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- October 1: [Scouting for Pests & Problems of Woody Ornamentals](#)-Arnold Arboretum Jamaica Plain
- October 1: [Invasive Plant Symposium: Managing Invasives to Promote Natives](#) - UCONN, Storrs
- October 3: [Duxbury Estates: Low Impact Design](#) - Duxbury, MA
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- October 4: [Discovering Native Shrubs](#) - Easthampton, MA
- October 5: [Pollinator Conservation: Native Plants and Native Bees](#) - Framingham, MA
- October 6: [Rain Gardens: Helping Nature and Having Fun](#) - Conway, MA
- October 6: [How deer, worms, slugs, and invasive plants are changing northeastern forests](#) - Narragansett, RI
- October 7: [Framework Trees of New England](#) - Framingham, MA
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- Oct. 20-24: [Maine Compost School](#) - Monmouth, ME
- October 22: [Organic Lawn Care: Why & How](#) - Bedminster, N.J.
- October 26: [Organic Lawn Care: Why & How](#) - Louisville, KY
- October 28: [Organic Lawn Care: Why & How](#) - Norwich, CT
- October 29: [Creating a Backyard Habitat for Birds](#) - Farmington, CT
- October 31: [Ecological Landscaping Techniques](#) - Whately, MA
- November 1: [SALT "Naturally Beautiful" Seminar for Homeowners](#) - New London, CT
- November 1: [Fall Symposium: Extending the Garden in Time and Space](#) - Boston, MA
- November 3: [Landscape Design: Where Art & Nature Meet](#) - Conway, MA
- Nov. 6th - Dec. 18th: [UMASS Green School](#)
- November 13: [Organic Lawns with Chip Osborne](#) - Greenwich, CT
- November 19: [Controlling Insects & Diseases at the Nursery and in the Landscape](#) - Chichester,

NH

November 19: [Managing Landscape Organically](#) - Ronkonkoma, NY

November 20: [Organic Turf Management Course](#) - New Haven, CT

December 1: [Understanding Plant Preferences: How Plants Adapt in the Wild & Our Gardens](#) - Conway, MA

December 1-3: [Non-Toxic Farming School](#) - St. Louis, Missouri

December 2: [Winter Moth Invasion of New England](#) - New Haven, CT

December 3-4: [Two Day 'Green Guerrilla' Class in Organics](#) - Westhampton, NY

December 9: [NOFA Organic Land Care Update Course - Worcester, MA](#)

January 1: [Postmark Deadline for Re-accreditation for 2009 Re-accreditation](#)

January 9, 16,18

Tree and Shrub Insect ID Laboratory - UMass, Amherst, MA

This day-long workshop will explore various insect groups through lecture and Power Point presentation. Many plant and insect samples will be available for viewing through the microscope. Such pests as gall-formers, leaf miners, caterpillars, spider mites, scale insects as well as others will be carefully examined. Information learned in this workshop is essential to many IPM and Plant Health Care programs. Class size is limited to 25 due to classroom size and the number of microscopes. Cost is \$95.

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 4 AOLCP credits.

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January 10

Organic Lawn Care Workshop for Professionals - Greenwich, CT

Chip Osborn will present Strengthen your Business the Natural Way: An Introduction to Natural Lawn and Turf Management. 9:00 - 11:30 AM Specifically Designed For Lawn Care & Turf Professionals. There is no fee but an R.S.V.P. is requested. Please contact Christy Pennoyer at (203) 869-5272 x225

Worth 2 AOLCP credits

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January 15

Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School - New Paltz, NY

Contact: Teresa Rusinek (845) 340-3990 or Rosemarie Baglia (845) 344-1234

Nursery/Greenhouse Grower's School has been expanded to include a wider variety of ornamental crops including perennials, shrubs and bedding plants. Get the latest information on pest control, cultural control, plant nutrition, weed suppressive groundcovers, and other hot topics from industry experts. Spend the day networking with professionals and other growers.

Worth 2 AOLCP Credits

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January 16-18, 22-23

7th Annual NOFA Course in Organic Land Care - Leominster, MA

Take a refresher course for a day at our 7th Annual NOFA Course in Organic Land Care! Attend as many

hours as you need credit.
Worth 1 credit/hour attended

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A Lawn for Living: Simple Steps to Organic Lawn Care with Chip Osborne- Marblehead, MA

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NOFA/Mass Winter Conference-Worcester, MA

Special address by Agricultural Commissioner Doug Petersen who will then host a question and answer forum to voice your ideas and concerns about the future of Massachusetts organic agriculture. Keynote address by Elizabeth Henderson, author of "Sharing the Harvest: A Guide to Community Supported Agriculture". First president of NOFA/Mass. To register log on to www.nofamass.org.

Attend any of the following approved workshops for 1.5 credits each:

Greenscapes 101: Balancing Beautiful Gardens and Water Protection - Curtis Dragon, AOLCP

Beautiful Native Plants for the Birds - Dori Smith, AOLCP

Growing Organic Raspberries - Tom Johnson

Feng Shui for the Garden: Creating Beauty, Harmony and Tranquility - Mary Stewart

Making Compost Tea - Javier Gil, AOLCP

Each workshop is 90 minutes long and qualifies for 1.5 credits

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7th Annual NOFA Course in Organic Land Care- New Haven, CT

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Worth 1 credit/hour attended

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Winter Lawn Care Conference (Technical Track)- Sturbridge, MA

Attendees will have the option to choose one of two education tracks: Business or Technical. Technical Track topics will include: recognizing and managing the crane fly, a pest causing problems to turf just outside New England; minimizing effects of pesticide applications to non-target organisms; best management practices for red thread and other troublesome lawn diseases; and the value of humates and biostimulants for the care of lawns and high use turf.

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 4 AOLCP Credits

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February 6-8

New England Grows!

