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March 24

[Growing Apples in the Home Garden, Beyond Basics](#) UMass Cold Spring Orchard, Belchertown, MA. 9:00AM-Noon. Dr. Wesley R. Autio If you understand and have mastered the basics of growing apples in the home garden, it is time to progress to some of the more sophisticated and truly fun horticultural techniques. Dr. Wes Autio will present a program on advanced training of apple trees, including techniques which manipulate growth and fruiting and planting systems which are space and input efficient. These are techniques with which you can impress your neighbors! \$60 per person *Worth 4 AOLCP Credits*

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[Grafting Apple Trees, A Hands-on Workshop](#) UMass Cold Spring Orchard, Belchertown, MA. 1:30-4:00. Dr. Wesley R. Autio. Many people do not realize that all apple varieties are reproduced by grafting – they do not grow true from seed. For horticultural enthusiasts, one of the most satisfying techniques to master is grafting. Dr. Wes Autio will present a hands-on workshop on “bench grafting” and “cleft grafting” of apple trees. Other grafting techniques will be discussed. All participants in the workshop will graft their own apple tree to take home with them. *Worth 2.5 AOLCP Credits*

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March 26 or March 27

[Natural Turf Management for Municipalities and Schools](#) Planting Fields Arboretum / Oyster Bay, NY. 9 am to 4 pm How to develop and maintain lush, healthy playing fields without the use of chemical pesticides. This one-day intensive training course with nationally recognized sports turf expert Chip Osborne will cover the basics of site evaluation, soil testing, understanding soil biology, application of natural amendments, modified cultural practices and sports turf politics. Course fee: \$100 For information or to register, call Grassroots Environmental Education at (516) 883-0887. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits.*

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Mar 29

[Pesticides and Organics: Understand Your Options](#) Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Boston, MA. 7:00–9:00pm Leise Jones, Organizer for Clean Water Action and Joe Cotter, AOLCP and Owner, Paradigm Landscaping. Pesticides are an easy solution to pest problems in the landscape. But this doesn't necessarily make them the correct solution. In this presentation, Leise Jones and organic landscaper Joe Cotter will explain some of the common ingredients found in pesticides and how

they control pests. Leise will discuss which ingredients are dangerous to our health and environment and how they may be linked to an epidemic of diseases and disorders. Joe will focus on lawn care, organic amendments, and alternatives to pesticides for garden use. Fee Free 2 AOLCP Credits.

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March 31

[Pruning Principles](#) at Natureworks 518 Forest Road Northford, CT 10 a.m.-12:00 noon Beginner - We will cover the basics of pruning: how pruning helps and affects plants, when to prune plants, renewal pruning of overgrown plants, pruning tools to use and how to sharpen them. Then, we will study various plant categories: spring and summer blooming shrubs, evergreens, vines (including clematis), hydrangeas, roses, sub-shrubs, die-back shrubs, woody herbs, and much more. (203) 484-2748 *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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March 31

[Hands On Pruning Practices in the Garden](#) at Natureworks 518 Forest Road Northford, CT 1-3 p.m. Beginner - This class provides hands-on practice of pruning techniques. We will meet at Natureworks and prune some of the roses, shrubs, and vines in the gardens under Nancy DuBrule-Clemente's supervision. Dress for early spring weather: wear warm clothing, work shoes, and bring gloves and pruning tools. Prerequisite: Pruning Principles class (see above) or a basic knowledge of pruning. (203) 484-2748 *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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March 31

[An Introduction to Growing Berries in the Home Garden](#) Tougas Family Farm, Northboro, MA 9:00AM-Noon. Ms. Sonia G. Schloemann Edible Landscaping has been gaining popularity in recent years. Many types of berries fit well into an edible home landscape. The pleasure of walking out to the backyard berry patch for a sweet handful of berries is matched with some surprising ornamental qualities offered by these plants. Ms. Sonia Schloemann will present an in-depth program on how to grow various types of berries in the home landscape. Site and soil requirements, planting systems, cultural practices and pest control will be covered. *Worth 3 AOLCP Credits*

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March 31

[Pruning Blueberries and Raspberries, A Hands-on Workshop](#) Tougas Family Farm, Northboro, MA. 1:30-3:30PM. Ms. Sonia G. Schloemann. Pruning berries can be confusing. What if I cut the wrong thing? In the pruning workshop, Ms. Sonia Schloemann will help participants understand the general principles of pruning blueberries and raspberries. Participants will have the chance for hands-on experience in pruning some bushes after receiving instruction in how it is done.

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[Pruning Shrubs With The Pros](#) Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA 1:30-4:30 p.m. Early spring is an excellent time to prune many woody plants. In this hands-on workshop on proper pruning techniques, participants will work in small groups for guided practice on woody members of the Garden's shrub collection. Learn to enhance a plant's vigor, health, and appearance while discovering what types of tools to

use, when to prune, and how the plant responds. Bring hand pruners and dress for working outdoors, rain, snow, or shine. *Worth 3 AOLCP Credit hours.*

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Water, Woods, and Wildlife: A Woodland Pool Workshop CCE of Dutchess County Farm and Home Center, Millbrook, NY. 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Woodland pools, called vernal pools, are unique components of woodlands that provide critically important habitat for a host of interesting wildlife species. This workshop is designed to provide landowners, land managers, and educators with the information and field experience they need to understand, recognize and protect woodland pools and the animals that live there. A field session to area pools will include "hands-on" opportunities to learn to recognize frogs, salamanders, amphibian egg masses, and other vernal pool organisms. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn GPS (Global Positioning System) basics and become a "Woodland Pool Steward". The registration fee of \$12 includes refreshments, lunch, and publications. Please register by March 26 fx 607-255-2815.

