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May 4, 2006:

Insect Laboratory: Hands-on Identification and Management Strategies, Wareham , MA 9:00 am - 3:30 pm (same program as April 20: UMASS, Amherst) Instructor: Bob Childs, UMass Extension Entomologist
 In this workshop, participants will examine actual specimens in a Teaching lab with the use of microscopes. Such pests as scale insects, gall formers, spider mites, leaf miners, and much more will be examined closely with different species and life stages being identified. Also, displays of preserved insect specimens will be examined in order to teach the participant how to identify and discern the important pest species in the Massachusetts landscape and nursery. Preregistration is required, as space is limited. Cost is \$90 for each workshop (these are both considered to be the same workshop regarding credit hours). UMass Extension Landscape/Nursery/Urban Forestry Program Tel. (413) 545-2685 www.UMassGreenInfo.org Worth 5.5 AOLCP Credit Hours

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Recycling Rainwater and Creating Raingardens Hanover, MA. Mike Clark (Norfolk Ram Group) and Sally Coyle (Coyle & Caron) Impervious surfaces such as rooftops and driveways shed rainwater often containing sediments and chemicals that eventually pollute our streams, ponds, and bays. Learn about

creative landscaping methods that will help filter pollutants as well as recharge rainwater into the ground. Learn step-by-step how to create your own backyard raingarden. Other topics include porous pavers, rainbarrels, cisterns and vegetated roofs.

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May 6, 2006

Water-Friendly Landscaping Hamilton, MA. 1:00-4:00p.m. Registration is \$10 with RSVP or \$15 at the door. RSVP deadline April 29th. to 508-872-3792 or email underground@lepidoptera.com For directions go to <http://www.gmfarm.com/hours.htm> Bring a favorite dish to share - if you would like. Whether you are developing a new landscape or renovating an existing one, proper planning and design are important to ensure that your landscape will use water wisely. Please join us for this informative program which will explore approaches to water efficient landscaping. *Worth 2 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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May 11, 2006

Easy Composting for Healthy Landscapes Hanover, MA. Ann McGovern, MA Dept. of Environmental Protection Would you like to enrich your soil while getting rid of nearly half of your household garbage at the same time? Using high quality compost eliminates the need for synthetic fertilizers and pesticides in our lawns, gardens and landscapes. Learn the basics of composting with different types of bins and how compost can eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides in your yard and garden. Ann will also present other ways to reduce, reuse and recycle in your landscape.

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May 13, 2006:

DESIGN AND PLANT A NATIVE BORDER Held at Nasami Farm at 128 North Street in Whately, MA. 2-5 Pre-registration required at registrar@newfs.org \$36 non-members, \$30 members. with James McSweeney designing and planting a mixed border and demonstrating techniques for native trees, shrubs, vines, and perennials, including difficult areas. This is a MUST for both beginners and advanced gardeners looking to do more with natives. 413-397-9922 www.newfs.org *Worth 3 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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May 18, 2006

Sustainable Plants for Sustainable Landscapes Hanover, MA. Deborah Swanson, Plymouth County Extension Learn how to choose sustainable plants that will provide beauty, reduce pesticide usage, conserve water, enhance wildlife habitat and tolerate environmental stresses. Topics include native plants, low maintenance ground covers, herbaceous perennials, ornamental grasses and trees and shrubs. This is an encore presentation from last year's series with some new information.

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May 20, 2006:

RESTORING THE RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE Held at Nasami Farm at 128 North Street in Whately, MA. Pre-registration required at registrar@newfs.org \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Owen Wormser of Tree Frog Landscapes . Are you planning a significant landscape renovation? You have the opportunity to learn methods minimizing impact and cost of construction on the landscape, also using native plants. Participants may bring photos of their own properties to use as case studies. 413-397-9922 www.newfs.org

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May 25, 2006

Take Control of Your Irrigation System Hanover, MA. Ted Moriarty, Smart Watering Company Irrigation systems abound on the South Shore, but many of us do not know how to use or maintain them properly. This can lead to water overuse which can hurt your landscape and our environment. Irrigation systems can help conserve water when designed, maintained and used properly. Learn maintenance and troubleshooting techniques, and water conservation strategies.

