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Look for the launch of the new website: www.cnla.biz the first week of June!

Linda Kowalski and The Kowalski Group are pleased to report that during our tenure as Interim Exec. Secretary providing team management services, we have been working to re-develop content and launch a new, stand-alone website for the CNLA. We plan to launch the new updated CNLA Website the first week of June. We thank our board members, Brian Kogut and Darryl Newman, for their support on the project. We will be sending the CNLA Members, in good standing, an individual email with your unique login and password to the members only section. This will enable you to read the most recent edition of the CNLA Magazine that we worked to publish. We will notify our dues paying CNLA members by email of the website launch and send you a link to the new site. As with all websites, the site will be a place for ongoing updates about CNLA events and information.

Exciting News from UCONN

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Christian Alejandro Chiriboga, Assistant Extension Educator for Nursery IPM, to the UConn IPM Program team. Alejandro starts immediately and will be a faculty member of the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture at the UConn Storrs campus. Dr. Chiriboga is a post-doc from Ohio State University and looks forward to visiting Connecticut nurseries and garden centers in the near future as he begins to develop his Nursery IPM Extension program. Alejandro can be reached at 860-486-0866; his email is christian.chiriboga@uconn.edu and the web site is: www.ipm.uconn.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Oct 7, 2014 - CIPWG Symposium

The 2014 Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) Symposium will be held on Tuesday, October 7th at the UConn Storrs campus. The theme of the 7th biennial conference is "Invasive Plants 2014: Where Are We Now?" The event will be held in a new location: the UConn Student Union on Hillside

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Road, Storrs, CT. On-line registration and the full symposium program will be available on the CIPWG website soon (www.cipwg.uconn.edu).

All Quiet at the State Capitol, for a while...



With the General Assembly adjourning, it is amazing how quiet the State Capitol is as we move into the summer. Right now, Governor Dan Malloy is reviewing the many bills that were passed in the final days to determine which ones he will sign into law, veto or let become law without his signature. We believe he will sign an overwhelming number of these bills into law. In most cases, when a veto occurs it is because of improper language drafted in the bill or that there could be unforeseen consequences of the final legislation. We will let you know if any vetoed bills are held for a Special Session to consider an override-something that does not frequently happen. Today, the Governor said he would veto a bill relating to the taking of Glass Eels. Current law prohibits fishing for the eels but this prohibition (and \$250 fine) were repealed in House Bill 5417. No word yet if the General Assembly will attempt to override this veto.

. . . But Getting Very Heated on the Political Front

The state parties have held their conventions and the fall elections are taking shape. Incumbent Governor Dan Malloy and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman will run again as the Democratic nominees. They recently qualified for public financing of their campaign. Republicans, meanwhile, will have to wait until an August primary for their nominee to be chosen. Candidates are 2010 nominee Tom Foley, Senate Minority Leader John McKinney and Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton. Three Republicans are also vying for the Lt. Governor's spot. Conventional wisdom holds that the gubernatorial race will be close, like it was in 2010. Democrats, meanwhile, are poised to retain their five congressional seats and maintain control of both the Connecticut House and Senate.

Plant Health Provisions in the 2014 Federal



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Farm Bill

We have received the following information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding the 2014 Farm Bill, Public Law 113-79:

The language of the new Farm Bill consolidates Sections 10201 (Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Programs) and 10202 (National Clean Plant Network) of the 2008 Farm Bill under Section 10007. It also gives additional funding to these programs. For fiscal year (FY) 2014 through FY 2017, Section 10007 will provide \$62.5 million annually for Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Programs, including the National Clean Plant Network (NCPN), with a minimum of \$5 million allocated to the NCPN. For FY 2018 and thereafter, the funding will increase to \$75 million annually. Cooperators who will submit project suggestions to prevent the introduction or spread of plant pests and diseases that threaten U.S. agriculture and the environment or seek funding to implement NCPN activities in FY 2015 and beyond will do so under Section 10007.

CNLA will continue to work with the state Department of Agriculture and UCONN to see what funding might be available here in the state.

Quarantine over Ash Borer in Massachusetts

Our sister organization, the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association, apprises that a quarantine is occurring in Essex County over the discovery of emerald ash borer. This invasive wood-boring pest attacks ash trees and is responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of ash throughout the US.

Federal authorities have determined that while eradication of EAB is not feasible, quarantine is an important step in slowing the spread of this pest, allowing communities to prepare in advance and make the best decisions about how to manage ash trees before they are impacted.

The quarantine order means that certain products will be restricted from moving outside the regulated area, including all hardwood firewood (any piece of wood smaller than 48"), all ash nursery stock, and any ash lumber that has not been treated. Proper wood treatments include the removal of bark and half an inch of wood, dry kiln sterilization, fumigation, and heat treatments.

Save the Date:

CNLA SUMMER FIELD DAY IS JULY 16th

Jason Scire is the Chair of this year's event to be held at VanWilgen's Garden Center in North Branford. More information to follow.

2014 Christmas Tree Insect Survey Project - Your Help is Needed

UConn scientists, in collaboration with The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the USDA, are conducting a survey project during the 2014 summer to determine whether these exotic longhorned beetles are present at Christmas tree farms in western Connecticut. They are looking for 25 Christmas tree growers in the four western counties (Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties) to participate in a detection survey for the brown spruce longhorned beetle and the black spruce beetle. Traps will be placed and monitored during the survey period from June through August (Figures 3 and 4). In 2013, UCONN conducted a similar survey for the longhorned beetles in the four eastern Connecticut counties (Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham). All results were negative, as the two exotic species of longhorned beetles were not found during the 2013 survey.

Exotic beetles threaten Connecticut's environment and green industry. The brown spruce longhorned beetle (*Tetropium fuscum*) is native to Europe and Siberia but has been introduced in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in North America. In its native range, brown spruce longhorned beetle larvae bore into tips of spruce, fir, pine, and larch. Feeding damage leads to heavy resin flow and dieback of branches, which may severely injure or kill trees with extensive feeding by the insects. The black spruce beetle (*Tetropium castaneum*) is native to Europe and Asia. Black spruce beetle larvae attack the lower trunks of fir, spruce, pine, and larch. To date, neither exotic insect has been found to occur in the US, but the beetles have been intercepted several times in the past 20 years on wood products and general cargo. The brown spruce longhorned beetle and the black spruce beetle could become potential new pests of Christmas trees if they become established in the state.

If you are interested in participating in this important survey, the project sponsors will place one insect pheromone trap at each of 25 Christmas tree farms and monitor the traps every

two weeks between June 1 and August 31. Please contact Jude Hsiang (email judith.hsiang@uconn.edu; phone 203-407-3167) or Donna Ellis (email donna.ellis@uconn.edu; phone 860-486-6448) to sign up or if you would like more information.

[Click on this link for more information and for the complete article.](#)

A Message from Jennifer D'Angelo at Heartland Payment Systems:

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Summer Courses in Horticulture: NVCC

Summer courses are being offered at Naugatuck Valley Community College. Classes start on June 2, 2014. To register online go to : www.nv.edu/admissions

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