<http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/pwt/bio/> *Worth 5 AOLCP Credits*

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2007 ORGANIC LANDSCAPING AND LAWN CARE WORKSHOP. Lowell, MA 7:30 - 4:00. Charles "Chip" Osborne - Osbourne's Florist and Greenhouse - "Simple Steps" Towards Organic Lawn Care: An Overview: Topics include soil biology, soil health, lawn/turf care, fertilizers, soil amendments, composting, and turfgrass selection. Taryn Lascola - MA Department of Agricultural Resources Pesticide Bureau - Review of pesticide rules and regulations: Children and Families Protection Act, Lawn Care Regulations. James Sotillo - TreeWise: Topics include how plants and soil function, plant pathology, low maintenance plants/ lawn alternatives, methods and timing of applications. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits*

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April 5 and April 12

Rain Gardens: Beautiful Water-Saving Designs Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Boston, MA 6:30-8:30pm. Dori Smith, AOLCP, Ecological Landscape Designer, Gardens for Life. Rain gardens take advantage of our natural abundance of rainfall by using rainwater flowing from roof, driveway, or lawn. These gardens can save watering time and money and may even solve problems caused by poor drainage. Using case studies for inspiration, the class will focus on concepts, designs, and the use of native plantings in rain gardens as well as on the practical details involved in planning and designing your own rain garden. *Worth 4 AOLCP Credits*

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April 7

An Introduction to Growing Table and Wine Grapes UMass Cold Spring Orchard, Belchertown, MA 9:00AM-Noon Dr. Duane W. Greene. Grapes are one of the most universally-enjoyed fruits available. Many of the new varieties now available have excellent taste, are winter hardy and can make excellent wine. Grapes are fun to grow but present some challenges. Dr. Duane Greene will help participants through the basics and give them the tools to avoid some of the challenges. Specific topics will include selecting varieties, planting, fertilizing, controlling pests, pruning, and training that can be used to grow both table and wine grapes successfully. *Worth 3 AOLCP Credits*

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April 7

[Pruning and Training Grape Vines, A Hands-on Workshop](#) UMass Cold Spring Orchard, Belchertown, MA 1:30-3:30PM Dr. Duane W. Greene. Producing that perfect grape to be pressed and fermented or for out-of-hand eating requires annual pruning. In the pruning workshop, Dr. Duane Greene will guide participants through the step-by-step annual process of pruning and training grapes. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct actual pruning and gain both experience and confidence in pruning and training grapes in order to produce a bountiful crop. *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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April 11, 18 & 25

[Selecting Plants for Home Landscapes](#) Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Boston, MA. 6:30-8:30pm. Brian Karlsson-Barnes, Landscape Designer, Weston Nurseries. Selecting plants for your home landscape can be an overwhelming task, but a clear understanding of your site and realistic expectations for the plants can make it easier. Brian will help you evaluate your site conditions in order to select the most appropriate plants. Once you have identified plants suitable for your microclimate, soil, and light conditions, you can further narrow the options by focusing on characteristics such as seasonal interest, height at maturity, and foliage texture. Brian's Hortlists selection matrix will be used to select trees, shrubs, and perennials. Choose the area you wish to focus on, and come to the first class with a one-eighth-inch scale drawing of it (1 inch = 8 feet) on 11" x 17" paper with north indicated. Be sure to include the house, or part of it, for guidance in linking house to garden. You will also need drawing supplies (pencils, erasers, scale ruler, drawing paper) and photographs of your home and garden. Fee \$75 member, \$90 nonmember. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits*

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April 9

Beetle Farmer Workshop Storrs, CT - University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Sponsored by The University of Connecticut. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We invite you to attend a farmer friendly workshop to learn about raising Galerucella beetles for biological control of the invasive plant purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) in your local wetlands. Raising beetles to control purple loosestrife is an exciting opportunity for community involvement that will be conducted by YOU - students and teachers, youth groups, families, municipalities, and conservation groups. If you know of a site invaded by purple loosestrife where biological control is desired, or if you would like to become a Beetle Farmer and rear *Galerucella* beetles for release in a wetland, please attend one of the Beetle Farmer Workshops in Connecticut. Step-by-step instructions to rear and release the beneficial beetles will be provided. No experience is necessary to become a beetle farmer! The workshops are free and open to the public. To sign up for a workshop, please RSVP to Donna Ellis at the University of Connecticut: phone (860) 486-6448; email donna.ellis@uconn.edu Refreshments will be served. For directions or to view the full workshop announcements, please visit the Beetle Farmer website at www.hort.uconn.edu/ipm/ipmbio.htm. *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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Pruning Basics for Woody Ornamentals Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Boston,