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June 11, 2006:

NATIVE PLANT MAKEOVER Easthampton, MA, 1-3 pm Pre-registration required at registrar@newfs.org \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Learn what it takes to convert a residential lot into an inviting garden integrating the home landscape and adjacent habitats with Liz Thompson of Cave Hill Landscape Architects, and Beth and Dan Russell, homeowners. 413-397-9922 www.newfs.org

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June 27 - August 22, 2006:

Organic Landscaping Washington, DC. Discuss the growing market for organic landscape services: organic land care, design and maintenance. Learn to incorporate methods and materials that respect natural ecology and the long-term health of the environment. Throw out the petro-chemical fertilizers, understand the benefits of low input, sustainable gardening, learn about poly-cultural landscaping, work with natural systems, encourage biological cycles and preserve the environment. Class incorporates two weekend field trips. 10 Weeks on Tuesdays. Capital Gallery 600 Maryland Ave., S.W. L'Enfant Plaza Metro Stop, ID: HORT1190E \$345 <http://www.grad.usda.gov>

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July 15, 2006:

New England Wild Flower Society

NATURAL LANDSCAPING PRINCIPLES IN PRACTICE, 90 Bronson Road, Middlebury, CT. Workshops I'll be doing is as follows: time to be announced, a field trip Mike Nadeau <http://www.newfs.org/courses.html#catindex>

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July 27, 2006:

Weed Identification Workshop: Broadleaf Weeds, UMass Extension Arold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, MA 9 am - 3 pm. 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). Cost \$95/person (pre-registration required, space is limited). Registration is first-come, first-served through the mail. Registration forms are also available online at www.umassgreeninfo.org or call (413) 545-0895. *Worth 5 AOLCP Credits.*

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July 29, 2006:

Ferns and Fern Allies Leader: Les Mehrhoff (les.mehrhoff@uconn.edu) this all-day workshop will begin at 9:00am Ferns and related plants (club mosses, fir mosses, horsetails, scouring rushes, and quillworts) are always interesting and popular plants. This workshop will cover the basic characteristics needed to identify ferns and fern "friends," illustrate all genera found in southern New England, and discuss the habitats in which they are likely to be encountered. All participants will receive a recently-updated county checklist for the state's pteridophytes and other handouts. The field trip to Nipmuck State Forest in Union will allow participants to see some of the species in their natural environment. Attendance will be limited to 25 participants. Registration fee: \$25 for morning session and \$25 for the afternoon field trip or \$40 for both aspects of workshop. <http://www.eeb.uconn.edu/bioconctr/workshop.pdf>

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August 3, 2006:

Weed Identification Workshop: Broadleaf Weeds, UMass Extension Arold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, MA 9 am - 3 pm. 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). Cost \$95/person (pre-registration required, space is limited). Registration is first-come, first-served through the mail. Registration forms are also available online at www.umassgreeninfo.org or call (413) 545-0895. *Worth 5 AOLCP Credits.*

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August 4, 2006:

Green Roof Design 101 Introductory Course Los Angeles, California 8:30 am to 5 pm This 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. \$345 per person includes course materials, lunch, and a one-year individual membership of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. For further information, contact Dayna Goucher, at 416-971-4494, ext. 228 or dgoucher@greenroofs.org. <http://www.greenroofs.net/index.php>. *Worth 4 AOLCP credit hours.*

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August 10 - 13

NOFA Summer Conference, Amherst, MA. Summer Conference workshops that qualify for credits this year are listed below and are marked with double asterisks (**) in this program book. Be sure to get workshop instructors' signatures! Forms are available at the OLC table under the Exhibitors' Tent. The following will qualify for full credit: (1 credit per hour; 1.5 per workshop):

Questioning the Invasive Species Paradigm: Dave Jacke and Jono Neiger
 Designing & Installing Fern Gardens as Alternatives to Lawns: Alan Kettler
 Water Friendly Landscaping: Mary Whitney
 Rain Gardens In Detail: Mike Nadeau
 Research Update on Organic Materials Used in Landscapes: Brad Roeller
 Tree biology and tree care: Dr. Kevin T. Smith
 Estimating Landscape Projects: Frank Crandall

Healthy Worm Composting: Mary Donnelly
 Building Healthy Soil at Peacework Farm: Elizabeth Henderson
 Toxic Soil Busters: Cleaning Up Our Soil: Matt Feinstein and Sam Toussant
 The Wonderful World of Worm Composting: Carol Schminke and Lynette Courtney
 Soils, Water & Plant Relationship: Kevin Stitt
 Growing Fertile Soil: Bill Duesing
 Remineralization: Joanna Campe
 What's Killing My Crops? Plant Disease ID: Becky Grube
 Dr. Z's Wild Weed & Medicinal Plant Walk: Dr. Eugene Zampieron
 Raspberry Basics: Ed Stockman
 Blueberry Growing on the Homestead: Louis Battalen
 Growing Grapes in New England: Jack Kittredge
 Small Organic Apple Orchard: Bill MacKentley
 My Weedless Garden: Lee Reich
 Drip Irrigation for your Garden: Lee Reich
 Attracting Insects to Your Garden: Kathy Morris
 The Skeptical Gardener on Compost Tea & Other Myths: Lee Reich
 Positive Impact/Low Flow Forestry: Terry Janosik
 Trace Elements, Soil Fertility and Health: Get the Most from the Least - David Yarrow
 Tour of Nasami Farm: Miranda Fisk
 Edible Forest Garden in your Backyard – Jonathan Bates