Leading-edge and highly regarded in the industry, the New England Grows educational conference

provides you and your team with outstanding opportunities to acquire new knowledge, build technical skills, improve productivity and advance the quality of your work. For more information go to www.negrows.org. Take any of the approved classes for credit:

In Our Own Backyard
Smart Solutions for Stormwater
Creating Landscapes in Tune with Nature
Soil Tests and Amendments
How to Prune and Renovate
Mastering Organic Lawn Care
Organic Growth for Fun and Profit
Beyond Red Maples
Successful Lawn w/o Herbicides
Pruning Fruit
Overcoming Plant Stress
ID and Test for Wood Decay
Essentials of Plant ID
Gardens in the Spirit
Landscape Nursery

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February 9

Spring into the Garden with Nancy DeBrule and Paul Tukey - Portland, CT

For more information [click here!](#)

Worth 6 AOLCP credits

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February 27-29, March 3-4

7th Annual NOFA Course in Organic Land Care- Narragansett, RI

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Worth 1 credit/hour attended

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January 31

TEAMING WITH MICROBES: THE GARDENER'S GUIDE TO THE SOIL FOOD WEB

Jeff Lowenfels - Wellesley, Massachusetts

No one ever fertilized the redwood forests. So how did those trees grow to 350 feet and live for over 500 years without applications of Magic-Miracle-Fertilizer? You can begin to understand how by attending this entertaining lecture by Jeff Lowenfels, the "Al Gore of Gardening." Jeff will present the basics of chemical-free gardening, which rely on making use of microbial activity in the soil. He will explain how soil microbes work, what you can do to encourage them, and how they might afford you more leisure time in your garden. Learn the science that explains why chemicals and gardening don't mix. www.newfs.org

Worth 1.5 AOLCP credits

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March 6- 8, 2008

14th Annual ELA Conference

RE-VISIONING THE LANDSCAPE:An Ecological Approach- Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, MA

This conference emphasizes the importance of the relationships between managed landscapes, watersheds, bioregions, natural habitats and ecological systems. Take home practical ideas and techniques for nurturing the landscape while learning how to recognize and support ecological integrity.
<http://www.ecolandscaping.org/conference.html#>

Thursday March 6th

9:00-4:30 The Permaculture Intensive pre-conference workshop 3 NOFA credits

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Friday March 7th

9:00-10:30 Bio-Energetic Plant Health 1.5 NOFA credits

11:00-12:00 Impact of Invasives on Native Plants 1.0 NOFA credits

11:00-12:00 Building Constructed Wetlands and Bio-retention Areas 1.0 NOFA credits

11:00-12:00 Forest Biodiversity 1.0 NOFA credits

11:00-12:00 Bio-dynamics & the Landscape 1.0 NOFA credits

2:30-3:30 Biodiversity Planning and Design 1.0 NOFA credits

2:30-3:30 Insect Predators, Pests and Global Warming 1.0 NOFA credits

2:30-3:30 Bio-char & Its Use in the Managed Landscape 1.0 NOFA credits

4:00-5:00 Bug Bio-rationals 1.0 NOFA credits

4:00-5:00 Eco-landscaping in the Commercial Design Process 1.0 NOFA credits

4:00-5:00 Full Spectrum Mineralization 1.0 NOFA credits

Saturday March 8th

9:00-10:00 Constructing Sustainable Landscape Systems 1.0 NOFA credits

9:00-10:00 Visions for a Sustainable Human Landscape 1.0 NOFA credits

9:00-10:00 Spread the Word: Marketing Eco-lawn Care 1.0 NOFA credits

10:30-11:30 Building Raingardens 1.0 NOFA credits

10:30-11:30 Minerals and Microbes 1.0 NOFA credits

12:00-1:00 From Swimming Ponds to Floating Islands 1.0 NOFA credits

12:00-1:00 Techniques for Bio-Efficient Gardening 1.0 NOFA credits

12:00-1:00 Attract Pollinators Using Medicinal Herbs and Flowers 1.0 NOFA credits

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March 20

Non-Chemical Products and Strategies for Disease, Insect and Weed Management - Milford, MA

In recent years many customers have called upon their landscape professional to use non-chemical or organic strategies and products for managing landscape pests. This program will outline the various options available when a landscape professional attempts to fulfill this request. Abiotic factors that contribute to the occurrence of diseases, insects and weeds will be discussed. Cost is \$75.

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 6 AOLCP credits

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April 12:

Lyme Disease: Prevention, Treatment and Management for Landscape Professionals and Gardeners- Framingham, MA

The New England Wild Flower Society
Garden in the Woods

Registration is \$25 includes refreshments and handouts

Register at theundergroundapr2008program.eventbrite.com

Lyme disease is an increasing threat to those who work in the landscape, with New England ranking among the highest rates per capita and Massachusetts now fourth in the nation in total cases reported. The disease and its possible co-infections have many forms, and if left untreated can cause a major impact on a victim's life and work. This forum provides the latest information on the disease itself - how it is transmitted, its range of symptoms, accurate and timely diagnosis, acute vs. chronic phases, and medical treatment options. We will review methods of preventing infection through landscape practices and personal protection. Speakers will also address public health issues, educational efforts, research studies, and community resources available to help individuals as well as companies whose employees are likely to be infected. We hope that attendees will come away understanding the importance of preventive measures and early detection. This special forum is co-sponsored with The New England Wild Flower Society.

Panelists:

Pat Smith, President of the Lyme Disease Association

Jeanne Hubbuch, M.D., is a family practice physician from Newton

Rolf Briggs, Certified Arborist, is President of Tree Specialists

Dori Smith, M.Ed., owner of Gardens for Life, Inc., a landscape design/install company

Worth 3.5 AOLCP credits

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May 10:

The Living Lawn, A Lawn for Living "Simple Steps to Organic Lawn Care"©- The Living Lawn Project - Marblehead, MA

Registration is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Register at theundergroundmay2008program.eventbrite.com

In this presentation Gina Field and Chip Osborne will discuss some compelling reasons why we should consider a natural approach to lawn care. Public health, children's health, storm-water runoff, and water quality issues are all reasons why we should begin to reduce our dependence on synthetic and chemical products to grow our lawns. Their approach will be "Awareness Through Education". Armed with sound information about these products, we can then make decisions about how we choose to take care of our lawns. Chip and Gina will then present "Simple Steps to Organic Lawn Care"©, a detailed approach to a natural lawn care program. Basic steps will be outlined and explained in a common sense approach. The basic premise of this lawn care program is a threefold approach. It involves 1) a basic understanding of soil biology, (an acknowledgement that the soil is very much alive), 2) the proper use of natural, organic products, and 3) some very specific cultural practices. This will be explained so that the do-it-yourselfer will be able to care for the lawn or so that the homeowner can convey their wishes to their landscape contractor. The information in this presentation is also a very good introduction to natural lawn care for the landscape contractor. The workshop will be held at the Living Lawn, an organic lawn and garden demonstration site, located at the end of Everett Paine

Blvd (off Route 114) in Marblehead, MA.
Worth 3 AOLCP credits

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May 28 & October 1

**UMASS EXTENSION'S WALKABOUTS:
SCOUTING FOR PESTS AND PROBLEMS OF WOODY ORNAMENTALS**

May 28, 2008 : Bridgewater State College, E. Bridgewater
Insects and Weeds only, 5-7

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June 3-5

**Climate Change in the Northeast :
Preparing for the Future – A Workshop**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst Focusing on oceans and forests, land and resource managers in New England and New York will develop a common understanding of natural and cultural resource issues and explore climate change management approaches in the Northeast. Upon completion, participants will be able to identify effective management approaches to climate change in the Northeast. The workshop will include; 1) Climate change impacts, i.e., sea-level rise, hydrologic cycle changes, temperature variability; 2) Forecast for the ecosystems, i.e., how the landscape will look; 3) Implications of these changes to management agencies. For more information, contact: Sarah Hines shines@fs.fed.us) or Sheela Doshi (sdoshi@fs.fed.us) with any questions.