MA. 9:00am-noon. Jen Kettel, AOLCP, Horticultural Technologist, and John DelRosso, Head Arborist, Arnold Arboretum Are you intimidated by overgrown landscapes? Knowing what and when to prune, and how to do so, will help you gain confidence. Jen and John will demonstrate pruning tools and methods for maintaining well-balanced specimens. Learn the basic techniques of structural pruning to enhance the beauty of ornamental shrubs. Bring your hand-pruners and be prepared to practice what you learn. Dress appropriately for working outdoors. Fee \$30 member, \$35 nonmember. http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/programs/adulted_courses_first.html Worth 4 AOLCP Credits

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April 21

Growing Apples Organically Brooksby Farm, Peabody, MA 9:00AM-Noon. Dr. Daniel R. Cooley & Dr. William M. Coli. Controlling the varied and numerous pests is the most challenging aspect of growing apples in the home garden. Drs. Dan Cooley and Bill Coli will help participants gain a solid overview of how to identify the key disease, insect, mite, and vertebrate pests that must be controlled to produce a crop of high-quality fruit. Organic approaches to pest management will be discussed in detail. <http://www.umass.edu/fruitadvisor/massaggie/> Worth 3 AOLCP Credits

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April 21

Monitoring and Diagnosing Pest Problems in the Home Orchard Brooksby Farm, Peabody, MA 1:30-3:30PM Dr. Daniel R. Cooley & Dr. William M. Coli. Being able to identify pest problems and monitor pest activity will make you the envy of your neighborhood. You likely will wonder if this ability is a good thing when your neighbors start to bring you all sorts of rotting, diseased, and insect-infested fruits, but it is integral to good pest management. In this hands-on workshop, Drs. Dan Cooley and Bill Coli will show you how to identify pests and use traps and other techniques to monitor their activity. <http://www.umass.edu/fruitadvisor/massaggie/> Worth 2 AOLCP Credits

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April 28

Monitoring and Diagnosing Pest Problems in the Home Orchard UMass Cold Spring Orchard, Belchertown, MA 1:30-3:30PM. Dr. Daniel R. Cooley & Dr. William M. Coli Being able to identify pest problems and monitor pest activity will make you the envy of your neighborhood. You likely will wonder if this ability is a good thing when your neighbors start to bring you all sorts of rotting, diseased, and insect-infested fruits, but it is integral to good pest management. In this hands-on workshop, Drs. Dan Cooley and Bill Coli will show you how to identify pests and use traps and other techniques to monitor their activity. <http://www.umass.edu/fruitadvisor/massaggie/> Worth 2 AOLCP Credits

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Expand Your Comfort Zone: LISS Watershed and Buffers Municipal Assistance Conference. Trumbull Marriott Trumbull, Connecticut. The Long Island Sound Study (LISS) recognizes the important role local communities have in the day to day protection and restoration of the resources that help maintain the health of the Long Island Sound watershed. LISS is working to provide assistance to municipalities in understanding the role of riparian buffers in watershed protection and the importance of incorporating environmental measures into local planning. <http://www.longislandsoundstudy.net/watershed/> Worth 5

AOLCP Credits[back to top](#)*April 29 - May 2***5th Annual International Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities, Conference, Awards & Trade Show** Minneapolis, MN. This newly updated introductory training course on green roof

infrastructure design presents many of the tools and techniques needed to meet your green roof project objectives on schedule, to specification, and within budget. The focus of the training will be on enhancing your skills in: * Identifying the costs and benefits of green roofs to reach your green roof performance goals; * Identifying a variety of green roof products and understanding the performance criteria of different green roof elements, and their relevance to your design intent; * Understanding the major design principles for a successful green roof project and the causes for error which might lead to an unsuccessful green roof project; * Determining the various professions and competencies required to optimally implement your successful green roof project. <http://greenroofs.org/minneapolis/index.php> Each of the following workshops is worth 4 AOLCP Credits.

- 4/29: Design 101
- 4/29: Design and Installation 201
- 4/29: Green Roof Policy Development Workshop
- 4/29: ASTM and FLL Standards Workshop
- 4/29: Conducting Green Roof Site Research Workshop
- 5/2: Design 101
- 5/2: Design and Installation 201
- 5/2: Waterproofing and Drainage 301
- 5/2: Green Wall Design 101
- 5/2: Green Roof Ecological Design Workshop

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Introduction to Plant Geography and Ecology Harvard University Herbaria, 22 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA. 6:30-8:30pm. K. N. Gandhi, Botanist, Harvard University Herbaria. Whether native or naturalized, each plant thrives in its home habitat. What makes a plant successful in one area and not in another? What factors limit its range? How do plants adapt to their environments and carry out their metabolic processes? What is environmental plasticity? In this class Dr. Gandhi will introduce the basic concepts of plant ecology and plant geography and clarify some of the complexities involved. He will address plant succession, endemism, diversity "hot spots," the human impact on vegetation composition, and more. Fee \$130 member, \$155 nonmember. http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/programs/adulted_courses_first.html Worth 6 AOLCP Credits

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New Planting Techniques for Trees and Shrubs New England Wild Flower Society, Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham MA. 12:30-3:00pm. Rolf Briggs, Certified Consulting Arborist, Tree Specialists, Inc. This workshop features up-to-date information on the best ways to transplant woody plants and avoid costly errors. You will learn how to prepare the site, unpack plant material, set it in place, and give aftercare that allows woody plants the best chance of thriving. This workshop is valuable for

landscapers, home gardeners, and even homeowners who hire others to do their planting but should nevertheless be knowledgeable about the procedure. Fee \$23 member, \$28 nonmember.

http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/programs/adulted_courses_first.html Worth 2.5 AOLCP Hours.

