

# CNLA Update



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### Our Mission:

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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## CNLA Education Committee Would Like To Hear From You:

We hope you enjoy attending our programs.

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Summer Symposiums are only as strong as the feedback we receive from you. We appreciate your help with letting us know the topics you would like to see and any additional feedback. Thank you!



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## CNLA Legislative Update:

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From

Linda Kowalski & The Kowalski Group, LLC

March 7, 2016

The 2016 Legislative Session convened on Wednesday, February 3 and has been an extremely busy one thus far for CNLA. The session is very fast-paced and partisan; once the adjournment occurs in early May, the focus will turn to the Fall elections where all 187 seats in the Connecticut House and Senate will be on the ballot.

Here are several key issues we are following for CNLA this Legislative - Session.

- Budget and Taxes
- Running Bamboo
- Pollinator Habits
- Idling Bill Runs Out of Steam
- Re. Dubitsky Visits Pride's Corner
- New Legislator

To Read the Full Report from The Kowalski Group, [click here](#).

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## AmericanHort®- Important Neonic Video Available:

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Source: AmericanHort®

As you know, organizations are fighting local/state neonic legislative and regulatory battles. *AmericanHort®* is working hard to provide resources

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to those who have asked for help, while being respectful of the local politics and nuances that may be in play.

For those interested; Dr. Richard Cowles, Connecticut Ag Experiment Station, gave an excellent instructional webinar yesterday. The webinar is now posted at the following site, where you/yours can view it:

<http://www.urbanforestrytoday.org/videos.html>

For context, Dr. Cowles is one of the researchers that received special Horticultural Research Institute funding as part of the GrowWise Bee Smart pollinator stewardship initiative. He is doing excellent work in this space, and provides similarly excellent insights in this video. Hope you find it helpful, either as an advocacy tool, or simply as an outreach and education resource for your own leaders.

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## CNLA Member in the News:

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Longtime CNLA Member, Barbara Yaeger, *ASLA, PLA, CANP*, of B. Yaeger LLC, is now the Vice President of the Experiment Station Associates and the President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA). Barbara also serves on the CNLA Education Committee for the Winter Symposium.

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## We Want To Know:

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### Help Us Share Your News!

- Send us highlights of your organization such as:

- Anniversaries

- Achievements
  - Promotions
  - Awards
  - Events
  - Milestones
- Send us topics/articles you would like featured in the updates.
  - Update us on new/interesting plants your organization might have.

Suggestions can be sent to CNLA by emailing [info@cnla.biz](mailto:info@cnla.biz).

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## UConn Extension-Sustainable Landscape Conference:

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### Pre-Registration Ends March 10th!

UConn Extension is sponsoring the **"Sustainable Landscape Conference (Formerly known as the Perennial Plant Conference. New conference name, same great program!) - A Conference for the Landscape and Horticultural Professional."** The conference will be held at the Lewis B. Rome Commons on the University of Connecticut Storrs campus on **Thursday, March 17, 2016.**

This all-day educational conference will address a wide range of topics focusing on plant production, sustainable landscape design, and retail marketing. Topics were selected to appeal to professional landscapers and designers, nursery producers, and retail garden centers. The conference will feature nationally recognized speakers from both industry and academia.

**Four pesticide recertification credits** will be offered for attendees from CT, RI, MA, ME, NH, and VT (pending state approval). Additional CEU's are available.

The speakers featured at the conference will include:

- **Lisa Cowan**, Principal and Lead Landscape Architect in Maine at Studioverde and **Irene Brady Barber**, founder of Greenscapes Design, who will be speaking on *Ecological Design Approaches for Tough Urban Spaces*.
- **Roy Diblik**, Co-owner of Northwind Perennial Farm in Burlington, Wisconsin, who will be speaking on *Perennial Plant Communities: "The Know Maintenance Approach"*.
- **Richard Harper**, UMass Extension Assistant Professor of Urban & Community Forestry, who will be presenting a talk entitled, *'Do It Yourself' Diagnostics*.
- **Debra Knapke**, "The Garden Sage", garden designer, author, and lecturer at Columbus State, Ohio, who will be speaking on *The Garden Aesthetic in a Time of Change*.
- **Angela Palmer**, Founder and Co-owner of Plants Nouveau LLC will discuss *Are You Prepared for the Cultural Shift? Marketing Plants to Future Generations*.

