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For CNLA Members: The State's Top Labor Law Expert at Your Service!

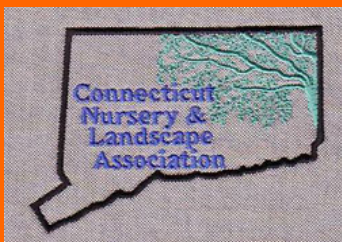
Got a labor problem, but don't have the answer? A CNLA member benefit allows you to phone Attorney Bob Noonan, at no cost. Bob has advised more than 10,000 companies over the years when he served as counsel to CBIA. He's an expert on CT and federal labor rules. And, if he can't answer your question, he'll find a way to get you to the right information. Wage and hour, unemployment, problem employees, etc.



This service is provided by your dues investment in CNLA. This service is only for quick answers to labor issues. For labor problems requiring more extensive work, Bob Noonan can refer you to a specialist.

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Become a closer part of our
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Renew Your Membership Dues Today!

Payable by October 1

All members, including education and research members, must renew their membership to continue receiving the many benefits of being a CNLA member:

- Discounted Rates for Quality Education Programs & Trade Shows
- Free Legal Advice from CT's Top Labor Attorney
- Government Relations Activity on Your Behalf & More!

CNLA Membership Year:
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

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SAVE THE DATE: CNLA 2017 Winter Symposium & Expo

Wednesday - Thursday
January 25-26, 2017
The Aqua Turf Club
Plantsville, CT

Exhibitor Information & Registration coming soon!

In Memory of Peter Sellew

A tribute written by Mark Sellew

My Father, Peter Sellew passed away on August 9th, two weeks shy of his 88th birthday. He lived a healthy and full life until the end, dying from complications of bladder cancer.



Peter was the founder of Prides Corner Farms. He left a job in New York City in 1979 to pursue his love of farming, starting Prides as a greenhouse tomato operation. He quickly switched to nursery stock and talked me into helping him in 1980. At that time I had just graduated from the Cornell Ag School and had every intention of pursuing my education further.

Thankfully, Peter talked me out of that.

In those early years I remember one of my first jobs was selling decorated Alberta Spruce trees on the streets of New York during the Christmas season. I don't want to tell you how that turned out. Let's just say it was the first of many humbling experiences for our new business. We struggled mightily in those early years, making too many mistakes to count. But, we built slowly on those experiences and the hard wisdom my father was famous for dispensing.

One thing I am thankful for is that my Dad insisted that I go to meet and visit all of you. Initially I resisted. In those early years, I thought it was all about the product, just grow it and the customers would come to us. I could not have been more incorrect. Peter taught me it is really all about the customer and that has been my guiding light for all these years.

Peter and I had our share of arguments. He could be tough as nails and would doggedly and vocally defend his point of view. He was a man who abhorred vacations. He could not understand why anyone would want to take a vacation or even deserved to take one. It is a revealing glimpse of the man who was never as happy as when he was focused on a goal and working to make it happen. It was the only fun he needed.

Peter was the ultimate entrepreneur, constantly looking for new opportunities and angles that he was driven to explore. He had a laser beam focus when pursuing a new idea and the persuasive power of an evangelist...even if you didn't believe when he approached you with an idea you found it hard not to be fired up after he finished with own special powers of persuasion. With this restless, entrepreneurial spirit, Peter moved on from Prides in the 1980's but was hardly finished. In the ensuing decades he created more than 10 new businesses, many with my brothers and sister. They included composting, waste management, wood working, commercial fishing and garlic production just to name just a few!

He was a unique, wise man in so many ways. I will miss you Dad. Thank you for all that you have done and for the shining legacy you have left for all of us.

Mark



Our Trees Need YOUR Help

By: Nancy DuBrule



Trees in CT are having a rough time right now. We have been experiencing dry conditions for a long time. The emerald ash borer is slowly killing our ash trees. This was a bad year for gypsy moth caterpillars; in many towns, trees were defoliated.

There is ONE thing that you can do to help our trees that is easy and very basic- STOP VOLCANO MULCHING! I am chagrined when I arrive at a new client's house for a consultation week after week only to see the mulch piled up around the trunk of their trees. This is WRONG and will slowly, eventually kill the trees.

Directly inside the bark of all trees is the phloem layer. This moves food (sap, which is water filled with sugars and nutrients) from the leaves to the roots. Inside the phloem layer is the xylem layer, this carries water and nutrients up from the roots to the leaves and branches. When you pile mulch up around the trunk of a tree, you kill the bark. If the bark is killed in a complete circle around the tree, the tree is girdled, meaning the movement of water and nutrients stops in both directions.