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May 15

Plants out of place. Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby, CT. Rose Hiskes CAES will give a slide presentation on weeds commonly found in CT. After a short botany lesson, around 30 weeds are described through slides, herbarium specimens and, when possible, live samples. Sustainable management options are given relative to the life cycle and method of reproduction of each weed. She will also discuss edible wild plants - how to make weeds part of your dinner. 203-734-2513 <http://naugatuckvalleyaudubon.org/page6.html> Worth 1 AOLCP Credit.

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May 15, 22, 29 & Jun 2

Native Woody Plant Material Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, Boston, MA and New England Wild Flower Society, Framingham MA. Tue May 15, 22, 29 6:00-9:00pm [NEWFS] and Sat Jun 2 10:00am-3:00pm [HB]. Bill Cullina, Nursery Director, New England Wild Flower Society. A large variety of native trees, shrubs, and woody vines are now available in the trade, and many are superior choices for planting in the New England landscape. This course will survey the horticultural features of native woody plants, with attention to both wild-type species as well as cultivars with outstanding characteristics. Information on flowering time, growth habits, cold hardiness, and special requirements will be presented, and design considerations will be addressed. May lectures will include a look at the collection at Garden in the Woods, and a June field trip to the Arnold Arboretum will focus on additional groups of plant materials, including a number of new introductions. Fee \$180 member, \$215 nonmember.

http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/programs/adulted_courses_first.html Worth 6 AOLCP Credits

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June 6

“MANAGING INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANTS AT BLUFF POINT STATE PARK AND COASTAL RESERVE”. Bluff Point State Park and Coastal Reserve, Connecticut. Noon to 4 pm. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and The Nature Conservancy will lead the tour and discussion about managing the invasive non-native Pale Swallow-Wort at Bluff Point State Park and Coastal Reserve. Todd Mervosh, Weed Scientist for Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and Dave Gumbart, Land Manager for The Nature Conservancy will be leading the field walk (about a 3 mile hike) to discuss the management of invasives and will be highlighting the Pale Swallow-Wort, Oriental Bittersweet, and Phragmites. Time : as part of CT INVASIVE PLANT WORKING GROUP (CIPWG) NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT FIELD TRIP SERIES. RSVP Peter Picone DEP Wildlife Biologist at 860-675-8130 ext 103 or email him at peter.picone@po.state.ct.us . Worth 2 AOLCP Credits.

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June 13

Scouting for Pests and Problems of Turf and Woody Ornamentals in the Landscape. Heritage Plantation, Sandwich, MA. 5:00 - 7:00 PM Learn how to put IPM practices to work efficiently. Join us in a walk through the landscape for demonstrations of IPM tools and techniques, as well as a close look at some

of the most common insect, disease, and weed and problems of woody ornamentals and turf. Cultural problems and environmental stresses will also be discussed. Topics to be discussed and demonstrated include using plant phenology, monitoring techniques, and using growing degree days to effectively manage pest problems. Workshop held rain or shine. Cost is \$50. Dress for walking; workshops are held rain or shine. Bring a clipboard, pencil and hand lens if possible. Tel. (413) 545-2685 www.UMassGreenInfo.org
Worth 2 AOLCP Credits

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June 14

Rain Garden Workshop the Doyle Conservation Center in Massachusetts from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Speakers will be Rachel Calabro of the Massachusetts Riverways Program, and Mike Clark of Weston Sampson Engineers, who will present slideshows on the design and benefits of rain gardens. The workshop is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, please email the Massachusetts Watershed Coalition (mwc@commonwaters.org) or telephone (978) 534-0379. *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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June 23

ENHANCING WILDLIFE HABITAT WITH NATIVE PLANTS Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington, CT. 9:30 a.m.–12 noon. Proper selection, care, and placement of native trees and shrubs can produce a landscape that is both visually attractive and beneficial to wildlife. Join wildlife biologist Peter Picone to learn about some of the most important native plants you can use for both seasonal food and cover for wildlife. Whether your goals include attracting backyard songbirds, interior forest birds, or butterflies, a variety of trees and shrubs offer flowers, fruit, and other characteristics that will meet their special needs. The seminar will begin with a short talk and then move outdoors to observe the diverse native plantings at Sessions Woods. Cosponsored with White Memorial Conservation Center, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Wildlife Division. Preregistration for this free program is requested, but not required. Instructor: Peter Picone, Wildlife Biologist, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Fee: FREE. *Worth 2.5 AOLCP Credits.*

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June 30

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants: Putting the Right Species in the Right Place. Madison, CT. 9am – 12noon This workshop will cover uses of native plants for wildlife, erosion control, and landscape aesthetics. Site requirements of specific native shrubs and herbaceous plants as well as general guidelines for the use of native plants in natural habitats also will be covered. Following the classroom work, we will adjourn to the outdoors to view the opposite: invasive plants in winter on the Mercy Center's Invasive Plant Walk. \$10 registration, Pre-registration suggested. To register please call guest services or Betty at 203.245.0401 or betty@mercybythesea.org, www.mercybythesea.org. *Worth 3 AOLCP Credits*