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August 12

Conservation Grazing Workshop, Patriot's Park Lodge, 124 Lake Street, Coventry, CT. 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. The workshop is free and open to the public. All who are interested in invasive plant control but want to minimize the use of chemicals, or have not had success using other control methods, are invited to attend. The workshop will include presentations on the use of sheep, Exmoor ponies, and goats that graze invasive plants as a means of control, including multiflora rose, bittersweet, barberry, and buckthorn. An introductory talk on invasive plants and their alternatives will also be presented. Conservation grazing for control of invasive plants is a relatively new topic with growing interest from people who want to control these invaders. The farmer/lecturers at this workshop are not academic experts and will be speaking about conservation grazing from their own experience. The program and directions are posted on the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group website at www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg. For more information, contact Jasmine Wolf (phone 860-742-5253; email jbirdsings@charter.net – include 'Conservation Grazing Workshop' in subject line) or Donna Ellis (phone 860-486-6448; email donna.ellis@uconn.edu) *Worth 3.5 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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August 15

NOFA Organic Lawn and Turf Course, New Haven, CT. 8:30 - 5:00 Topics Include: Why Organic?; Site Analysis; Soil Fertility & Health, Soil Amendments, Compost; Cultural Practices; Pests, Weeds, Diseases, Insects; Your choice of the following tracks: Lawns (residential or commercial) OR Sports Fields and Turf; Outdoor Demonstrations. COST Includes coffee, handbook, lunch: \$145 for 1st person from firm or town, \$120 for each additional person. This course is worth 4 AOLCP Credits. Pesticide Applicator Credits Available. [REGISTER ONLINE!](#) Contact Bill Duesing at 203-888-5146 bduesing@cs.com for more information. [Brochure](#)

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[NOFA Organic Lawn and Turf Course](#), Hanover, MA. 8:30 - 5:00 Topics Include: Why Organic?; Site Analysis; Soil Fertility & Health, Soil Amendments, Compost; Cultural Practices; Pests, Weeds, Diseases, Insects; Your choice of the following tracks: Lawns (residential or commercial) OR Sports Fields and Turf; Outdoor Demonstrations. COST Includes coffee, handbook, lunch: \$145 for 1st person from firm or town, \$120 for each additional person. This course is worth 4 AOLCP Credits. Pesticide Applicator Credits Available. [REGISTER ONLINE!](#) Contact Kathy Litchfield at 978-724-0108 kathylitch29@yahoo.com for more information [Brochure](#)

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Weed Identification Workshop: Grassy Weeds, UMass Extension, UMass Amherst. 9 am - 3 pm. 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 Prostak 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). Cost \$95/person (pre-registration required, space is limited). Registration is first-come, first-served through the mail. Registration forms are also available online at www.umassgreeninfo.org or call (413) 545-0895. *Worth 5 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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August 28

Green Roof Design 101 Introductory Course Hartford, CT 8:30 am to 5 pm This 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. \$345 per person includes course materials, lunch, and a one-year individual membership of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. For further information, contact Dayna Goucher, at 416-971-4494, ext. 228 or dgoucher@greenroofs.org. <http://www.greenroofs.net/index.php>. *Worth 4 AOLCP credit hours.*

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September 7

Green Roof Design 101 Introductory Course Denver, Colorado 8:30 am to 5 pm This 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. \$345 per person includes course materials, lunch, and a one-year individual membership of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. For further information, contact Dayna Goucher, at 416-971-4494, ext. 228 or dgoucher@greenroofs.org. <http://www.greenroofs.net/index.php>. *Worth 4 AOLCP credit hours.*

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September 16 - October 21, 2006