**Program and registration information, including online registration, is available at [www.2016slc.uconn.edu](http://www.2016slc.uconn.edu). A pre-registration fee of \$100 per person is due by March 10<sup>th</sup>.** The fee is \$110 per person if postmarked after March 10<sup>th</sup> or for walk-ins. **A registration discount of \$20 per person if registering groups of 3 or more together at the regular rate is available.** Student registration is \$25 with valid school ID. Registration is limited and nonrefundable. Please make checks payable to the **University of Connecticut and send to Donna Ellis, University of Connecticut, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, 1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4067, Storrs, CT 06269-4067.**

Included with your registration: an information packet, lunch in the Rome Commons dining room, morning and afternoon snacks, parking (in an adjacent lot to the conference), and an opportunity to meet speakers and purchase autographed books from the Sustainable Landscape Conference bookstore.

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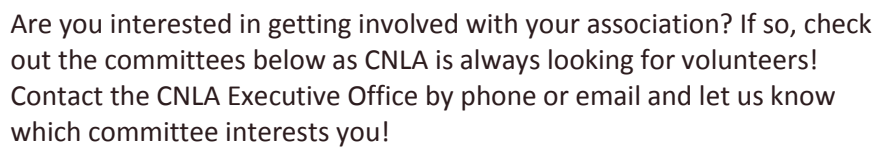
For more information contact Donna Ellis (phone 860-486-6448; email [donna.ellis@uconn.edu](mailto:donna.ellis@uconn.edu)) or visit our web site at [www.2016slc.uconn.edu](http://www.2016slc.uconn.edu).



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## CNLA Committees:

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- ## Free One-on-One Farmer Advising:

FREE One-on-One confidential meetings for one hour with an agri-business professional to discuss farm related issues to help your agri-business succeed. See attached [flyer](#) for speakers and program details for each site. Contact Mackenzie White at [Mackenzie.White@uconn.edu](mailto:Mackenzie.White@uconn.edu) or call 860-875-3331 Monday-Friday 9-5 for registration.



This Program is a cooperative effort of UConn Extension, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, and the Risk Management Agency/USDA.

<http://ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu/one-on-one.php>



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**Save the Date:**

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## UConn Extension State-Wide Agricultural Water Use Survey:

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UConn Extension is helping agricultural producers enhance water security and prepare for drought with the February launch of the first statewide agricultural water survey. The survey, the first effort to document water use in Connecticut agriculture, will be used to establish baseline standards for water use for all types of agricultural operations in each of the state's eight counties.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous, and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The project team also seeks agricultural operations to act as pilot sites for the installation of water meters to supplement existing data on water use.

Farm owners and managers who are interested in participating can find the survey at <https://goo.gl/PnFNbP>, or contact Angie Murdukhayeva ([angie@uconn.edu](mailto:angie@uconn.edu)) and visit <http://water.extension.uconn.edu> for more information.

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## Find Us on Social Media:

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Find us on Facebook by searching "Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association" and clicking the "like" button.

Follow us on Twitter by searching "@CNLA\_1907".

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### Upcoming Industry Events

*Share with us any of your upcoming events and we would be happy to help spread the word!*

Sustainable Landscape Conference

**3/17/16** | UConn Storrs Campus, Lewis B. Commons | 8am-4pm

[For more information, click here.](#)

CNLA Summer Meeting

**7/20/16** | Monrovia

Stay tuned for more information.

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### Classified Ads:

**FOR SALE** The Woodbury, Connecticut location of Young's Nurseries is now for sale, land and buildings for \$699,900. It is comprised of nearly 53 acres, a sales office and several barns that have been used for equipment and supplies. Additionally, there is an irrigation pond and the Nonnewaug river runs through the property. Easy access and highly visible. Contact Wendy Brazauskas 203-206-4397 or Marian Van Egas 203-228-0393, listing agents for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, for more information. [3/1/16]



**FOR SALE KUBOTA R-420:** Articulating machine with both hydraulically adjustable 46" forks and extended nursery bucket (4'6"x20") 39HP Turbo Diesel, 4WD, 6900 hours. 1 owner. The Kubota R-420 is one of the most dependable and versatile machines available. Perfect for nursery and landscape work. Asking \$18,500. Call Pete at East Haven Landscape Products 1-800-959-5112. [3/1/16]