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July 11–12

NATIVE PLANT MATERIALS FOR PROFESSIONALS. Conway School of Landscape Design, Conway, MA. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Join nationally known native plant propagator and plant whiz Bill Cullina for an intensive two-day seminar on the best native plant materials available today. This course will cover a

variety of herbaceous and woody temperate North American plants that are becoming important for use in the design and landscape trades. Plants with extraordinary hardiness, pest resistance, flowering characteristics, texture, and habitat value will be featured. Emphasis will be on identifying plants that reflect the ambient native plant communities, and that lend themselves well to ecologically informed designs. Both native wild-type plants and some cultivars will be examined, and information on growing and maintaining plants in the landscape will be presented. Fee: \$300, for members and non-members, includes lunches. Limit: 15 participants Send mail to registrar@newfs.org or call Lana at 508-877-7630 x 3303. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits.*

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July 18

MNLA 2007 Summer Meeting & Trade Show, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Bolyston, MA. 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. *The following workshops are worth 1 AOLCP Credit each.*

Website: http://www.mnla.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25&Itemid=77.

Brochure: <http://www.mnla.com/images/stories/misc/mnla07summersmall6.pdf>

- **Scouting for Pests in the Landscape** 9 am. UMass Extension Staff. Join UMass Extension staff for a walk through the landscape and learn how to make IPM practices work more efficiently. UMass Extension staff will show how to scout for and give solutions to many common pest and cultural problems. Feel free to bring your own insects, diseases, weeds and other problems for discussion and solutions.
- **Pruning Trees and Shrubs** 10:15 am. Ron Kujawski, UMass Extension. Back by popular demand. Pruning is an essential though poorly understood landscape maintenance practice. Professionals as well as amateurs often have a fear of pruning, perhaps because it combines both art and science. This presentation will help with the science by demonstrating some pruning nuts and bolts.
- **Planting Sizeable Caliper Bare Root Trees in the Landscape** 11:30 am. Dr. Bonnie Appleton, [Virginia Tech](#). Join Dr. Bonnie Appleton, Professor of Horticulture from [Virginia Tech](#), as she shares the results of her research about the production, harvest, and planting of bare root trees in the landscape. If the production, harvest, and planting of trees for landscape use are looked at historically, the horticulture industry didn't start with root balls packaged in burlap, rope, and wire, or in containers of a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. It started with - to be precise - bare root fruit trees. For a number of reasons (roots too deep in root balls, root deformities, soil/substrate interfaces, root ball weight, etc.) it may be time to return to the true "roots" of the industry, namely bare root. This newer use of bare root planting doesn't involve the traditional bare rooting of small dormant deciduous trees or evergreen seedlings, but rather the bare rooting of sizeable caliper landscape trees, and not necessarily when dormant.

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July 24

UMass Extension's 2007 Weed Identification Workshops: Broadleaf Weeds (plus a few grassy weeds), Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain. Correct weed identification is an important first step in the development of an effective weed management program. Using a classroom presentation, potted weed herbarium and weed walk, UMass Extension Specialist Randy Prostack will help participants enhance their weed identification skills. Feel free to bring a weed or two to identify. Workshop held rain or shine (lunch not provided), 9 am - 3 pm. Cost \$95/person (pre-registration required, space is limited). For a registration form go to www.umassgreeninfo.org. *Worth 5 AOLCP Credits*

[back to top](#)*July 31*

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[back to top](#)*AUGUST 8, 2007*

TURFGRASS ID & SELECTION WORKSHOP - SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA. The ultimate performance of a stand of turf depends on matching turfgrass species and varieties with site characteristics, intended use and maintenance level, and knowing what you have is the key to knowing how to manage it. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn to identify and recognize the principal cool season turfgrasses and how to select cultivars for specific characteristics such as disease resistance, drought tolerance, wear tolerance, and vigor. In addition, participants will learn how cultivars are evaluated through observation of the Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, fine fescue and fairway and greens height bentgrass National Turfgrass Evaluation Program trials in place at the UMass Joseph Troll Turf Research Center. For complete details, including registration information, visit: http://www.umassturf.org/upcoming_events.html *Worth 5 AOLCP Credits.*

[back to top](#)*August 10-12*

The 33rd Annual NOFA Summer Conference at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. A sustainable future based on the strength of local economies will be the major focus of this year's Summer Conference. Presenters from all over the Northeast will offer their strength of information and experience for all to deepen their knowledge in topics ranging from beginning and advanced organic farming and gardening, herbology, animal husbandry, organic land care, natural building, alternative energies, and growing locally. <http://www.nofamass.org/conferences/s2007/index.php> *Each Workshop listed below is worth 1.5 AOLCP Credits.*

- Becky Grube - Advanced disease ID
- Kim Stoner - Biological control
- Miranda Fisk - Nasami Farm Tour
- David Demarest - Rainwater Collection Systems
- David Fisher - Cover Cropping
- Eric Toensmeier - Perennial Vegetables
- Frank Crandall - Estimating
- Dan Kaplan - How to grow strawberries
- Bill MacKentley - Alternative uses for Woodlots
- Lee Reich - No spray fruit trees
- Kevin Smith - Energy flow for trees and associates
- Jono Neiger - intro to permaculture