The Organic Lawn - Installation and Maintenance North Shore Community College, Danvers Main Campus, Danvers, MA. <http://www.northshore.edu> Combining hands-on and class discussion, we will take an in-depth look at how to create and take care of turf using all natural organic methods. Depending on site conditions, several approaches will be taken for the renovation and establishment of turf areas. In the field,

students will be called on to use commonly used tools such as a renovator, aerator, and rototiller in the preparation of the site. We will scout for common lawn pests, i.e. grubs, and use bio-controls to eradicate them. Materials and equipment will be provided for use during class. Student muscles will be used, hands dirtied, and calories burned. **Textbook required**, available at the Danvers campus bookstore. Instructor: Fred Newcombe, 978-432-1019, 978-948-7224, fnewcomb01@northshore.edu, pjcecological@aol.com Inclement Weather Hotline: (978) 762-4200. CSM444 \$189

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Sept 26

Storms over the Urban Forest: Storm Mitigation, Planning, Response, and Recovery. Mitigation: Minimizing Risk and Damage. Dr. Hauer, U of Wisconsin. Oftentimes damage to trees during storms is predictable and preventable. gain ideas on how to manage the urban fores in such a way that will help minimize the impact on your resource. *Worth 0.5 AOLCP Credits*

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September 28

CT FOREST RESEARCH FORUM: FROM LABORATORY TO FIELD UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT - WEST HARTFORD CAMPUS Brief presentations of current forest research projects in southern New England Keynote speaker "A Century of Long-term Forestry Research - what we've learned and how to keep it growing" Lloyd Irland. Innovations: David Skelly: Forest Cover and Vernal Ponds; Sandra Anagnostakis: Return of the chestnut. Breakout sessions: Connecticut's deer, Reducing browse damage, Impact of invasive plants, "Weed-it-Now" program, Early successional habitats, Oak regeneration, Regenerating oak, Black birch management, Forestry law, Forest fragmentation mapping, Planning and zoning, and Recreation. *Worth 5.5 AOLCP credits.*

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October 12, 2006

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE LANDSCAPE OF TOMORROW - CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANT WORKING GROUP (CIPWG) SYMPOSIUM, Wallingford, CT 8:00am - 4:30pm www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg Contact: Donna Ellis, University of Connecticut, Phone (860) 486-6448, donna.ellis@uconn.edu *Worth 7.5 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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November 28

Green Roof Design 101 Introductory Course Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 8:30 am to 5 pm This 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. \$345 per person includes course materials, lunch, and a one-year individual membership of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. For further information, contact Dayna Goucher, at 416-971-4494, ext. 228 or dgoucher@greenroofs.org. <http://www.greenroofs.net/index.php>. *Worth 4 AOLCP credit hours.*

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December 14, 2006

[NOFA Organic Land Care Update Course](#) Tolland Agricultural Center. 9:30 – 3:15, including lunch. Native Plant Communities with Ted Elliman of the New England Wildflower Society, Livestock Grazing to

Control Invasives with Lisa Wojan of Exmoor Ponies of North America, Plant Physiology of Nutrient Update and Doses with Dr. Kevin T. Smith of the USDA Forest Service, and Juniper and Rose Culture with Sharon Douglas of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. *Worth 4 AOLCP credit hours and 4 pesticide Recertification Credits (New England States)*

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January 9, 10, 11, 16 & 17, 2007

[NOFA 5-day Organic Land Care Course in Massachusetts](#)

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January 11 & 12

New Directions in the American Landscape: Nature's Unseen Influences and the Art of Garden

Design. Connecticut College in New London, CT. For more info call: 860-439-5020. [PDF Brochure](#)

- What is a healthy ecosystem, what makes it sustainable & why should designers care? = 1 AOLCP Credits
- Predictive Site analysis and the unfolding landscape garden *Part 1 & 2 = 3 AOLCP Credits*
 - Dragonflies: A Precise approach to habitat creation in the garden = 1 AOLCP Credit
 - Meadow Development as a Process *Part 1 & 2 = 2.5 AOLCP Credits*
 - Creating Biodiversity in the Suburban Landscape = 1 AOLCP Credit

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January 13

International Tree Failure Database Workshop (snow date January 20) 9 am to 1 pm Holdsworth Hall, UMass Amherst Have you ever wished you had more information on the common defects that make trees more likely to fail in a storm? Wouldn't it be nice if you could convince a client that their tree was hazardous because it had a defect that had caused many tree failures in the past? There's a way we can provide that information--by taking measurements on trees that have failed. The more people who record that information, the faster the information can be compiled to produce lists of common defects for particular species. That will help predict which trees on a property are really hazards. The International Tree Failure Database (ITFD) is the way to compile reports on tree failures from lots of arborists and urban foresters. In order to submit reports, you have to learn how to take specific measurements and enter them online. Dr. Brian Kane will cover that and go over how to identify defects that cause trees to fail. Participants will receive a username and password to submit tree failure reports online. Registration is \$75 (includes coffee, bagels, and parking). For more information, contact the Landscape, Nursery, & Urban Forestry Program at (413)545-0895 or eweeks@umext.umass.edu. *Worth 4 AOLCP Credits*

