

2026 CNLA WINTER SYMPOSIUM – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

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