Worth 4 AOLCP credits

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June 14

Rain Gardens in Part Shade Sat. June 14, 2-4 p.m.

Rain Gardens Horticultural and Garden Tour
Location: 107 Sears Road, Wayland MA
Fee: \$20 (Member) / \$25 (Nonmember)

Here is your chance to see rain gardens in action. Visit a property with four recently designed and planted gardens that utilize most of the rainwater from the home's roof. These gardens use several methods for collecting and distributing water, including rain barrels, drip hoses, and simple underground piping. The landscape designer and homeowner will discuss the goals of the project, some of challenges encountered, and various techniques used, as well as highlighting the native plants chosen for this part-shade situation. Handouts with information on design, rain barrel set-up, the plant list, and other resources will be provided.

Worth 2 AOLCP

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July 1

River Talk, River Action, a forum on Low Impact Development

SPONSORED BY:

Housatonic Valley Association
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
Fairfield County Community Foundation
Shelton Economic Development Corporation

Location: Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce
900 Bridgeport Avenue, Second Floor, Shelton, CT 06484
(203) 925-4981

What is LID?

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT is an environmentally friendly approach to land use. Instead of the traditional end of the pipe approach that channels rainwater to stormdrains or holding ponds, low impact development allows rain to soak back into the soil, much as it would on undeveloped property. LID landscaping and design techniques attempt to maintain the natural, pre-developed ability of a site to manage rainfall. LID techniques capture water on site, filter it through vegetation, and let it soak into the ground where it can recharge the local water table rather than being lost as surface runoff. LID treats rainwater as a resource rather than a waste product. LID can be applied to new development and redevelopment in any community in urban or rural settings, on a small or large scale. LID can be a less expensive alternative.

Your Program

Watershed 101 and Low Impact Development Virginia de Lima
What towns can do to encourage LID Marjorie Shansky, Land Use Attorney
LID in brownfield and urban settings Arthur Bogen, Environmental Planner
A developer's perspective on LID and the approval process
Introduction: Robert Houlihan, Vice President, Environmental Design & Development, Heritage Development Group, Inc., Southbury, CT
Engineering and design parameters
Ken Hrica, Civil Engineer, Hrica Associates, Litchfield, CT
Prototypical landscaping schemes and maintenance issues
Dirk W. Sabin , Landscape Architect & Environmental Planner, Dirk W. Sabin LTD, Marbledale, CT

Please mail or fax to:

Housatonic Valley Association
P.O. Box 28
Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754
Phone: 860-672-6678 Fax: 860-672-0162
You may also register on line at:
www.hvatoday.org and click on LID Forum

Worth 2 AOLCP credits

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July 17 -18

**Integrated Design/Integrated Development Conference
Stepping Up to the 2030 Challenge!
Heritage Commons, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH
Thursday and Friday, July 17-18, 2008**

Climate times have changed—get ready for action! Buildings are the largest single source, and almost half, of greenhouse gas emissions, worldwide. By 2030, to prevent “catastrophic” climate change, all buildings must become carbon neutral. If this sounds impossible, the 2030 Challenge shows us that these targets are readily achievable.

Through workshops, panel discussions, walking and virtual tours, share the value of, and techniques for, multidisciplinary design processes that produce efficient, cost-effective, and beautiful buildings, grounds, communities, and landscapes — and that help us step up to the 2030 Challenge.

This year’s event features keynote speaker Ed Mazria FAIA, founder of Architecture 2030 (www.architecture2030.org). Other speakers include Leith Sharp, Founder and Director of the Harvard Green Campus Initiative (HGCI); Carter Scott, of Transformations, Inc.; and Ken Colburn, Symbiotic Strategies.

The IDID Conferences bring together and open communications among design, planning, construction, and real estate professionals and their suppliers and financiers. Come be a part of this intimate, fun, and educational event. Reserve a room in Langdon Woods dorm, and reduce your carbon footprint!

Presented by: New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIANH) Environmental Guild, The Jordan Institute, the Granite State Landscape Architects, and the Center for the Environment at Plymouth State University.

Workshops, additional speakers, registration and housing information at: www.aianh.org/idid.asp.

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July 26

Native Design and the Herbaceous Ground Layer

Sponsor: Perennial Plant Association

Date: July 24, 2008

Location: Sheraton City Center Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

Larry Weaner will discuss integrating traditional perennial design techniques with compositional patterns of the native meadow. The naturally indispired perennial layer in the mixed woody/herbaceous landscape can serve as a dynamic transition from, or alternative to, a true wildflower meadow.

Contact: Perennial Plant Association, 614-771-8431 or ppa@perennialplant.org for more information.

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July 26

Rain Gardens: Beautiful Water-Saving Designs

Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

Fee: \$55 (Member) / \$65 (Nonmember)

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. We focus on concepts, designs, and the use of native plantings plus planning and designing your own rain garden. A morning lecture will be followed by a visit to two nearby rain gardens to demonstrate important features and construction techniques. Bring a bag lunch.

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July 30th, August 6th, and August 27th

Weed Identification Workshops for 2008, UMASS EXTENSION

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. Broadleaf Weeds (plus a few grassy weeds) J

JULY 30 - Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain

AUGUST 6 - UMass Amherst Grassy Weeds: an in-depth look

AUGUST 27 - UMass Amherst

Cost \$95/person (pre-registration required, space is limited). Registration is first-come, first-served through the mail or online. For more information, visit: www.UMassGreenInfo.org 5 pesticide contact hours available; MCLP and MCH credits will be offered. *Worth 4 AOLCP credits.*

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August 6th

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Plant Science Day 2008

This annual event is held by The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at our research farm, Lockwood Farm, in Hamden, CT. It features a day of plant science open to the public. This event is free to all. The following synopsis is only a part of the Plant Science Day program, which consists of many opportunities for attendees to interact and discuss pesticides and many other topics on an informal basis with individual scientists at their research plots. No pre-registration is required for attendance. However, individuals interested in obtaining pesticide credits must sign in at a designated location at the start of the day, between 9:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m., and sign out to pick up pesticide credit forms until 4:00 p.m. Additional information about Plant Science Day 2008 will be forthcoming. Pesticide Credits offered. Please check the CAES [website for details.](#)

Worth 2 AOLCP credits

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August 7

Strengthen Your Business the Natural Way

ORGANIC LAWN & TURF CARE
WORKSHOP FOR PROFESSIONALS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008

Presented by: CHIP OSBORNE

President of Osborne Organics, Instructor for Grassroots Healthy Lawn Program, NOFA Organic Land Program

Are Your Clients Telling You They Don't Like Chemicals?