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January 20, 2007

[20th Annual NOFA Winter Conference](#) 8:30 - 5:30. Bancroft School in Worcester, MA. *Workshops approved for 1.5 AOLCP Credits each:*

- Woods Forum - Jeffrey Jourdain/Paul Catanzarr
 - Gardening Like the Forest - Dave Jacke
 - Remineralization of Soils - Dan Kittredge

- Growing Small Fruit - Cliff Hatch
- The Dirt on Soil: A Sustainable Approach to Assessment and Remediation
 - Creative Small Scale Residential Rain Gardens - Dori Smith
 - The Hazards of Working Outdoors - Kurt Tramosch

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[NOFA 5-day Organic Land Care Course in Connecticut](#)

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February 5-7

Introduction to the Soil Foodweb Corvallis, Oregon. Dr. Elaine Ingham teaches three core workshops and other classes at her Soil Foodweb, Inc. Lab in Corvallis, Oregon. Includes classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory work and field demonstrations. To register call (541) 752-5066 or email info@soilfoodweb.com.

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February 6 - 8

NE Grows! Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA. Once again, NOFA/Mass will sponsor the annual New England Grows. Representatives from NOFA Outreach and the NOFA Organic Land Care Committee will be present throughout the conference to promote organic approaches to land care. The conference and trade show has become a must-attend event for nursery growers, retail garden centers and landscape professionals in the Northeast. Each year, New England Grows' educational program features well-respected green industry professionals, academics, researchers, and high-caliber marketing specialists from across the nation and around the globe. In addition to targeted learning sessions, New England Grows also features live, hands-on demonstrations where participants can learn the latest field skills such as tree climbing—complete with a real, 40 foot tree installed on-site. For conference information, please call 508-653-3009.

- Getting to the Bottom of Tree Root Problems *1 credit*
 - Inside Germany's Hermannshof Gardens *1.5 credits*
- What's the Buzz? Eradicating Greenhouse Pests & Diseases *0.5 credits*
- The Welcoming Garden: Fresh Ideas Just Outside the Front Door *1.5 credits*
 - Organic vs. Conventional Controls: What Works, What Doesn't *1 credit*
 - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn: Making the Most of Tough Sites *1 credit*
- Soil Management: The Essential Ingredient for Improved Turf Performance *1.5 credits*
 - The Perennial Diva's Best & Worst List *1.5 credits*
 - The Disease du Jour: What Woody Plants Will Face Next *1 credit*
- Foreign Worker Programs & Immigration Law: The Straight Scoop *1 credit*
- Pest Wars: Taking Advantage of the Landscape's Natural Enemies *1 credit*
 - Climates in Transition: Dealing With New England's Weather *1 credit*
- Higher Profits for Your Landscape Business: 10 Key Strategies *1.5 credits*
 - Ornamental and Native Grasses for New England *1.5 credits*
- A Tale of Two Gardens: Confessions of a Chlorophyll Addict *1.5 credits*
 - Mulch in the Landscape: Going Beyond Aesthetics *1 credit*
 - Let's Hear It For The Latest Perennial Pest Control *0.5 credits*
- Cultivating Leadership: How To Grow an Effective Management Team *1.5 credits*

- Great Conifers for New England *1.5 credits*

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February 6&7

New Directions in the American Landscape: Nature's Unseen Influences and the Art of Garden

Design. Arboretum Villanova in Villanova, PA. For more information, call 215-247-5777 Ext 156. [PDF](#)

[Brochure](#)

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February 7th and 8th, 2007

[Invasive Plants on the Horizon & More](#) Albany, NY. For further information, please contact Plaza Meetings (518)785-3392 *Each Workshop Listed Below is Worth 1.5 Credit Hours.*

- CONTROL SUCCESS STORIES
 - VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERSHIPS
- SURVEYS & INVENTORY – FROM FIELD WORK TO DATABASES
 - EARLY, EARLY DETECTION PLANTS
 - OLD “FAVORITES”
 - AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANTS
 - BIOCONTROL UPDATES
 - WEED MANAGER’S TOOLBOX
- INVASIVES AND PUBLIC PERCEPTION