- Elaine Peterson - Shittake mushrooms
- Jim Conroy - fix stressed plants
- Bernadette Giblin - organic athletic fields
- Alan Kettler - ecosystem gardening
- Mike Murray/Fred Newcombe - organic lawn care
- Marie Stella - sustainable landscape
- Kevin Stitt - soils, water and plants
- Ann Uppington - edge where garden meets the wild
- Mary Whitney - water-friendly landscaping
- Chester Mandrik - organic development - introducing your product/service
- Bryan Connolly - seed saving
- Carol Schminke - indoor composting with red worms
- Ed Stockman - managing soil moisture
- David Yarrow - trace elements
- Jonathan Bates - edible forest garden tour in Holyoke
- Brad Roeller - dealing with deer
- David Demarest - mycoremediation
- Bill MacKentley - nuts in the northeast
- Lee Reich - special pruning techniques
- Bill Duesing - growing fertile soil
- Carol Schminke - incorporating native plants
- Suzanne Wainwright-Evans - live beneficial insect demo
- Frank Albani - Growing Great Lettuce
- Amy LeBlanc - Tomatoes
- Elaine Peterson - Shittake Mushrooms
- Elizabeth Henderson - Growing Root Crops
- Nancy Hanson - Growing Great Fall Brassicas

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August 14

The NOFA Organic Lawn and Turf Course North Shore of Massachusetts. Material to be covered in this one day course includes: Why Organic?, Basics of Organic Lawn and Turf, Site Analysis, Compost, Insect Pest Management, A Preventive Approach to Disease Management, The Business of Organic Lawns, Low Input, Low Cost Organic Lawns, Special Issues for Turf (e.g. constant foot traffic, mowing heights), Keeping Down the Cost of Organic Turf. Contact the Massachusetts Organic Land Care Coordinator, Kathy Litchfield at kathylitch29@yahoo.com or call (978) 724-0108. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits*

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August 16

The NOFA Organic Lawn and Turf Course Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT. Material to be covered in this one day course includes: Why Organic?, Basics of Organic Lawn and Turf, Site Analysis, Compost, Insect Pest Management, A Preventive Approach to Disease Management, The Business of Organic Lawns, Low Input, Low Cost Organic Lawns, Special Issues for Turf (e.g. constant foot traffic, mowing heights), Keeping Down the Cost of Organic Turf. Contact the CT NOFA Organic Land Care Coordinator, Bill Duesing at ctnofa@ctnofa.org or call (203) 888-5146. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits*

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August 23

UMass Extension's 2007 Weed Identification Workshops: Grassy Weeds: an in-depth look, UMass Amherst. Correct weed identification is an important first step in the development of an effective weed management program. Using a classroom presentation, potted weed herbarium and weed walk, UMass Extension Specialist Randy Probstak will help participants enhance their weed identification skills. Feel free to bring a weed or two to identify. Workshop held rain or shine (lunch not provided), 9 am - 3 pm. Cost \$95/person (pre-registration required, space is limited). For a registration form go to www.umassgreeninfo.org. *Worth 5 AOLCP Credits*

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September 8

Fundamentals of Landscape Estimating, Attleboro, MA

Learn about the techniques for taking the guess-work out of landscape estimating. Our speaker will discuss the fundamentals of estimating landscape projects, pricing of plants and materials, vehicle and equipment costs, and job costing. Attendees will be provided with insights, methods, and techniques to help make their business more profitable. *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

For more information go to: <http://theundergroundsept2007program.eventbrite.com/>

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September 13:

Integrated Tree Health Workshop III: Managing the Root Environment, Hartford, CT

8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Park, The Pond House

The purpose of this workshop is to educate municipal and commercial arborists about the complex environment in which tree roots grow and the problems that limit root health. The program will include formal, instructive presentations and practical demonstrations utilizing the abundant resources of Elizabeth Park.

Presented by:

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association

5.0 credit hours for CT Arborist, Nursery and 3a; NYS and ISA credits available

Worth 6 AOLCP Credits

For more information go to: <http://www.ctpa.org/IntegratedTreeHealthFlyer2007.pdf>

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~~September 14th~~ Posponed!

Safe Lawns and Landscapes Symposium, The Performing Arts Center Purchase College, NY. Includes a full day of professional development, where you will pick up the basic knowledge of how organic management of the soil works and how it can work for you, as well as the tips and tricks to make your lawn and landscape business more successful and more profitable. Speakers include: **Todd Harrington**, of Harrington's Organicare, **Paul Tukey**, author of *The Organic Lawn Care Manual*, **Peter Wild**, founder of Arborjet in Boston, MA, **Shepherd Ogden**, author of *Straight Ahead Organic*, Executive Director of

SafeLawns.Org. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits*

For more information go to www.safelawns.org/seminars2007/index.php

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September 18th

Landscape Irrigation Auditor Class, Hauppauge, NY

Learn how to perform field tests on irrigation systems to determine efficiency, as well as how to combine plant water use, soils and local weather data to calculate accurate water schedules for irrigation systems. Deals directly with the issue of wise water management.

