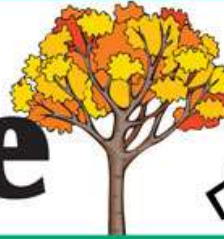


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To enhance and protect Connecticut's green industry businesses.

Our Vision:

Improving landscapes and horticulture in Connecticut.

Our Goals:

- Advocacy
- Education
- Member Service/Value
- Community and Public Relations

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Congratulations to the CANP Graduates!

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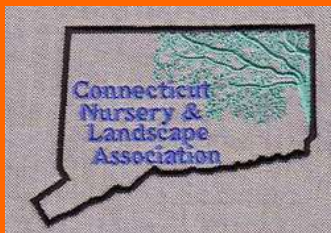
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CNLA Member Benefit: **Representation of CNLA Interests** **at the State Capitol & More**

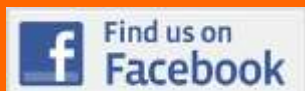
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AmericanHort Update

In late September, Congress passed and President Obama signed a temporary measure to fund the federal government through December 9. Unfortunately, the temporary measure did not renew the H-2B returning worker exemption.

While the returning worker provision expired on October 1, there is one more window of opportunity for Congress to act. Congress has until December 9 to figure out how to fund the government going forward. In doing so, they have one more opportunity to renew the H-2B returning worker exemption before the peak of landscape applications begin the process just after Christmas.

If Congress includes the returning worker exemption in its spending plan, disruption during this coming spring season may be minimized. If they don't, the landscape industry alone, and other H-2B reliant industries, may see very serious seasonal labor shortages. These shortages don't just hurt H-2B users; the impact of landscape labor shortages ripples through the supply chain and growers, especially, will be hurt as well.

Bottom line: landscape businesses, growers, garden retailers, landscape distributors, and suppliers will be negatively affected if Congress fails to recognize the unique needs of seasonal industries. Please act now to let your elected representatives know that our industry needs a functional H-2B program. Urge that Congress must include the H-2B returning worker provision in the spending agreement that must be reached by December 9.

MOST IMPORTANT - Call your Senators and Representative. If you do not know their direct numbers, you can reach them through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 225-3121. Once connected to the office, ask to speak to the person who handles H-2B issues and tell him or her how important the H-2B program is to you. **Ask them to urge their party leadership to include an H-2B returning worker exemption and H-2B regulatory relief in a continuing resolution and/or final spending bills for the Departments of Homeland Security and Labor.**

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

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The Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association brings together Connecticut's largest green industry trade show. Don't miss out on two days of educational programs and the opportunity to meet with vendors in your area!

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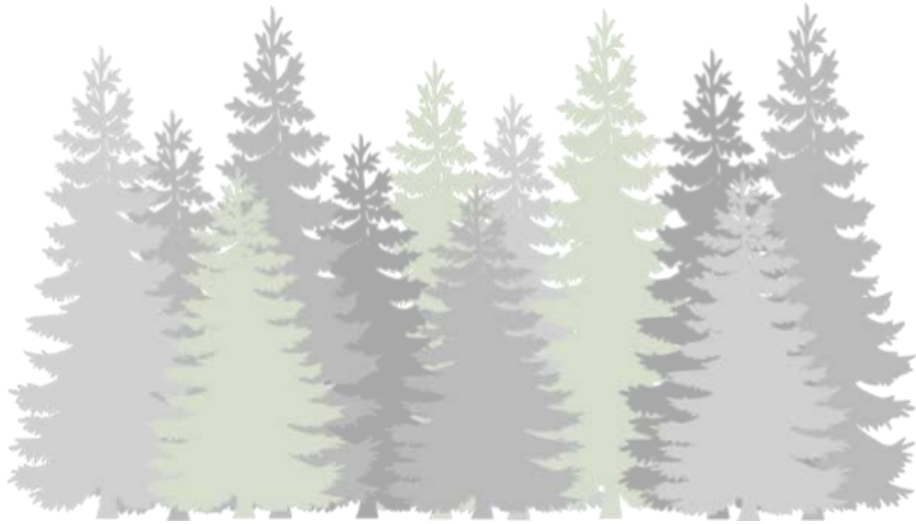
When: Wednesday-Thursday, January 25-26, 2017

Where: Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT

Why attend:

- Central Location
- Large two-day trade show
- Relevant educational programs
 - Labor Law
 - Invasive Insects
 - Best Practices
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January 25-26, 2017

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MANTS **1/11/17-1/13/17** | *Baltimore, MD*

CNLA Winter Symposium & Expo
1/25/17-1/26/17 | *Aqua Turf Club*

CT Flower & Garden Show
2/23/17-2/26/17 | *CT Convention Center*



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