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February 16 & 17

[Growing Your Business the Natural Way](#) in Old Bethpage Village, NY. 9am - 4pm. This two-day course covers every aspect of natural lawn care, from site evaluation through pest management. Learn how to conduct soil tests, read and interpret results, use natural fertilizers and amendments to optimize soil biology, optimum mowing techniques, natural pest control, brewing and using compost tea, natural tree care and managing your natural lawn care business. Instructors: Chip Osborne, James Sottilo. Course fee for NSLGA members: \$99. Non-members: \$244 (includes NSLGA membership) For information or reservations, contact NSLGA at (631) 665-2250. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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February 20

[Integrating Organic Practices Into Your Landscape Business](#) 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ. *Worth 4 AOLCP Credits.*

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Feb. 21

[Multiple Approaches - Advanced Perennial Garden Design](#) at Natureworks 518 Forest Road Northford, CT 6:30-8:30 p.m. Advanced: Marriages, color theory, groupings and drifts, focal points, design booby traps, succession of bloom charts.... All that you have been learning about the basics of perennial garden design is swimming in your head. You're ready to do a plan—but you find yourself STUCK! Nancy DuBrule-Clemente has been creating detailed planting plans for many years. She has analyzed how she does it and is now ready to share the process with you in a small, interactive group setting. CLASS SIZE IS STRICTLY LIMITED. If you want to advance your design knowledge, sign up early. Prerequisite: 4 week Perennial Garden Design Class or experience with garden design. (203) 484-2748 *Worth 2 AOLCP Credits*

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Feb 22 - 25

[Connecticut Flower & Garden Show](#) Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT. Adults \$13.00. Children 7-12 \$4.00. Children 6 & under are admitted free. Cash Only is Accepted. Contact kristie@northeastpromo.com or call 860.844.8461 for more information. Check out the NOFA table while you are there!

- Thur 2/22: Know Your Enemy - Recognize Disease & Insects on Ornamentals - Rob Durgy - *1 Credit*
- Thur 2/22: Removing Invasives & Encouraging Native Plants - Denise Ciastko - *1 Credit*
- Fri 2/23: The Home Orchard - Dr. Sharon Douglas - *0.5 Credits*
- Fri 2/23: Composting - Russ Wheeler, NOFA AOLCP - *1 Credit*
- Fri 2/23: Enhancing Your Habitat for Songbirds - Peter Picone - *1 Credit*
- Sat 2/24: Butterfly Gardening - Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory - *1 Credit*
- Sat 2/24: How to Attract Dragon Flies to Your Garden - Christine Cook, NOFA AOLCP - *1 Credit*
- Sat 2/24: Organic Gardening - 21st Century Techniques - Nancy DuBrule Clemente - *1 Credit*
- Sat 2/24: Native Lady Slippers - CT Orchid Society - *1 Credit*
- Sat 2/24: What you Should Know About Groundcovers - Len Giddix - *1 Credit*
- Sun 2/25: Building Fertile Soil Organically - Bill Duesing, NOFA OLC Coordinator - *1 Credit*

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February 22-24, 2007

[The 18th annual Upper Midwest Organic Farming Conference](#) in La Crosse, WI. *Workshops are worth 1.5 Credits each.*

- Rainbow Soil: Managing for the Ultimate in Soil Quality
 - If Weeds Could Talk
 - Accelerating the System
- Originating & Maintaining a Sustainable Forest

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February 23 & 24

[Growing Your Business the Natural Way](#) in Lasdon Park / Somers, NY. 9am - 4pm. This two-day course covers every aspect of natural lawn care, from site evaluation through pest management. Learn how to conduct soil tests, read and interpret results, use natural fertilizers and amendments to optimize soil biology, optimum mowing techniques, natural pest control, brewing and using compost tea, natural tree care and managing your natural lawn care business. Instructors: Chip Osborne, James Sottilo. Course fee for

NYSTLA members: \$99. Non-members: \$250. For information or reservations, contact NYSTLA at (914) 993-9455. *Worth 6 AOLCP Credit Hours.*

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February 26

[Emerging Trends in the Landscaping Industry](#) South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, MA. 1-5 pm. The North and South River Watershed Association (NSRWA) and Ecological Landscaping Association (ELA) are hosting an exciting Greenscapes workshop designed primarily for landscape professionals and irrigation system specialists. Session include: *Water Conservation Matters!* - Ted Moriarty, Smart Watering Company and *Landscapers: Grow Your Business—Organically!* - Dave Macdonald, Summit Landscape \$40 fee Space is limited. Contact Julie Uhler at the NSRWA to reserve your space (781)-659-8168 or register online at www.nsrwa.org. *Worth 4 AOLCP Credits*

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February 27

[Wetland Restoration, Creation and Monitoring - A Progress Report](#) Four Points Sheraton in Meriden, CT. 2007 CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF WETLAND SCIENTISTS Annual Meeting. \$40.00 for CAWS members, \$50.00 for Non-members, \$25.00 for Students with ID. For more information, please call Tom Ryder at 203-454-2100 or caws@ctwetlands.org.