STRENGTHEN YOUR BUSINESS THE NATURAL WAY: AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL LAWN AND TURF MANAGEMENT

8:15 AM Sign In & Breakfast

8:30 to 11:30 Program

Audubon Greenwich * 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich CT
NYDEC, CTDEP and NOFA will give credit for this course \$10.00 fee can be paid at door
RSVP to Christy Pennoyer at (203) 869-5272 x225 or cpennoyer@audubon.org
613 Riversville Road ~ Greenwich, CT 06831 ~ (203) 869-5272

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August 8 - 10, 2008

**The 34th Annual NOFA Summer Conference
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**

For more information log onto: www.nofamass.org

Organic Land Care track:

A Tree Walk and Talk: Ellen Evert Hopman

All Kinds of Organic Land Care Projects: Mike Nadeau

All Natural Lawn Care: Mike Murray Fred Newcombe

American Chestnuts in New England: Bill MacKentley

Attracting Birds/Butterflies to the Garden: Carol Schminke & Lynette Courtney

Basics of Container Gardening: Iris Weaver

Bio-Energetic Plant Health : Jim Conroy & Basia Alexander

Colony Collapse Disorder in Honey Bees: Ross Conrad

Comparing Organic Fertilizing Methods - Ingrid Wheeler

Cut Flowers - Is There A Rural Market?: Barbara Murphy

Designing Perennial Polycultures: Dave Jacke

Digging Deeper (Excavation 101): Chris Rawlings

Edible Forest Gardens for your Backyard - TOUR: Jonathan Bates
Electric Tractors for Farm and Garden: Jim Coate
Farm & Garden Hand Tool Sharpening: Christopher Lenaerts & Andrea Donlon
Fearless Pruning: Lee Reich & Deb Goldman
Garden Drainage and Water Retention : Betty Lou Sandy
Going Green - Marie Stella
Grafting Fruit Trees: Bill MacKentley
Grease 101: Vegetable Oil as Fuel: Patrick Keaney & David Staunton
Growing Cut Flowers Organically: Barbara Murphy
Growing Fertile Soils: Bill Duesing
Growing Organic Root Crops - TOUR: Ryan Voiland
Herbal Remedies 101: A Demonstration: Sarah Stockwell Arthen
How to Get Started in Beekeeping: Roland Sevigny
Indoor Composting with Redworms: Carol Schminke & Lynette Courtney
Interpreting Soil Tests (Part 2): John Howell
Landscaping with Native Plants: Tamara Moore & Raina Weber
Making Compost Tea Using Worm Compost: Javier Gil
Making Your Bed, the Permaculture Way: Brett Joseph
Minerals, Trace Elements and Microbes (Part 3): David Yarrow
Native Fruits: Lee Reich & Deb Goldman
Nutritional Benefits of Weeds and Herbs: Patricia Sevigny
Organic Gardening 101: Frank Albani, Jr.
Organic Greenhouse Pest Management: Tina Smith
Organic Herbaceous Perennials: Lillian Jackman
Outsmarting Your Weeds: Steve Gilman
Permaculture of the Inner Landscape: Kay'a Strawbelly
Questioning Invasive Species Paradigms: Dave Jacke & Jono Neiger
Spiritual Practices for Growing: Theo Talcott
Starting an Organic Land Care Business: Bridget McManus
Ten Steps to Increased Sales: Frank Crandall
Terra Preta/Charcoal (Part 2): Doug Clayton
The Healing Garden: Deb Rose Hayes
The Organic Answer to Climate Change: Steve Gilman
Threats to the Health of Bees: Kimberly Stoner
Wildlife Habitat Protection: Curtis Dragon

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September 17

Meadows! A Vibrant Alternative to Lawn

Sponsor: The Wilton Library's Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation's Environmental Initiative

Date: September 17, 2008

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Location: Wilton Library, Wilton, CT

Creating an exemplary botanical wonder on your commercial or residential property is explained by Larry Weaner. With photos, plus a late-afternoon visit to his Schenck's Island or Keeler's Ridge projects.

Contact: 203-762-3950 for reservations.

[back to top](#)*October 1***UMASS EXTENSION'S WALKABOUTS:
SCOUTING FOR PESTS AND PROBLEMS OF WOODY ORNAMENTALS**

October 1, 2008 : Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain
Weeds and Tree & Shrub Diseases only, 4-6 p.m.

Learn how to put IPM practices to work efficiently. Join Extension specialists for a walk through the landscape for demonstrations of IPM tools and techniques, as well as a close look at some of the most common pest and cultural problems of woody ornamentals. Workshops held rain or shine. Two pesticide contact hours for categories 29, 36, and Applicators License available. Two ISA, 1 SAF, 1/2 MCA, 1 MCH, and 1MCLP credits available. Preregistration required as space is limited; the cost is \$50. For more information or a registration form, go to www.umassgreeninfo.org or contact the UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program at 413-545-0895 or eweeks@umext.umass.edu.

Worth 1 AOLCP Credit

[back to top](#)*October 1***INVASIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM":
Cherish Our Natural Heritage: Managing Invasives to Promote Natives"**
University of Connecticut, Storrs

On October 1, 2008, the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) will present a symposium entitled ***Cherish Our Natural Heritage: Managing Invasives to Promote Native Diversity***. The symposium, open to the public, will take place from

8 am to 4 pm at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. Keynote speaker, Doug Tallamy, will present "A Case for Native Plants." Concurrent afternoon sessions will cover habitat and management in grasslands; forest understories; aquatic invasive plants; invasive control practices (including organic control); and non-plant invaders. Research posters and organizational exhibits will be featured throughout the day. The registration fee, including parking and sustainable food, is \$40 (postmarked by September 10) and \$55 if postmarked by September 24. Student fee, with ID, is \$25. CT DEP Pesticide Recertification and other Continuing Education Credits for CT Commercial Forest Practitioners and the Society of American Foresters, New England are available; subject material is appropriate for 6 continuing education credits for Landscape Architects in Connecticut. The program agenda and registration information are available at www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg. For additional information, or to be mailed a paper copy of the registration brochure, contact Donna Ellis at (860) 486-6448. You can also download the [brochure](#).

