

Connecticut Grown: *Functional & Beautiful Solutions for Designers*



A Continuing Education Program for Landscape Architects, Designers, Contractors, Garden Enthusiasts, Nurserymen...and anyone involved in designing with plants.

Date: Friday, September 13, 2019
Location: Planters' Choice Nursery
[1201 Bunker Hill Road / Watertown, CT 06795](#)
Time: 8:40 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$95 Members (ASLA, AIA, CNLA)
 \$125 Non-members / \$35 Students
(includes continental breakfast and lunch)



*Planters' Choice
Nursery, Watertown*



Continuing Education Credits:
 LA CES: 5.0 PDH/HSW
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See module descriptions and speaker bios on the pages that follow.

Registration Form

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Schedule & Agenda

8:00-8:40 **Registration / Breakfast**

8:40-8:45 **Welcome & Announcements**

8:45-10:45 **Connecticut-Grown Trees: A Walk & Talk**

Presenter: Darryl Newman, Planters' Choice Nursery



While walking through several blocks of trees that have been in the ground for one to two years, we will discuss the advantages of Connecticut-grown trees, what to look for when selecting trees in the field (branching structure, root pruning, what the best times are for particular species to be dug, and more), cultural practices performed in the nursery that specifiers should be aware of, and the economics that drive many decisions related to tree selection. Planters' Choice is the only large-scale field grower in Connecticut, which presents unique learning opportunities for participants. (Note: sensible shoes recommended; an alternative indoor talk and PowerPoint will be presented in the case of inclement weather.)

10:45-11:00 **Break**

11:00-12:00 **Connecticut-Bred Plants**

Presenter: Mark Brand, PhD, University of Connecticut

Aronia, Berberis, Buddleia, Panicum, Prunus and Rhododendron are all genera with great varieties introduced through UConn that are perfect for our local landscapes. Dr. Brand will discuss how they can be utilized in the landscape and give background on what went into creating his new plants. He will also update us on how native plants are the next area where there will be big advancements in new plant cultivars.

12:00-12:45 **Lunch / Networking**

12:45-1:45 **Important Diseases of Connecticut Landscapes**

Presenter: Yonghao Li, PhD, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Nibbled leaves? Spots on flowers? What is just a blemish and what will decimate the planting? Dr. Li will share his vast experience in diagnosing plants in Connecticut to help us understand effects of common plant diseases on their hosts, allowing designers to better select healthy plants and create more resilient design.

1:45-2:45 **Connecticut Plants, Connecticut Wildlife**

Presenter: Peter Picone, Connecticut DEEP

Wildlife and plants are inextricably linked. Connecticut is home to about 1,800 native plants, 1,000 non-native plants, and 97 invasive or potentially invasive plants. Mr. Picone will share his insights on the seasonal food and cover value of plants and their value to wildlife. He will give examples of managing habitat on a small scale and in context to the larger landscape.

2:45-3:00 **Final Q&A / Closing Remarks / Evaluation Forms**

3:00 **Optional Nursery Tours**

About Our Speakers



DARRYL NEWMAN co-owns Planters' Choice alongside his father, Chuck, the nursery's founder. He is a University of Maryland graduate with a degree in Landscape Management. He worked as a Project Manager for prominent landscape design/build firms in the Washington DC area before returning to Planters' Choice in 2004. Darryl is a Past President of the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association and the 2019 Award of Merit Winner. He has done presentations for the New York Botanical Garden, UConn, Naugatuck Valley Community College, University of Maryland, CTASLA, CT Nursery and Landscape Association, CT Groundskeepers Association, CT Tree Protective Association, CT Urban Forest Council, CT Tree Wardens Association, CT Environmental Council, CT Invasive Plant Working Group, and the Ecological Landscape Alliance.

DR. MARK BRAND is a Connecticut native who received his B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from Cornell University and then obtained a M.S. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. He then returned to Connecticut to join the faculty at UConn. His plant breeding program has introduced 35 cultivars of landscape plants from Aronia to Viburnum, with more in the pipeline. He holds U.S. patents for 14 of his plants and has licensed 25 cultivars to different branded plant lines including Proven Winners, Better Homes and Gardens, First Editions, Monrovia, and Handpicked for You. Brand also created and maintains the "UConn Plant Database" and "Plant Selector" website.



YONGHAO LI, PHD is a plant pathologist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. He has more than 30 years of experience in gardening, disease diagnostics, and pest management, with expertise in cellular responses in host-pathogen interactions, resistance mechanisms, and epidemiology of fungal, bacterial, and virus diseases, using traditional and molecular techniques. Dr. Li's primary responsibility is the execution, coordination, and daily oversight of the Plant Disease Information Office, a full-service plant disease diagnostic laboratory serving all Connecticut stakeholders, private and commercial growers utilizing molecular, serological, biological, and traditional diagnostic methods. Additional responsibilities and duties include supervision of technical personnel, plant disease database management, cooperation with state and federal regulatory personnel, and participation in the National Plant Diagnostic Network (Northeast Division).

PETER PICONE is a wildlife biologist for CT DEEP's Wildlife Division, working in the area of Habitat Management/State Lands. He was educated at the University of Connecticut, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Renewable Natural Resources. Peter has a variety of duties at DEEP, such as: providing technical assistance regarding habitat, invasive nonnative plants management, and the use of native plants for habitat enhancement; presenting technical information regarding urban wildlife and habitat management; and overseeing management of western district wildlife management areas and state land agricultural agreements.