Prerequisites A basic understanding of sprinkler system operation. "Irrigation System Installation and Maintenance" and "Field Hydraulics" are good precursor courses.

Math Skills Required Basic math skills are required. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credits*

For more information go to: http://www.irrigation.org/edu/default.aspx?pg=crs_loc.ascx&id=40&crsid=48

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September 27th

Stormwater in the City: Managing Runoff, Improving Water Quality, Helping Neighborhoods, Hartford, CT

On Thursday, September 27th from 8:15 to 4:15, EPA New England, CT DEP, and Capitol Region Council of Governments are holding a conference at the Legislative Office Building (Hearing Room 2C) entitled "Stormwater in the City: Managing Runoff, Improving Water Quality, Helping Neighborhoods." This important conference is focused on issues of stormwater in an urban environment. Presentations specifically oriented towards a central CT audience will cover the effects of urbanization on water quality, examples of urban LID and CT stormwater programs, a panel focused on the relationship of upstream and downstream environments within the Park River watershed, and a training session by Center for Watershed Protection on urban restoration and retrofit successes and opportunities.

For more info and to register for this conference, visit the web site www.epa.gov/ne/urbanrivers

Worth 6 AOLCP Credits

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October 5th

Green City Forum Celebrating the Past ... Planning the Future, Springfield, MA

The City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the University of Massachusetts and the U.S. Forest Service, are hosting a one-day symposium on Friday, October 5, 2007 highlighting green space protection and enhancement as well as sustainable building techniques, using Springfield's success as a regional model for other communities to follow.

The goal of the symposium is to educate tree wardens, landscape architects, town planners, DPW heads, and public officials in New England cities and towns about positive steps that can be taken to help create a municipality that is engaged in the most cutting edge, environmentally friendly practices related to environmental planning, construction and sustainability.

Local and national experts will lead this day of seminars, including a short tour of some of Springfield's most significant green spaces. The event will be the first of its kind in New England and is expected to draw an enormous amount of interest.

Location: City Stage, 1 Columbus Center, Springfield, MA - In the heart of downtown Springfield.

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Off-street parking will be provided. Refreshments and plated luncheon is included in registration fee.

Afternoon Bus Tour: Visit several of Springfield's most historic and important open space sites on this afternoon tour. Registration Fee: \$75.00 per person. Credits available for ISA, SAF, MCH, MCA, and MCLP.

To register go to www.umassgreeninfo.org or contact UMass Extension at 413-545-0895.

Worth 6 AOLCP Credits

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October 16th

The Many Shades of Green: Landscaping in the Age of Environmentalism, Yonkers, NY

Cornell Cooperative Extension Westchester County will be sponsoring a workshop for landscape architects and designers entitled The Many Shades of Green: Landscaping in the Age of Environmentalism. The conference will be held October 16th at the Royal Regency Hotel and Banquet Facility on Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers. Speakers from Cornell, Penn State and industry professionals will cover the topics of Edible Landscaping, Green Roof Technology, Sustainable Stormwater Management on Small Urban Sites, and Landscaping for Energy Efficiency. The cost of the conference is \$100 if registration is received before October 9 (\$125 after Oct 9). Landscape architects licensed in New York State will receive five continuing education credits for the conference. For more information and to register, please call 914-285-4620.

Worth 4 AOCLP Credits.

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October 17th

Managing High-Use Sports Fields, Greenville, NY

The Sports Turf Managers Association of New York (STMONY), in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension, will be holding a program in Orange County on October 17th at the Greenville VFW, Route 6 (west of Minisink Valley School). The topics covered will be field planting techniques, maintaining baseball infields on a limited budget, soccer field maintenance to reduce the need for pesticides, and preparing fields for winter. The registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch, breaks, and program materials, lectures, trade show, and demonstrations. RSVP to Joann Gruttadaurio at joann@stmony.org. For directions, check out the website: www.stmony.org.

Worth 2 AOCLP Credits.

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October 19, 2007

21st Annual Rockfall Symposium, Chester, CT

21st Annual Rockfall Symposium "Can We Plan Better in Middlesex County?"

Friday, October 19, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. at Camp Hazen YMCA on Cedar Lake in Chester, CT.

The symposium will focus on how Middlesex County towns can develop, use, and share effective Plans of Conservation and Development that complement the Regional Plans and the State Plan.

Distinguished speakers are:

- **David LeVasseur**, W. David LeVasseur Undersecretary, Intergovernmental Policy Division, State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
- **Maureen Hart**, Sustainable Measures, West Hartford, CT

- **Christine Nelson**, AICP, Town Planner for the Town of Old Saybrook, CT
- **Myron Orfield**, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota Law School; Non-resident Senior Fellow, the Brookings Institution; President, Ameregis Corporation

The half-day program continues the Rockfall Foundation tradition of providing information and inspiration to local elected and appointed officials (including Planning, Zoning, Wetlands, and Appeals Board members), land use planners, developers, educators, architects, attorneys, realtors, and others concerned with effective community planning.