Worth 2 AOLCP credits if "A Case for Native Plants" by Doug Tallamy (keynote speaker) and "Organic Control" by Bill Duesing & Michael Nadeau are attended

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October 3

Duxbury Estates: Low Impact Design

Taught by: Mark D. Cooperman

Date: Friday, October 3, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Location: Duxbury, MA

Cost: \$25 (Member) / \$30 (Nonmember)

Description: This new 40-unit adult community development is one of the first to qualify as a full L.I.D. (Low Impact Development) for storm water "bio-retention" and its nearly 100% native planting design. Still under construction, the site features more than 1,200 feet of roadway swales that act as giant rain gardens, absorbing run-off and providing filtration by native plants and special infiltration chambers. Join designer Mark Cooperman for an on-site seminar that highlights the recent revolution in storm water management, showing how large-scale site development can be effectively merged with modern gardening practices and native plant horticulture. Among the site's features are large areas of recently planted meadows and alternatives to turfgrass in entryway strips, common areas, and over septic fields.

To register: [click here](#) - Course Code: low-impact-design

Worth 2 AOLCP Credits

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October 3

Rhode Island Tree Council Annual Meeting

Sustaining Trees World Wide, Green Landscaping, Effective Arboriculture in Urban Planning

Location: Aldrich Mansion, Warwick, RI

Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00

Keynote Speaker: 'Urban Forestry in Beijing, China' - Ron Henderson

Ron Henderson is a landscape architect and a building architect. He is founding principal of L+A Landscape Architecture in Providence, RI where he has directed the planning and design projects in North America, Europe and Asia. Since 2005, Ron has traveled frequently to the People's Republic of China (PRC) to exhibit his work and to lecture on urban social space and landscape ecology in urban environment. Currently, Ron teaches at Beijing's Tsinghua University where he is the Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture and Deputy Director of the International Master in Architecture Degree Program. He has also led and assisted on several major projects in China including the recent the creation of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Forest Park and the Fuzhou University Landscape Master Plan. During his conference lecture Ron will present a fascinating glimpse of Beijing and the important role trees play in urban planning. As Ron has intimated in numerous e-mails he has sent RITree over the past few years the Chinese have their own way of doing things even when it comes to arboriculture. But while some may seem strange to us they are technically sound and very effective. In his talk Ron will share with us some of these methods. A few of which we may want to adopt ourselves here.

Worth 4 AOLCP credits

To register: [Download a Brochure](#) with registration information and directions.

For more information: [visit their website](#)

[back to top](#)*October 4***Discovering Native Shrubs****Time:** 10:00 am - 2:30 pm**Location:** Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Easthampton, MA**Cost:** \$25 (Member) / \$30 (Nonmember)

Description: Shrubs are an important component of almost all habitats, including many kinds of forests, woodland and wetland edges, and even our yards. Native shrubs are critical resources for a huge array of wildlife species, and are fascinating subjects for study. Learn how to identify about 20 common native shrubs, and hear about their historic uses, interactions with insects, and shrub lore. Bring snacks or bag lunch, and a hand lens if you own one.

*Worth 4 AOLCP credits***For more information:** [Click here](#)**To Register:** Course Code: bot3331 email_registrar@newenglandWILD.org[back to top](#)*October 5***Pollinator Conservation: Native Plants and Native Bees****Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM**Location:** Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA**Cost:** free!

Description: North America is home to more than 4000 species of native bees, encompassing a myriad of fascinating lifestyles. But one thing all native bees have in common is their exclusive diet of nectar and pollen, making them the premier pollinators of native plants. Native bee populations have suffered in many parts of the country, due mainly to pressure from development, yet interest in native bees as alternative pollinators of crops has increased with the advent of colony collapse disorder in honey bees. Join ecologist Tristram Seidler to learn about practical approaches to native bee conservation, and how to increase the density and diversity of native bees in gardens, orchards, and native plant landscapes.

Directions: Click [here](#) for directions

Worth 2 AOLCP credits[back to top](#)*October 6***Rain Gardens: Helping Nature and Having Fun****Sponsor:** New England Wild Flower Society**Cosponsor:** Conway School of Landscape Design**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 PM**Location:** Conway School in Conway, Massachusetts

Description: Rain gardens are a hands-on approach to mitigating the environmental damage posed by storm water run off. Easy to construct and fun for all ages, rain gardens beautify your property, enhance biodiversity, and capture copious amounts of storm water. Horticulturist Scott LaFleur will explain the construction process, identify some of the wonderful native plants that can be used, and discuss how rain gardens help address concerns about storm water pollution.

For more information: [Click here](#)

To Register: Call 413-369-4044, ext. 5. Check <http://csid.edu/travel.htm> for directions.

Worth 1.5 AOLCP credits

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October 6

How Deer, Worms, Slugs, and Invasive Plants are Changing Northeastern Forests

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Weaver Auditorium, Coastal Institute, Narragansett, RI

Description: His seminar on October 6 will focus on his current research on the joint impacts of exotic plants and animals and native deer on northeastern forests. Increased deer populations and exotic earthworms may play a key role in facilitating garlic mustard expansion. Garlic mustard, alone, may not be as bad as we tend to think and deer may be worse. Bernd is also monitoring several species of exotic slugs and attempting to determine their impact on this system. Understanding these complex ecological interactions will be important for decisions about releasing insect biological control agents against garlic mustard.

Worth 1 AOLCP Credit

For more information: [click here](#)

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October 7

Framework Trees of New England

Date & Time: Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays, October 18, noon-4 p.m.;
October 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location:Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

Fee:\$204 (Member) / \$240 (Nonmember)

Description:Trees are the dominant plant type of New England, with forests covering most of the land area. This survey course will address identification and natural history of individual species as well as forest ecology. Since understanding today's forests requires familiarity with their history, we will review the changing landscape from the Ice Age through European settlement. Students will learn to identify native New England trees and their habitats, to recognize different aged stands – pioneer, second growth, and other growth – and become familiar with forest communities of the northeastern temperate region. We'll consider the natural conditions and human disturbance factors that produce the different forest associations. Field trips will take us to a variety of forest types.

To register: [click here](#) - Course Code: bot3200

Credits:4 AOLCP credits

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October 15

Discovering Leaves

Date: Wednesday, October 15

Time:10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location:Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

Fee: Fee: \$30 (Member) / \$36 (Nonmember)

Description: Leaves are the amazing powerplants of the plant world. Beyond their photosynthetic functions, leaves are remarkably varied in their shapes, sizes, surfaces, and details, and both fascinating and beautiful to observe and study. Join botanist Carol Govan to learn more about leaves, and see how gaining familiarity with leaf characteristics can assist your understanding of plants. Bring a few of your favorite leaves for this hands-on workshop. Recommended text: Plant Identification Terminology: An Illustrated Glossary by James and Melinda Harris.

