

# 2026 CNLA WINTER SYMPOSIUM – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

	Growers	Garden Centers	Landscapers
8:00-8:30am	Registration/Continental Breakfast		
8:30-9:30am	<b>Management Strategies for Controlling Gray Mold in the Nursery*</b> <b>Charles Krasnow</b> UConn Extension *Pesticide Credit	<b>How to Grow Into the Future</b> <b>Kaitlyn Larson Parker</b> Larson's Garden Center & Landscaping	<b>Spring Strategies for Landscape Weeds</b> <b>Maureen Kahiu</b> Extension Educator of Turfgrass & Weed Ecology, UCONN
9:30-10:30am	<b>From Red-headed Flea Beetle to Box Tree Moth: An Update on Emerging and Key Pests in Ornamentals*</b> <b>Alejandro Del-Pozo, PhD.</b> Virginia Tech *Pesticide Credit	<b>Law and Enforcement: What's Changing &amp; How it Affects You</b> <b>Bob Noonan</b> Robert Noonan & Associates	<b>Beyond Leaf Blowers: Electric Outdoor Power Equipment That is Ready for Professionals</b> <b>Chris Smith</b> Makita USA <b>Joe Pagano</b> Milwaukee Tool <b>Hugh Jefferies</b> STIHL
10:30-11:15am	Exhibitor Break		
11:15-12:15pm	<b>Biosolutions for Growers*</b> <b>Jeremy Webber, CCH</b> Koppert Biological Systems *Pesticide Credit	<b>What's Happening Now! Roundtable</b> <b>Kaitlyn Larson Parker</b> Larson's Garden Center & Landscaping <b>Emily Whalen, CCH</b> Scott's Orchard and Nursery <b>Courtney Kowalski, CCH</b> Holdridge Farm Nursery <b>Meghan Burnett</b> Burnett's Country Gardens <b>Teri Smith, CCH</b> Smith's Acres	<b>Landscaper's Roundtable: Building Teams, Managing Subs &amp; Exceeding Customer Expectations</b> <b>James Doyle</b> Innovative Lawn & Landscape <b>Josh Bahler</b> Bahler Bros
12:15-12:30pm	CNF Annual Meeting		
12:30-1:15pm	CNLA Annual Meeting & CCH Recognition		
1:15-2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Leadership's Role in Cultivating a Positive Culture</b> <b>Kathryn Dager</b>		
3:00-3:30pm	Exhibitor Break		
3:30-4:30pm	<b>Plant Health Beyond Pesticides*</b> <b>Louis Bettencourt, CGCS</b> Helena Agri-Enterprises *Pesticide Credit	<b>The Grower's Showcase</b> <b>Christian Williams</b> Northern Nurseries <b>Lydia Gompper, CCH</b> Henry F. Michell Co. <b>Kamil Jablonowski, CCH</b> Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses <b>Brian Hall</b> East Coast Nurseries <b>Chris Valley, CCH</b> Prides Corner Farms	<b>Plant It Right: Hands-On Best Practices for Successful Planting</b> <b>Jason Sokich</b> Bartlett Tree Experts
4:30-5:30pm	Raffle & Reception		