For more info, visit www.rockfallfoundation.org

Worth 4 AOLCP Credits

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October 23-25, 2007

Northeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association's Annual Conference , Burlington, VT

Northeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Annual Conference & Trade Expo will be held on October 2007 in Burlington, VT. The following certification and training options are confirmed: - Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control® Review - How to Prepare a StormWater Pollution Prevention Plan - Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality™ Review - Certified Erosion Sediment & Storm Water Inspector™ Review - EXAMS for CPESC®, CPSWQ™ and CESSWI™ certification* Each of these classes provides 6 contact hours.

For more info and to register for the Annual Conference, visit www.ieca-nechapter.org

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October 25, 2007

The Connecticut Urban Forest Council's 2007 Conference, Wallingford, CT

Trees, the Law and Getting Things Done: Successful Collaborations:

Featuring: Attorney General Richard Blumethal as the keynote speaker talking on "Laws, Regulations and Connecticut's Trees" Breakout Sessions include: • A Tree Warden's Role • Urban Forestry and the CT Legislature • Municipal Variations - 169 Ways to Interpret Regulations • Can We Protect Trees on Private Land • Roads, Right of Ways and Boundaries • Building a Volunteer Program and a Closing Panel on: • "Building Successful Collaborations" with several of the day's participants discussing how the lessons of the workshop can be brought home to individual towns and projects MountainRidge in Wallingford, CT, and will run from 8 am until 3:30 pm. Registration is \$40 before October 18th and \$45 after that date and at the door. Please register early.

For more info and to register for the Annual Conference, visit the web site www.cturbanforestcouncil.org

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November 10, 2007

CACIWC's Environmental Conference and Annual Meeting , Wallingford, CT

November 10, 2007 Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission's Environmental Conference and Annual Meeting

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

Effective Preservation of Biological Communities;
Local and Regional Strategies

Dr. Klemens' work has encompassed almost three decades of herpetological research in the United States and Africa. This body of science has led him to the conclusion that, in order to bring about tangible conservation results, scientific research cannot be conducted outside of its social, political, and economic context. In order to bridge the gap between conservation science and land use planning processes, Dr. Klemens has translated biological data and conservation concepts into planning tools that achieve better conservation at local and regional scales. His most recent book, *Nature in Fragments: The Legacy of Sprawl*, is the definitive book on this subject to date. He strongly advocates that science have a responsibility to actively engage in conservation efforts.

On Saturday, November 10, 2007 CACIWC is again hosting a day-long series of workshops for conservation and inland wetlands commissioners and staff. The workshops are organized into four tracks: Open Space/Resource Conservation, Wetlands Protection, Science & Technology, and Commission Leadership & Administration. The conference brochure including a registration form, workshop descriptions, and a schedule of events has been mailed to each commission.

For more information, visit www.caciwc.org

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November 14, 2007

1st Annual Statewide Smart Growth Conference!!, Southern CT State University's Michael J. Adanti Center

More information to come! Visit their website at www.1000friends-ct.org

December 5, 2007

Perennial's Conference : Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls, NY

It's that time of year again! The ever-popular Perennials Conference, hosted by Hudson Valley Horticulture, will be held on December 5, 2007 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls, NY from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. The theme of this year's conference is "Designing Livable Landscapes." The speakers are:

Michael Ruggiero- **Perennials for the Shade**

David L. Culp- **A Sense of Place (Making Gardens Adapt to Regional Influences)**

Carlo Balistrieri- **Rock Gardens**

Marvin P. Pritts- **Edible Landscaping**

Registration is **\$90 per person before November 28th**. Late registration is subject to availability and the fee is \$100. For questions or to register call Donna at 845.429.7085.

Your Local Extension Educators

* Westchester County, contact Richard Harper, <mailto:rwh26@cornell.edu>, 914-946-3005

Worth 5 AOCLP Credits.

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December 11

The NOFA OLC [Update Course](#). Worcester, Massachusetts.

Come join us from 10 am - 4 pm at Tower Hills Botanic Garden for day of workshops! This is the last NOFA class that will be offered before the reaccreditation deadline! Learn about controlling invasives organically, compost and compost quality and how the changing climate will effect plant growth and land care.

Worth 4 AOCLP Credits.

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December 13

Winter Botany : Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA

10 – noon

Join Roberta Clark, Barnstable County and UMass Extension, and Deborah Swanson, Plymouth County and UMass Extension, for a session of winter botany. We will cover the basics of plant identification, including terminology and the use of a dichotomous key, using a lecture/slide presentation as well as hands-on practice. Participants will learn characteristics of important landscape trees and will key out several examples of common trees in the landscape. Weather permitting, a walk through the landscape will follow. Cost is \$50, space is limited. ISA, MCA, MCH, and SAF credits have been requested.

For more information or a registration form, go to www.umassgreeninfo.org or contact the Landscape, Nursery, & Urban Forestry Program at (413)545-0895, eweeks@umext.umass.edu.

Worth 2 AOCLP Credits.

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January 1, 2008

Postmark Deadline for Re-accreditation. The next accreditation deadline has been moved forward so we can have enough time to create the Guide to Organic Land Care and get it into your potential customers' hands in early spring. You must have proof of credits and payment postmarked by January 1, 2008. [Specific Guidelines for Re-accreditation](#). Be sure to get the instructor's signatures on your re-accreditation form, available [here](#).

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