**HELP WANTED MULTIPLE POSITIONS:** Sam Bridge Nursery is hiring. [Click here](#) to view job postings. [3/1/16]

**HELP WANTED HORTICULTURAL CREW LEADER:** Award-winning family owned design build residential landscape construction and maintenance company is seeking an experienced Horticultural Crew Leader with gardening and leadership expertise to join our outstanding Maintenance Division. As one of our Horticultural Crew Leaders you will have an incredible opportunity to manage your crew of horticulturists and garden on some of the most beautiful and prestigious landscapes in the New Haven County area. We specialize in organic lawn and landscape care. We are a NOFA certified Organic Landcare business. To see full job posting, [click here](#). [3/1/16]

**HELP WANTED INSIDE SALES REPRESENTATIVE (ISR):** Prides Corner Farms is seeking a motivated individual to join our team in the Inside Sales Department. At Prides Corner Farms we are constantly striving to offer the best customer service possible. Quality customer service is, after plant quality, the single most important commodity we offer. To see full job posting, [click here](#). [2/25/16]

**HELP WANTED TEAM LEADER PLANT HEALTH CARE SPECIALIST** Prides Corner Farms is seeking for a Team Leader Plant Health Care Specialist.

This individual will be required to report directly to the Plant Health manager. The individual will get instructions from the Plant Health manager, supervise and oversee the work of pesticide applicators paying special attention to safe handling practices and correct and timely applications, coordinate herbicides and spray applications with other departments, and update the Plant Health manager throughout the workday on the status of applications. To see full job posting, [click here](#). [2/25/16]

**HELP WANTED LANDSCAPE LABORER:** Madison Earth Care seeks a talented individual to join our established, full-service landscape company team. Position responsibilities include: -Perform landscaping (including spring & fall cleanups, pruning, installing plants and mulch). -Work along with crew members -Plant identification -Ability to use hand pruners - Insure quality level and completion of work within scheduled time -Speak openly with all team members -Operate backhoe/loader and skidsteer - Operate and maintain assigned vehicles, power equipment and hand tools -Ability to speak both English and Spanish fluently -Must have a valid drivers license within the United States -1-3 years of relevant experience. -Plant identification knowledge and previous maintenance experience is beneficial. -Looking for a responsible, detail oriented, pro-active, multi-tasker with a professional outlook. -This is full time position. Please call Angelo at 203.421.4358 and/or send resume to [angelo@madisonearthcare.com](mailto:angelo@madisonearthcare.com) or to Angelo Lupone, 1250A Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443. [2/19/16]

**HELP WANTED LANDSCAPE PROJECT/CREWS MANAGER:** Madison Earth Care's Landscaping Department is seeking a full -time, year round manager to supervise multiple landscape crews at various jobsites simultaneously. This is a hands on job, the person will be physically working on the job as well as coordinating with other jobsites. Candidates must be physically fit as this is a very active, physical job. The ideal candidate should be able to work alongside others, but also be capable of working independently. Communication skills, attention to detail, caring about customers' and plants' needs and basic plant knowledge are essential to the position. To see full job posting [click here](#). [2/19/16]

**HELP WANTED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER/ARCHITECT:** Madison Earth Care seeks a talented individual to join our established, Full-Service Landscape Design/Build Company. We have been in business for over 44 years are seeking a Landscape Designer/Architect, who is interested in Mid to High-End Residential Landscape Work (along with some Commercial Work). Applicants should have: - A Bachelors Degree in Landscape Architecture from an Accredited Program. - Proficiency in the use of AutoCAD, Photoshop, Word and Excel. (3d programs and Quickbooks is a plus) - Strong Design Skills - Strong Knowledge in Native Plant Materials and Hardscape Materials - Ability to Work out in the Field - Ability to

Efficiently lay out Planting and Hardscape Designs in the field - Ability to Engage well with Clients and other Disciplines We are looking for a responsible, detail oriented, pro-active, multi-tasker with a professional outlook, who is also a team player who works well with both the office staff and installation crews. (the ability to speak Spanish is a plus) This is full time position. Interested Applicants should email Resume and Work Samples to: [todd@madisonearthcare.com](mailto:todd@madisonearthcare.com) (No phone calls, please)  
[2/18/16]



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