- 10:45 to 11:30 -Dynamics of Restored Wetlands *Worth 0.75 Credits*
- 2:00 to 2:30 - A Discussion on Seeding and Planting *Worth 0.5 Credits*

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February 28, March 5 & 14, 2007

[Organic Land Care Basic Training for Municipal Officials or Transitioning Landscapers](#) This three-part teleconference (three 75-minute online sessions at 12pm- 1:15pm EST) will explain the Simple Steps to beginning an organic turf program and will cover the basic concepts, methods, and materials you need to get started. The training is geared toward school or park and recreation officials, however landscapers interested in transitioning are encouraged to attend. The Program will be taught by Chip Osborne, a professional horticulturist with over 30 years experience and an expert on building and transitioning turf to organic care. He is accredited by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) in organic land care, and has attended the University of Massachusetts Green School for turf management. The cost of the training is only \$45 for municipal officials and \$95 for professional landscapers. During the training you will listen to the instructor over your telephone while you watch the presentation online on your computer. You will be able to ask questions during the last 15 minutes of each session. *Worth 3.75 Credit Hours.*

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March 1

[First Detector Training for National Plant Diagnostic Network](#) Holiday Inn, Marlboro, MA. Hosted by UMass Extension's Plant Diagnostic Laboratory 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. The National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) was created to enhance national agricultural biosecurity by the early detection of introduced pests and pathogens. NPDN is a national network of Land Grant Universities linked by a cohesive system designed to quickly detect and disseminate information concerning high consequence plant pathogens, arthropods, weeds, and other biological pests. The function of NPDN is not to implement quarantines or

other regulatory actions relating to pests of concern, but to facilitate the early detection and identification of select agents. A First Detector is anyone who, in the course of their duties, is in a position to notice unusual outbreaks such as Extension personnel, crop consultants, pest control advisers, agriculture inspectors, National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff, green industry professionals, Master Gardeners, and growers. [PDF information sheet](#) Contact Kathleen M. Carroll - Program Coordinator 413-545-0895 kcarroll@umext.umass.edu or Doreen York - Program Support 413-545-2254 dyork@pssci.umass.edu
Worth 3.5 Credits.

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March 1-3, 2007

[ELA's 2007 WINTER CONFERENCE & ECO-MARKETPLACE: SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES: CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES](#) MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA. Further information is available by calling 617-436-5838.

- The Soil Foodweb Intensive pre-conference = 5 Credits
 - Weed Mgmt In Ornamental Gardens = 0.75 Credits
 - Holistic Lawn Care = 1.5 Credits
 - Compost Tea For Tree Health = 1.5 Credits
 - Common Wood Decay Fungi = 1 Credit
- Solving Common Disease Problems in Turfgrass = 0.5 Credits
 - Gardening Like The Forest = 0.5 Credits
 - Sustainable Trees & Shrubs = 1 Credit
 - Managing Invasive Plants = 0.75 Credits
 - Insects To Watch Out For = 1 Credit
- Ecological Golf Course Maintenance = 0.75 Credits
 - Lawn Alternatives = 1.5 Credits
- Beautiful & Useful Plants For Healthy Ecosystems = 0.75 Credits
 - Establishing & Maintaining Eden = 1.5 Credits
 - Advanced Tree Health Care = 0.75 Credits
 - Remineralizing The Landscape = 1.5 Credits
 - Sustainable Landscape design = 1 Credit
 - Stormwater Management = 1.5 Credits
 - Building Garden Soil = 2 Credits
 - Uncommon Fruits = 1 Credit
 - Invasive Plants & Alternative Choice = 1 Credit
 - Raingardens = 1.5 Credits
- Landscaping To Improve Water Quality = 1.5 Credits
 - Ecological Lawns = 1.5 Credits

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March 6 (snow date March 7)

Organic Lawn & Turf Management Workshop: Training for DPW Staff at UCONN, Storrs, CT 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Lunch will be provided Cost: \$50, make checks payable to the Town of Mansfield
Registration Deadline: March 1, 2007 To Register: Contact Virginia Walton at 860-429-3333 Worth 4
AOLCP Credits.

