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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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HAPPY. *Spring*

CNLA in Attendance, Ag Day at the Capitol:



Brian Kogut, CNLA President, and Dustyn Nelson, Director (pictured above), exhibited at Agriculture Day at the Capitol on March 16th. The event is organized by the Connecticut Agriculture Information Council in coordination with the CT Department of Agriculture. This is a chance for the agriculture industry to get in front of legislatures, to remind them of the importance of agriculture to our state. Kogut and Nelson met with

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many members of the legislature; stressing the priority of particular issues and the effects proposed legislation would have on our industry. The CNLA booth emphasized the economic importance of our industry, in addition to, the value of the Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional (CANP) program.

CNLA Yearbooks:



The CNLA Yearbooks have been issued and are also available to members as a web version by logging in to the members only section of the CNLA website, www.cnla.biz.

If you are unsure of your username and password or need to set one up, contact the CNLA Executive Office at 1-800-562-0610 or by email Info@cnla.biz.

Welcome New Members:

Spring Lake Garden Design
Sherman, CT

O'Hara's Nursery
Monroe, CT

AmericanHort® Updates:

Source: AmericanHort®

Seasonal Labor Delays Becoming a Hort Business Nightmare

Craig Regelbrugge



As feared, H-2A and H-2B program processing delays have begun to severely impact AmericanHort grower and landscape members who rely on these programs for legally authorized seasonal workers. Labor certification processing delays at the Department of Labor and

visa petition processing delays at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services could delay worker arrivals by 30 days or more.

AmericanHort is well aware of the enormous challenges, as delays challenge members' ability to deliver plants to customers and to meet contract expectations. We are working with similarly affected interests to bring pressure on the federal bureaucracy to implement emergency measures and streamline processes. Last week, AmericanHort met with several influential Congressional offices as well as deputy secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, to urge timely relief. More as the situation continues to develop.

States Consider Neonics & Pollinator Legislation

Jill Calabro, PhD



As reported previously, a number of state legislatures are considering bee, pollinator, and pesticide-related legislation despite the fact that EPA's risk assessments are a work in progress, and early results do not seem to justify hasty action.

As just one example, the Maryland Senate has passed a measure rendering neonicotinoids unavailable for consumer purchase in 2018. They would be available only for use by certified applicators, farmers, and veterinarians. If it passes the Maryland House, it would be the first measure of its kind in the U.S.

As the Maryland bill was considered in the Senate, a provision was dropped that would have required an informational label to accompany all plants, seeds, and nursery stock produced using neonicotinoids.

Other Links:

[House Agriculture Subcommittees Highlight Importance of Defending American Agriculture from Foreign Pests and Diseases](#)



Experiment Station Associates Workshops:

The Experiment Station Associates* announces the following 2 Hour workshops being held by the Scientist at the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station in the Jones Auditorium located at 123 Huntington Street , New Haven, CT 06504-1106

Please visit www.AgStationFriends.org for additional information

These workshops are free but registration is requested. Please email rsvp@agstationfriends.org with the title of the program in the header

Thursday April 14, 2016 3pm to 5pm

Pruning - An Introduction to Why, How and When

Dr. Sharon M. Douglas, Plant Pathologist, Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology

Proper pruning of woody ornamentals can be a daunting task for the homeowner. This discussion focuses on the whys and hows of pruning and will also include information on proper timing and equipment. The lecture will be followed by a demonstration of some pruning techniques.

Thursday May 19, 2016 3 PM to 5PM

Disease Diagnostics-How to Identify Common Plant Health Problems

Dr. Yonghao Li, Plant Pathologist, Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology

The process of identifying plant health problems can be simplified by following a logical progression of steps that integrate observations and information regarding the history of the symptomatic plant. This lecture will cover the basics and will be followed by a hands-on workshop to allow attendees to try their hand at identifying common problems on plants found in home yards and gardens.

Thursday April 21st from 7 to 9 PM

The Experiment Station Associates Annual Meeting

Dr. Kimberly Stoner will be speaking on Pollinators along with Debra Devries Dalton, ASLA on designing landscapes for Pollinators. All are welcome

**The Experiment Station Associates (ESA) was founded in 1990 to support the work of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) and make its research programs and many services better known.*



Nozzle & Herbicide Technology Workshop:

Boom Sprayer Workshop - East Windsor, CT

What's the Latest Technology for Nozzles and Herbicides?

Date: March 30, 9:00 am - 3:15 pm

Scout Hall Youth Center, 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor, CT 06088

[Click Here for More Information](#)



About the Speaker:

Bob Wolf recently retired as the Application Technology Specialist in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department at Kansas State University. His major emphasis is with technologies related to the application of pesticides with aerial,

commercial and grower ground, and turf application equipment. He also focuses on evaluating technologies associated with the minimization of spray drift.

We Want To Know:



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.

CNLA Committees:



Are you interested in getting involved with your association? If so, check out the committees below as CNLA is always looking for volunteers! Contact the CNLA Executive Office by phone or email and let us know which committee interests you!

- Program Committee
 - Summer Meeting
 - Winter Meeting
 - CANP
 - Landscaping
- Membership Committee
- Legislative Committee

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 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>



Save the Date:



2016 CNLA Summer Meeting

Wednesday, July 20th
@ Monrovia
41 Floydville Road | Granby, CT

SAVE THE DATE

Find Us on Social Media:



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

Follow us on Twitter by searching "@CNLA_1907".

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.](#)

UConn Turfgrass Field Day
7/19/16 | Plant Science Research & Education Facility, Storrs, CT
[For more information, click here.](#)

CNLA Summer Meeting
7/20/16 | Monrovia
Stay tuned for more information.

[RMA Calendar of Events](#)

Classified Ads:

HELP WANTED GARDEN CENTER/NURSERY SALES SPECIALIST: Full time, year round nursery sales specialist position available at a fast paced, highly regarded garden center. Seeking motivated, energetic individual with a positive, friendly and approachable attitude. Must be knowledgeable in annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs. Position includes nursery stock sales, receiving, merchandising and maintenance in yard and greenhouse. Benefits (insurance, vacation, sick & holiday pay, 401K) provided. Prior retail & nursery experience a must. Apply in person at: Agway of Southington, 1198 Queen Street, Southington, CT 06489 [3/15/16]

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 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/Arcjitect, 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 (No phone
calls, please) [2/18/16]



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