To register: [click here](#) Course Code: bot1028

Credits: 4 AOLCP credits

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October 20th-24th

Maine Compost School

The objective of the Maine Compost School is to provide training to people interested and/or involved with medium and large-scale composting operations. This course is offered as a certificate program and will train personnel to be qualified compost site operators.

Highmoor Farm in Monmouth, Maine. The Maine Compost School is located at Highmoor Farm, a University of Maine research farm facility located in Monmouth, Maine. Participants receive classroom instruction, laboratory experience and hands-on project exercises in this setting.

For more information: [visit their website](#)

Worth 4 AOLCP credits

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October 22

Organic Lawn Care: Why & How

Location: Clarence Dillon Public Library (2336 Lamington Road) - Bedminster, N.J.

Time: 7:00 PM

Description: Paul Tukey will present "Organic Lawn Care: Why & How" followed by a book signing.

For more information: [visit the website](#)

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October 26

Designing a Natural Landscape: How and Why to Create the Safe Yard of Your Dreams.

Location: The Henry Clay, 604 S. Third St - Louisville, KY

Time: 3:00-4:00 PM

Description: Paul Tukey will present "Organic Lawn Care: Why & How" followed by a book signing.

Cost: Free for Botanica members, \$10 for others.

Credits: 1 AOLCP credit

For more information: [visit the website](#)

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October 28

Organic Lawn Care: Why & How

Location: Slater Auditorium, Norwich Free Academy [Directions](#)

Sponsored by: Chelsea Gardens

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 at the door

Description: Paul Tukey will present "Organic Lawn Care: Why & How" followed by a book signing.

For more information: [visit the website](#)

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October 29

Creating a Backyard Habitat for Birds

Location: Room 901 at the Farmington High School

Time: 6:30 - 8:30

Description: What are the habitat requirements of the many species of birds found in Connecticut? Are there environmental threats faced by some of the birds found in Farmington and Connecticut? What are some of the techniques used by the Wildlife Division of the DEP to manage bird habitat. Are there steps that homeowners can take to provide a more beneficial environment for the birds in their backyard? These and many more topics will be discussed. Jane Seymour, Wilde Life Technician, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

Credits: 2 AOLCP Credits

RSVP: Please RSVP Farmington Land Trust 860-674-8545 by the Monday before the session

For more information: [Visit this website](#)

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October 31, November 7th, and 14th

Ecological Landscaping Techniques

Location: Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Description: Do you want to be a greener gardener or professional landscaper? This three-part class, offered for the first time by the Society's horticulture staff, will focus on landscaping practices based on ecological principles. Ecological landscaping emphasizes techniques designed to enhance and preserve floral and faunal diversity both above and below the soil line, and to provide sustainability over the long term. Some techniques have been developed to prevent alteration of existing soil biota and hydrology, while others, such as compost and compost tea, are intended to improve soil function and plant health. Using Garden in the Woods as a case study, the instructors will demonstrate and provide hands-on training on approaches to site analysis, choosing appropriate plant material for each site, and mitigation of adverse effects of past land uses. Participants should be prepared for some outdoor activities, including digging and compost tea making.

Instructor: Scott LaFleur Rolf Schilling

Cost: \$195 (Member) / \$225 (Nonmember)

Credits: 4 AOLCP credits

To Register: Course Code: hor3700 , email: atregistrar@newenglandWILD.org

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November 1

Naturally Beautiful Seminar for Homeowners**Sponsored by:** Smaller American Lawns Today (SALT)**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**Where:** The Connecticut College Arboretum, Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 210**Cost:** \$58 for Arboretum/Wild Ones Members; \$68 for general public**Description:** Natural beauty can abound in your own yard. Learn a few tips from experts on how to achieve it. In this exceptional SALT seminar, you'll learn how you cut back on the size of your lawn and also to have a beautiful, sustainable, and friendly home ground as well. Once established, you will never want to go back to a boring, monocultural lawn! Topics covered include 'Gardening with Moss', 'Bird Friendly Gardens', 'Eliminate Your Lawn- Plant a Border', and 'Gardening: Cultivating an Enduring Relationship with Nature'.**For more information & to register:** [download the brochure](#) or visit [this](#) website

6 AOLCP Credits

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November 1

Fall Symposium: Extending the Garden in Time and Space**Location:** Sheraton Framingham Hotel, Framingham MA**Time:** 9:00 - 4:00**Description:** At some point, almost every gardener wants more--more space for plants, more kinds of plants, more time to work in the garden, and a longer season to enjoy it. This symposium, for both the professional and amateur gardener, will explore innovative ways to temporally and spatially stretch a garden's capacity. You can create a spectacular landscape that lasts well beyond our region's May-to-October foliage season, and your garden spaces can break the confines of conventional planting styles. Using examples from both small and large gardens, our speakers will focus on the best plants for multi-season interest, techniques for "fall-scaping" and "winter-scaping," creative strategies to "borrow" and make better use of space, and how to improve transitions between garden areas.**Speakers & Topics:****Virginia Small** on *Design Strategies from Great Gardens***Stephanie Cohen** on *Fallscaping: Extending Your Garden Season***John Greenlee** on *Ornamental Grasses and Sedges in Seasonal Design***Nancy Rose** on *Great Trees and Shrubs for the 'Other' Six Months***Cost:** \$89 members; \$105 non-members, price includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch**For more information:** [Download the flyer](#) or register [online here](#)

Worth 4 AOLCP Credits

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November 3

Landscape Design: Where Art and Nature Meet**Sponsor:** New England Wild Flower Society

Cosponsor: Conway School of Landscape Design

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Conway School in Conway, Massachusetts

Description: Landscape design is a four-dimensional art (the fourth being time), with the living, changing landscape as its medium. Renowned landscape architect Darrel Morrison will discuss how naturally-evolving landscapes can be used to guide the creation of dynamic landscapes. Using examples of designs where there has been a conscious effort to merge art with nature, Darrel will show how a willingness to permit natural processes can enrich the spatial framework established by the designer.

Credits: 1.5 AOLCP credits

For more information: [Click here](#)

To Register: Call 413-369-4044, ext. 5. Check <http://csld.edu/travel.htm> for directions.

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November 6th to December 18th

UMASS Green School

Date: November 6 - December 18

Location: Sheraton Hotel, 11 Beaver St., Milford, MA (at exit 19 off Route 495)

Description: Green School is a comprehensive certificate short course for Green Industry professionals taught by UMass Extension Specialists and University of Massachusetts faculty. This course is designed for landscapers, lawn care specialists, arborists and other horticultural practitioners wishing to gain an understanding of horticultural fundamentals and strategies and their relation to environmental quality. Green School attendees learn about sustainable approaches to turf and landscape management and tree care, making environmentally appropriate decisions related to turf and plant selection, arboriculture, plant maintenance, and pest and nutrient management.