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March 6 (snow date: March 8)

RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP UConn Extension Center , Rt. 154, Haddam, CT 7 to 9 PM Interested in installing a rain garden at your home? Rain gardens are fun, easy, and aesthetically pleasing~and they will make a real difference in your yard, neighborhood, and local watershed. Dr. Michael Dietz, UConn NEMO,s stormwater specialist, will introduce the guide *Rain Gardens in Connecticut : a Design Guide for Homeowners* and will talk about how to design, plant and maintain a rain garden. To join us at this exciting, and free, workshop, call the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District at (860) 346-3282 to register today (space is limited). *Worth 2 Credits.*

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March 8

2007 Perennial Plant Conference UCONN, Storrs, CT. contact Mark Brand telephone:(860) 486-2930, fax: (860) 486-0534 or email: mark.brand@uconn.edu (Best contact method)

- Garden Design and Plant Selection by Habitat - *1 Credit*
 - New and Exciting Perennials - *1 Credit*
 - Organic Materials in the Landscape - *1 Credit*
- Managing Diseases of Perennials in the Landscape - *0.5 Credits*
- Native Plants and Ecological Design: Myths and Realities - *1 Credit*
- GOOD BONES: Creating a Framework for the Garden - *0.5 Credits*

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March 9

2007 Conference for the Home Gardener UCONN Storrs, CT. \$80 per person (post marked before 3/2) \$90 per person (post marked after 3/2) Walk-ins are welcome. If you have questions about the conference: please contact Richard McAvoy telephone:(860) 486-0627 or email: richard.mcavoy@uconn.edu.

- Surmounting the Site Challenged Garden *Worth 0.5 Credits*
- MORE THAN A PRETTY FACE: Native Alternatives to Invasive Exotic Plants *Worth 1 Credit*

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March 9

First Detector Training for National Plant Diagnostic Network UMass Campus Center Rm 904, Amherst, MA. Hosted by UMass Extension's Plant Diagnostic Laboratory 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. The National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) was created to enhance national agricultural biosecurity by the early detection of introduced pests and pathogens. NPDN is a national network of Land Grant Universities linked by a cohesive system designed to quickly detect and disseminate information concerning high consequence plant pathogens, arthropods, weeds, and other biological pests. The function of NPDN is not to implement quarantines or other regulatory actions relating to pests of concern, but to facilitate the early detection and identification of select agents. A First Detector is anyone who, in the course of their duties, is in a position to notice unusual outbreaks such as Extension personnel, crop consultants, pest control advisers, agriculture inspectors, National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff, green industry professionals, Master Gardeners, and growers. [PDF information sheet](#) Contact Kathleen M. Carroll - Program Coordinator 413-545-0895 kcarroll@umext.umass.edu or Doreen York - Program Support 413-545-2254 dyork@pssci.umass.edu *Worth 3.5 Credits.*

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March 10, 2007

Cultivating an Organic Connecticut Conference Windsor High School, Windsor, CT. 8:30AM - 4:45PM.

Each of the following workshops is worth 1.25 credits.

- Session 1: Managing Good and Bad Bugs
- Session 1: Permaculture: Moving Towards Sustainability
- Session 1: Reading The Landscape: The Art & Science of Seeing
 - Session 1: Grow Your Own Historic Garden
 - Session 2: How to Make and Use Compost
 - Session 3: The Dirt on Soil
- Session 3: Sustainable Management of your Connecticut Woods
 - Session 3: Earthworms and Soil Health

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March 10

Beetle Farmer Workshop Branford, CT - Blackstone Memorial Library Sponsored by the Menunkatuck Audubon Society. 10 a.m. until noon. 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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March 12

ORGANICS AND YOU: MAKING THE SWITCH: A Workshop for Land Care Professionals & Municipal Employees Aspray Boat House, 2 East View Street Warwick, RI. 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Schools, athletic fields, play areas and parks are especially important to maintain by healthy, child-friendly methods. Learn basic skills or enhance those you have so you can satisfy the many customers who prefer less toxic services, especially for areas where children play. The fee for the workshop is \$30.00 per person, including lunch. Pre-registration is requested, and may be done online at: <http://www.toxicsinfo.org/register.htm> OR: Send a request with your check (made out to Toxics Information Project) to TIP, P.O. Box 40441, Providence, RI 02940. For more information & directions, contact Liberty Goodwin, TIP Director, 401-351-9193 or liberty@toxicsinfo.org *Worth 2.25 AOLCP Credits.*

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