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### CNLA/CGGA WINTER SYMPOSIUM NEXT MONTH



The State's largest Green Industry Trade Show is conveniently located at Manchester Community College on January 14th and 15th!

Topics include Landscape Efficiency/Profitable Nursery Practices (Dwight Hughes Nursery and Landscaping), Favorite Perennials (Anna Ball-Ball Horticulture), Results of Studies on Garden Tourism/ Findings from the Garden Trail in Connecticut (Dr. Richard Benfield-Central CT), Testing Results from UCONN on Barberry and Euonymus (Dr. Mark Brand-UCONN), Natives and Permaculture/Carbon Sequestering (Dale Hendricks-Green Light Plants), Marketing (Rochelle Carrington-Sandler Training), Lean Practices (Gerson Cortes-FlowVision) and Practical Tree Identification (Dr. Jeff Ward-CT Ag Experiment Station).

Over five hours of education for Spanish speaking personnel on the 15th!

*Keep an eye out for updates on dinner with the speakers, to be posted shortly!*

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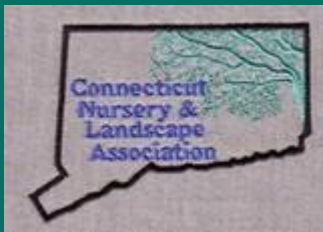
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The CNLA Officers and Board of Directors are pleased to announce that Linda Kowalski and The Kowalski Group, LLC will be providing Interim Association Management Team Services for the CNLA as the Board continues its search for a full time Executive Director. Bob Heffernan has now officially retired and moved to Vermont to be an Innkeeper. We wish him well in his new endeavor!

The CNLA office remains located in Monroe staffed by Judy Falcon. The Kowalski Group Team will continue to offer lobbying and interim association management team services from their Hartford Offices and can be reached at the following The Kowalski Group e-mail addresses and office number (860) 246-4346:

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We look forward to working together to ensure a smooth transition!

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The holidays are a time for giving and many volunteers help out in Hartford one Saturday morning to assist in a fun event. On November 30th, UConn College of Agriculture & Natural Resources students, 4-H members, and UConn Master Gardeners joined with Connecticut's Greenhouse, Nursery and Landscape Industry to decorate

and place CT Grown products throughout the Governor's Residence. UConn was led by Extension staff member Stacey Stearns who got the students organized in decorating for the holidays.

The morning was filled with great energy and laughter as decorations were being put up. Many mantles, rooms, and trees were beautifully decorated throughout the morning. Both the volunteers and Governor along with Mrs. Malloy very much enjoyed the fun-filled morning.



## CANP 2013 - HIGHEST PASS RATE EVER!

The CNLA Education Committee would like to thank all of the students and instructors that participated in this year's class at Southington High School. The 2013 Class had the best graduation rate in ever. 34 out of the 62 students that took the exam exceeded the 70% needed to pass the course for a 54% pass rate.

Congratulations to all and we look forward to seeing all graduates when they receive their certificates at this year's Winter Symposium at Manchester Community College January 14 and 15.



## FARM ENERGY CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, November 5th, in collaboration with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and Department of Agriculture, UCONN held a Farm Energy Conference. Attendance was strong with over 60 people present.

The purpose of the conference was to connect producers in all

segments of agriculture with officials who have critical resources needed to offset ever increasing energy costs. This was reported as a major issue by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Steven Reviczky, from the Governor's Council on Agricultural Development.

The Commissioner of DEEP, Daniel Esty, provided an excellent breakdown of DEEP might be able to work with farmers to reduce their energy inputs, and constructive suggestions on how to do so while reducing paperwork and lead time.

Other speakers included Dr. Gregory Weidemann, Dean of UCONN's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Richard Peterson from Northeast Agriculture Technology Corporation and Richard Parnas from UCONN, Thomas Manning from Rutgers University.

Both Commissioners agreed that collaboration among private industry and state government organizations is critical to the advancement of Connecticut Agriculture.

## **CNLA Nominations & Annual Meeting 2014 Official Notice to Members**

Members of the Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association will meet for their annual meeting at 4:00pm, January 14, 2014, at Manchester Community College in Manchester CT to transact the following business, hear committee reports, and make awards, among other items:

**Dues Proposal.** The Board of Directors recommends a one-year extension of the dues rate to charge \$100 introductory dues to companies that previously have never been members before. This would again apply to Regular, Allied, and Affiliate member categories.

**Nominations.** The CNLA Nominations Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2014-2015:

**President:** Kevin Sullivan CANP, Chestnut Hill Nursery, Stafford Springs

**Vice President:** Darryl Newman CANP, Planters' Choice Nursery, Newtown

**Treasurer:** Jason Scire CANP, VanWilgen's Garden Center, North Branford

**Secretary:** Brian Kogut, Kogut Nursery, Meriden

Past President: David Taddei, CANP, Mountainview  
Landscaping LLC, Hamden

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>> Robert St. Jacques, Four Seasons Landscaping, Windsor

>> Vickie Wallace, U-Conn Extension, Norwich

>> Bob Blundon, Madison Earthcare Landscape

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