All trees have what is called a "root flare". This is where the trunk flares outwards as it reaches the ground. This should always be exposed to the air. Adding a circle of mulch around trees isn't wrong. Just keep it away from the trunk, leaving an open circle of at least 3-6" around the bark at all times.

Most of my clients don't know the danger of volcano mulching to their beloved trees. When I visit their properties and pull the mulch away from the trunks, they always ask me "why doesn't the landscaper know this?" I thought all landscapers did know this, but obviously, it is such a common practice that I can see that many don't. Teach every person on your

landscape maintenance and mulching crews how to properly mulch around trees. **Stop volcano mulching** and help our trees remain strong and healthy.

Phloem:

The layer next to the outer bark is called the inner bark or phloem (FLOW-um). The phloem acts as a food supply line from the leaves to the rest of the tree. Sap (water containing dissolved sugars and nutrients) travels down from the leaves through channels in the phloem to the branches, trunk and roots, supplying all the living parts of the tree with food. If you were to cut a band around the trunk through the bark and phloem, the tree would probably die. That's because the phloem would be severed and food could no longer flow to the lower trunk and roots

Sapwood/Xylem:

The layer next to the cambium is called the sapwood or xylem. Each year the cambium adds new layers of woody tissue; the sapwood is made up of the youngest layers of wood. The sapwood is a network of thick-walled cells that forms a pipeline, carrying water and minerals up the tree from the roots to the leaves and other parts of the tree. The sapwood also stores nutrients and transports them across the tree, from one part to another.



Millane Nurseries/Petrowsky Equipment Auction

On-site Auction with Petrowsky Auctioneers of North Franklin
Saturday, October 15th
9:00 AM
604 Main Street
Cromwell, CT

It will be mainly a 3-part auction:

- Maintenance & Repair Equipment, Tools, Parts, Supplies & Materials
 - Arc Welders; Lifts & Hoists; Gas & Electric Power Tools; Air, Welding, Hydraulic & Hand Tools; Ladders, a plethora of Assortment Kits & Fasteners; Lubricants, Tires, & endless Tractor & Truck Parts...
- Vehicles and Equipment including Storage Units and Farm Supplies & Materials
 - 75 Trucks, Trailer & Tractors, along with about 50 attachments (like tree spades, B&B Ball Grabber/Movers, Mowers, Sprayers), Sheds & Sea/Land Storage Containers, Outhouses, Oak Pallets, Lockers, Retail Pull carts, Landscape Supplies, Nursery Materials...
- Office Furniture, Equipment, Appliances, Electronics & Supplies
 - Desks, File cabinets, Chairs, Tables, Appliances, Dell XP PC's w/ Flat Screens, HP LaserJet Network Printers, UPS Battery Backups and Office Supplies Galore...

CANP Students Attend Plant ID Workshop



The Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional Program students attended a Plant ID Workshop on Saturday at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Valley Lab in Windsor. Thank you to Emily Magazzi, CANP and Amanda Pezzullo, CANP of the CANP Committee for volunteering their time with the students. A big thank

you to the staff at the Valley Lab who continue to support CNLA and our program.

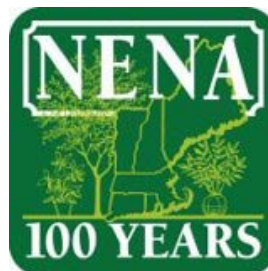
Calling All Future CNLA Leaders



The Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association will be looking for members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of members from around the state who volunteer their time and talents to help guide the direction of the organization. Serving on the Board would not only set you apart from others in the industry, it would allow you to be integrally involved in the future goals and objectives of the CNLA.

The Board meets approximately eight times throughout the year to present, discuss and/or vote on CNLA business. If you would like to be considered for a Board appointment, please reply directly to the CNLA Executive Office at info@cnla.biz indicating your interest by November 11th. Your name will then be submitted to the nominating committee.

NENA Young Nursery Professional Award Candidate Submissions



The CNLA Board will be selecting award recipients at their November Board

Meeting for the NENA's Young Professionals Award. This award will be presented during the CNLA Annual Meeting at the 2017 Winter Symposium & Expo - January 25-26, 2017 @ The Aqua Turf Club.

If you would like to nominate a candidate for consideration, please see the criteria below and send in any perspective candidates to the Executive Office, info@cnla.biz by Friday, November 11th.