Cost: \$625 - includes all study materials and daily morning coffee

Registration deadline: October 31, 2008. Register early, as space is limited.

For more information & to register: [click here](#)

Worth 2 AOLCP credits

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November 13

Organic Lawns with Chip Osborne

Sponsored by: Audubon Greenwich

Time: 9:15AM - Check-In and Breakfast donated by Whole Foods; 9:30 to 11:00AM - Program

Where: Kiernan Hall at Audubon Greenwich; 613 Riversville Road; Greenwich, CT 06831

For more information & to RSVP: Call Christy Pennoyer 203-869-5272 x 225 or

cpennoyer@audubon.org

Suggested donation: \$10.00

Description: A presentation on Organic Lawns with Chip Osborne, expert/consultant on organic lawns and turf and President of Osborne Organics. An introduction to the program will be given by Jay Feldman, Executive Director of Beyond Pesticides, a national policy and advocacy group.

This is one of a series of workshops and presentations hosted by Audubon to raise awareness about the environmental and human health risks of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers; and to provide practical information about safe alternatives.

Worth 1.5 AOLCP credits

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November 19

Controlling Insects and Diseases in Nursery Stock

Speakers: Tom Durkis, State Entomologist and Chris Rallis, Entomologist NH Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Location: Millican Nurseries, 187 Pleasant Street, Chichester, NH [Directions](#)

Fee: \$25.00 ELA Members; \$35 Non-members

Description: Tom Durkis, N.H. State Entomologist and Chris Rallis, Entomologist, NH Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry will present information about insect and disease pests that are affecting the New England nursery and landscape industries currently or in the not to distant future.

Examples of some of the pests being reviewed are: Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorned Beetle, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Vibrunum Beetle, Ash Yellows, and much more. The discussion will include a description of the "pest" for ID purposes, their life cycle, their hosts, and methods of control.

After review of these invaders and their impact on the landscape, Mr. Durkis and Mr. Rallis will discuss what is being done via quarantine, regulations, and IMP programs at nurseries and by landscapers to control the impact of these pests in New England and to help prevent future expansion into other areas, whether it be within a particular state or into other states.

Registration: Call (617) 436-5838 to pre-register. Walk-ins are welcome. Payment at the door is by cash or check only.

Worth 1.5 AOLCP credits

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November 19

Managing Landscapes Organically

Time: 8:00 - 4:15 pm

Location: Holiday Inn Ronkonkoma, NY [Directions](#)

Cost: \$65 (\$55 before Nov. 12)

The program wil consist of the following seminars:

- Legislation Affecting Organic Landscape Management Update.
- Organic Turf Care
- Permaculture
- Designing Integrated Ecological Landscapes: Edible & Native Perennials.
- Soil Quality-The Foundation for an Ecological Landscape.
- Landscaping at the Waters Edge
- Landscape Design Principles for Water Quality
- Compost for Your Garden.
- Organic Turf & landscape Stewardship

Credits: 6 AOLCP credits

Registration IS required: to register call the number below

For more information: Call the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County at 631-727-7850 Ext. 341

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November 20

[Organic Turf Management Workshop](#)

NOFA invites Schoolgrounds Keepers & Municipal Workers to an Organic Turf Management Workshop tailored to their needs.

Topics Covered:

- Differences between synthetic & natural turf management
- Talk by the DEP on pesticide use on School Grounds & Athletic Fields
- Proper cultural practices
- Case Studies: 'Experience Within' instructors speak about their experiences transitioning fields to organic
- Implementation of a Natural Program: Strategies, Budget, & Management

Date: November 20th

Time: TBA

Location: Jones Auditorium, New Haven, CT

Cost: \$50

Credits: 4 AOLCP Credits

For More Information : Call CT NOFA at 203 888 5146

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December 1

Understanding Plant Preferences: How Plants Adapt in the Wild and in our Gardens

Sponsor: New England Wild Flower Society

Cosponsor: Conway School of Landscape Design

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Conway School in Conway, Massachusetts

Description: Every plant—from a weed to a pampered garden celebrity—has clever strategies for adapting to its environment. Join Dr. Elizabeth Farnsworth to learn about the evolutionary roots of common adaptations. Taking a scientist's view, she will explore some interesting physiological and architectural traits, as well as the ecological affinities of familiar New England plant species. Understanding adaptive traits can help us determine why certain plants grow best in particular places and how they cope with stress.

Credits: 1.5 AOLCP credits

For more information: [Click here](#)

To Register: Call 413-369-4044, ext. 5. Check <http://csld.edu/travel.htm> for directions.

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December 1-3

Non-Toxic Farm School

Sponsor: Eco-Ag University — Acres U.S.A. Pre-Conference Advanced Learning

Date: December 1-3, 2008

Time: 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Monday & 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Wed.

Location: Hyatt Regency St. Louis at Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri

Fee: \$400

Covering the current state of the art of ecological farming science, methodologies and wisdom, this course will present a complete farming program designed to move farmers off of chemical agriculture or improve their sustainable, biological or organic operation. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Contact: 1-800-355-5313 or register [online](#)

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December 2

Winter Moth Invasion of New England

Join Dr. Joseph S. Elkinton, Professor of Entomology at Umass Amherst, for tea and a lecture on the Winter Moth. Dr. Elkinton conducts research on population dynamics and biological controls of invasive forest insects. More recent projects focus on the population dynamics of browntail moth, hemlock wooly adelgid, elongate hemlock scale and winter moth. He is currently involved with efforts to introduce predatory beetles to control hemlock wooly adelgid and a tachinid parasitoid to control winter moth.

Time: Tea at 10:30 & Lecture at 11:00

Location: Jones Auditorium, CT Agricultural Experiment Station [Directions](#)

Description: The Winter Moth has caused major defoliation of deciduous trees in eastern Massachusetts. The larvae of the moth feed on many deciduous trees and shrubs including oak, apple, elm, maple, ash, crabapple, cherry, and blueberry. Winter Moth has been identified by Joe Elkinton in traps set by Victoria Smith in southeastern Connecticut. This moth could become an important pest in Connecticut.

For more information: [Download](#) the brochure
1 AOLCP credit

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December 3rd & 4th

Two Day 'Green Guerilla' Course in Organics

Time: 8am to 5pm both days.

Cost: \$449.00 for the entire class (tax deductible). This includes textbooks, handouts, samples, coffee and bagels, organic lunch on both days and a green guerrilla hat.

For more information: visit the [website](#)

To register: send an email to jtf4647@aol.com to register. Limit 25 students per class.