Criteria:

The NENA's Young Professionals Award recognizes, honors, and encourages participation, achievement and growth by individuals in the industry who meet the following criteria:

- has not yet reached the age of 40
- has shown involvement in his or her state association
- has contributed to the success of his or her company
- and has portrayed a positive image of the nursery industry to the public

Pictures from "The Gathering"

Thank you to the Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation for hosting "The Gathering" at Chamard Vineyards on Saturday, September 10th. A great time was had by all. Please enjoy some pictures below.





Organic Turf & Athletic Fields: Advanced Workshop

**PASS THE WORD TO A GARDEN LOVER, TOWN LAND MANAGER, OR A
LANDSCAPING PRO**

**Organic Turf and Athletic Fields: An Advanced Workshop presented by
NOFA's Organic Land Care Program**

Thursday, September 22, 2016 ~ 8:30am-4:00pm in Cheshire, CT.

The NOFA Organic Land Care Program is pleased to organize this Advanced Workshop featuring experts in organic lawns and landscaping. They will discuss organic products and fertility, give hands-on demonstrations, and informative presentations that can transform your businesses, schools, homes and towns. Frank Crandall and Chip Osborne will present on creating organic management plans and budgeting for the expense of equipment and organic inputs. Staff from the Cheshire Parks and Recreation Department will outline their process to manage organic athletic fields and parks in Cheshire. Field demonstrations will include turf aeration with Tom Corradino from Schmidt's and Serafines and compost tea spraying with Peter Schmidt from Compostwerks. Organic fertility will be discussed with industry experts like Fred Newcomb from PJC Organics, Peter Schmidt from Compostwerks and others to be confirmed. \$80 per person / \$70 for municipal and nonprofit employees. Get the details and sign up: www.organiclandcare.net.

Practical Applications in Greenhouse Nutrient Management

**Wednesday, September 27, 2016
Jones Auditorium, CAES
123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT**

This educational program will feature the following topics for greenhouse growers:

Crop Insurance options to manage farm risk,

Joseph Bonelli, Associate Extension Educator, UConn Extension

How to Maintain, Calibrate and Clean your Fertilizer and Chemigation Injector, Lela Kelly, Dosatron International *Lela will take you through why maintenance and calibration are so important, and show you how easy it can be.*

Managing nutrient levels for container crops. Ryan Dickson, University of New Hampshire *Trouble shooting up's and down's of pH and nutrient levels.*

Selecting fertilizers: Step by Step, Rosa Raudales, University of Connecticut *Practical case studies on how to choose the right fertilizer and the right dose for your crops.*

Water and media testing, Rosa Raudales and Ryan Dickson *Rosa and Ryan will discuss the principles of in-house testing and demonstrate how to do it correctly.*

*** 4.75 Pesticide Recertification Credits have been approved in categories PA, 3A**

View program and form online at: http://ipm.uconn.edu/pa_greenhouse/ and look under 'educational programs'. **\$25.00 per person (by check only)**

Registration fee of \$25 per person includes: handouts, refreshments, lunch.

For more information, contact:

Leanne Pundt, UConn Extension, 860-626-6855, leanne.pundt@uconn.edu

Rosa Raudales, UConn, 860-486-6043, rosa.raudales@uconn.edu

This program is a cooperative effort of UConn Extension and the Risk Management Agency/USDA, CNLA, CGKA

UConn to Host Major Invasive Plant Conference on October 11th

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Student Union, UConn

Storrs, CT

8 AM - 4:30 PM

The symposium agenda and online registration are available at www.cipwg.uconn.edu. Early registration is \$50 (postmarked on or before September 12); regular registration is \$60 (postmarked AFTER September 12 or for walk-in registrations). Student fee (with valid student ID) is \$25. Registration includes parking and lunch. In addition, Pesticide Recertification and other Continuing Education Credits will be available. Attendees are advised to register early, as the last symposium had record attendance and sold out with 500 attendees.

On-line registration is preferred, but if you would like to pay by check, please visit the CIPWG website at www.cipwg.uconn.edu to download the registration form and mail it in with your payment. For additional information, contact Donna Ellis at 860-486-6448; donna.ellis@uconn.edu.

Upcoming Industry Events

Organic Turf & Athletic Fields: Advanced Workshop

9/22/16 | Cheshire, CT

Practical Applications in Greenhouse Management

9/27/16 | Jones Auditorium

Invasive Plant Conference
10/11/16 | UConn

New England Grows
11/30-12/2/16 | Boston, MA

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

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