Day 1 Description:

Introduction to Organics by Jeff Frank

Organic Turf Programs by Steve Chollette

Micorrhiza by Joseph Broyles

Organic Tree Care Response by Carl Wennerod and James Sottilo
Biological Responses to Insect Problems by Steve Restmeyer

First Day - Introduction to Organics, microbes and the Biology of the soil, The Soil and Health, Atoms and the Sun, Plant Health Care(PHC), Soils, Roots, chemical fertilizers, Composts, turf care, Toxicity and bio-remediation, water conservation, Programs, products and books to read, growing with the moon, greenhouse applications, estate care golf course management techniques, Bio-dynamics, growing healthy crops and its implications for human health, Response vs reaction. Alternatives to toxic genetic chemicals.

Steve Chollete will discuss turf programs for the homeowner with costs and ideas to overcome typical problems at 2:30pm.

Bio-dynamics Instruction at 4 pm.

Day 2 Description:

The "Findhorn Garden" and flowers, roses, native plants, trees, weed control, insect control, and disease control done ORGANICALLY. Marketing made easy, Product explanation.
Organic lunch at noon.

- A) Plant Health Care, discuss Mycorrhiza, with slides.
- B) Discuss organic responses for Tree care.
- C) Discuss biological responses to insect problems.
- D) Guest instructors.

Worth 6 AOLCP Credits

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December 9

Update Course for NOFA Accredited Professionals

The last NOFA class before the January 1st re-accreditation deadline!

Time: 9:00 - 3:35 pm

Location:The Ecotarium Museum, Worcester, MA [Directions](#)

Fee:\$75 Admission for NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals (AOLCPs) and \$85 Admission for non-AOLCPs

Come learn about:

- Merging soil chemistry & biology*
- Integrating edibles into the landscape*
- Making, using, & customizing compost teas*
- Asian Longhorn beetle & other wood boring insects*
- a discussion on new products*

Credits: 4 AOLCP credits

For more information & to register: visit our [website](#)

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January 1st, 2009

Postmark Deadline for Re-accreditation for 2008. [Specific Guidelines for Re-accreditation](#). Be sure to get the instructor's signatures on your 2008 re-accreditation form, available [here](#).

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January 17th, 2009

22nd NOFA/Mass Annual Winter Conference

Organic Agriculture: The Roots of a Sustainable Community

Time: 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Location: Worcester Vocational Technical High School [directions](#)

Fee: \$50 with discounts available for NOFA members, certified farmers, children and students.

The conference will feature many other great workshops, a large, centrally located exhibit area, the usual delicious pot-luck lunch and much, much more.

[Eliot Coleman](#) will be the Keynote speaker and will also be presenting a day-long workshop on *Four Season Growing*; an additional registration fee is required.

- * Thirty great workshops on crops, gardening, livestock, farm management, organic land care and sustainable lifestyles
- * Vibrant exhibit area
- * Delicious potluck lunch
- * Children's program
- * NOFA/Mass Annual Meeting

Organic Land Care Track:

Four Season Growing - Eliot Coleman

Soil Testing & Management- John Howell

Plants & Plans for an Organic Vegetable Garden- Ruth Green

Pest and Disease Control in Your Garden - Danielle Andrews

Organic Gardening 101 - Frank Albani

Growing Sweet Potatoes - Lori Schreir and James Warren

A Paradigm Shift: Concepts Necessary for the Production of Nutrient Dense Crops (NDC) and Their Potential - Dan Kittredge

Nutrient Dense Crop (NDC) Production: A How To- Dan Kittredge

Terra Preta & Biochar: Carbon Negative Fertility, Food, and Fuels- David Yarrow

Organic Lawns - Don Bishop

Sustainable Nursery Management in a Changing Climate - Kurt Trampo

SUSTAINABLE NURSERY MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING CLIMATE Kurt Trampo

For more information & to register: Visit [NOFA/MA website](#)

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January 28th, 2009

Let's Talk Turf: Organic Lawns

An interactive roundtable discussion co-sponsored by the Ecological Landscaping Association and the NOFA OLC Program

Earn your re-accreditation credits while participating in an interactive roundtable discussion with NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals Chip Osborne and Bernadette Giblin, who will come

together to host "Let's Talk Turf: Organic Lawns" on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 (snow date Jan. 29), from 1 to 3:30 p.m., at the Doyle Conservation Center, 464 Abbott Ave., Leominster, MA. This workshop is co-sponsored by the Ecological Landscaping Association (ELA) and the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)'s Organic Land Care Program.

During this workshop, Osborne and Giblin will discuss what organic lawns entail in terms of installation, maintenance and management, transitioning from conventional to organic lawns, what organic can and can't do, how to sell organic to a client/meeting expectations, realistic costs of organic. They will also share successes and failures they've experienced in the industry.

The presentations will be followed by 60 minutes of Q&A and information sharing by all in attendance. Don't miss this great interactive opportunity! Come and share your own successes and failures and learn from each other! Refreshments will be served.

"Let's Talk Turf: Organic Lawns" costs \$25 for ELA members and NOFA AOLCPs; \$35 for non-members; and is appropriate for professionals in the field. MA pesticide credit has been requested; the course is eligible for AOLCP re-accreditation credits.

For more information or a registration form, call Kathy Sargent-O'Neill at (508) 759-5177 of the [Ecological Landscaping Association](#) (or email ksoland@verizon.net), or Kathy Litchfield, at (413) 773-3830 of NOFA (or email kathylitch29@yahoo.com).

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New England Grows! 2009 Conference

Location: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

*The following courses have been approved for **ONE** AOLCP credit each:*

Air Knife & Air Spade: New Techniques for Soil Modification & Tree Preservation
 Tough Urban Plants: Making Magic in our Cities
 How Mushrooms Can Save the World: Solutions from Nature
 Put Beneficial Insects to Work For You
 Native Intelligence: Using Indigenous Plants in the Designed Landscape
 Today's Urban Forest: The Role Arborists Play in Managing Risk
 Breeding New Garden Perennials from Native Plants
 Using Organics Effectively in the Landscape
 Beyond Branding: Promoting Plants Without Creating Brands

*The following courses have been approved for **1.5** AOLCP credits each:*

Climate Change & Peak Oil: Post Petroleum Landscape Design
 Sustainable Design Using Grasses, Sedges & Rushes
 Sensible vs. Senseless Pruning
 Green Roof Construction 101
 Conservation Arboriculture: The Art of Preserving Ancient Trees

*The following courses have been approved for **0.5** AOLCP credits each:*

Greener Pest Management
 Landscape Management: Surefire Ways to Keep it Fresh

Surfactants: An An Integral Piece of the Water Consumption Puzzle
The Latest in White Grub Management
Understanding Urban Tree Fertilization

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