



The Connecticut Chapter of ASLA and Prides Corner Farms present

Plugs and Container-Grown Plants in Landscape Design

Event Sponsor:



A continuing education program for landscape architects, landscape contractors, and anyone involved in the design and installation of plants in the landscape

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Location: [Prides Corner Farm](#) (parking instructions with final confirmation)

Address: 122 Waterman Road, Lebanon, CT



Program registered with LA CES for 4.25 PDH/HSW and AIA-CES for 4.25 LU/HSW

(Note: Because of LA CES guidelines, participants must complete the entire training to receive a Certificate of Completion.)

Cost: \$90 Member of ASLA, AIA, CNLA
\$125 Non-members / \$25 Full-time students (with ID)
Includes continental breakfast and lunch

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) by Sunday, August 2 OR complete the form below and mail back with payment by Friday, July 31. Questions? Contact Jeff Mills at executivedirector@ctasla.org or (860) 454-8922.



Landscape plugs are becoming a solution for many design challenges. This program will reveal how plugs are grown, how they are used in design, and what it takes to establish them in successful landscape applications. We will also explore plants grown in containers and how they are established in the landscape, and engage in a "hands on" discussion about some common plant issues. The program will conclude with tours of Prides Corner Farms' expansive nursery and wholesale yards.

See the following pages for [course descriptions](#) and [bios](#) of our speakers.

REGISTRATION FORM

[Register online](#) with your credit card or complete this form and return with your check (payable to "CTASLA") and mail to:

CTASLA
c/o J.M. Communications
35-31 Talcottville Road, Ste. 318
Vernon, CT 06066

Deadline: July 31, 2015

Name: _____

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Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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___ Member(s) attending @ \$90 each = \$ _____ total

___ Non-Member(s) attending @ \$125 each = \$ _____ total

___ Student(s) with ID attending @ \$25 each = \$ _____ total

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Schedule:

8:00-8:45 Breakfast / Registration / Exhibitors

8:45-9:00 Welcome & Updates

Getting Plugged In

9:00-10:00 Landscape Plug Solutions: A Behind the Scenes Look at What Makes Planting Projects Successful

Presenter: Claudia West, North Creek Nurseries

Landscape plugs are an increasingly popular solution for a variety of planting design challenges such as green infrastructure and habitat planting. Claudia will provide us with an understanding of how high quality landscape plugs are grown and the inputs and timing needed to finish them. Join us as we discuss proper plug choices, successful specifications, and appropriate plug establishment and management strategies.

10:00-10:30 Using Plugs in Landscape Design

Presenter: Wes Wazni, Towers|Golde, LLC

Interest in wetland restoration, meadow plantings, and green roofs has led to an increase in the specification of plugs in planting design. Using examples of completed projects, we will review the appropriate usage and implementation of plugs in a range of designed landscapes.

10:30-10:45 Break / Exhibitors

10:45-11:30 Installation and Maintenance of Plugged Landscapes – The First Years

Presenters: Bob St. Jacques & Daniel Guilmartin, Four Seasons Landscape

Over the past 35 years Four Seasons Landscaping, Inc. has traveled throughout Connecticut to install various types of landscape plantings, ranging from bare root plugs to container shrubs to 10-12" caliper trees. We will focus on the use of plugs both herbaceous (wetland) perennials and groundcovers. We will talk of successes and failures, advantages and disadvantages, applications where it makes sense and where it does not and, of course, cost advantages.

Containing It

11:30-12:30 Understanding the Role of Containers in Successful Tree and Shrub Installations

Presenter: Dr. Mandy Bayer, UMass

This presentation will cover the effects of container growing on common nursery stock, and discuss associated impacts on plant care or survival. The intention is to present information relevant to growers, landscapers, and landscape designers.

12:30-1:00 Lunch / Networking / Exhibitors

1:00-2:00 Disease, Structure, Habit and Quality: A Hands-On Learning Session

*Panelists: Tom Rathier, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station;
Mike Emmons, Senior Manager, Prides Corner Farms; Mandy Brady, UMass;
Bob St. Jacques and Daniel Guilmartin, Four Seasons Landscape*

In this fast-moving session our speakers will show and discuss issues with common landscape plants that will help us learn how to evaluate a plant's root and growth structure, identify disease and pest issues, and understand when a plant will struggle in the landscape.

2:00-3:00 Prides Corner Farms Tours / Exhibitors

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About Our Speakers:



Claudia West is the ecological sales manager at North Creek Nurseries and a landscape designer with an extensive background in horticulture, ecology, and environmental restoration. She is a sought-after speaker on topics such as plant community based design. She is coauthor of the forthcoming book *Planting in a Post-Wild World*.



Wesley B. Wazni, ASLA, is a Senior Associate at TowersI Golde, LLC. In almost 20 years with the firm, Wesley has led the design and project management of a broad range of projects of varying scales, including complex municipal, corporate, and academic facilities throughout the northeast and Asia. Among the recent projects for which he has been responsible are Tulane University's Unified Green; the New Songdo City in Incheon City, South Korea and its subsequent implementation designs for Central Park, Blocks 125 and 36; the Shenzhen (China) Citizen's Center and Park; and the Yale University Art Gallery renovations.



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Robert St. Jacques C.L.P., C.S.P., founded and has owned Windsor-based Four Seasons Landscaping, Inc. since 1980. His successful company provides landscaping and maintenance for residential and commercial properties. He has been a member of Connecticut Landscape and Nursery Association since 1985 and is presently the Landscape Committee Chairman on its Board of Directors. He has been a member of the National Association of Landscape Professionals since 1987.



Daniel Guilmartin joined Four Seasons Landscaping in 2010 and is an Estimator and Project Manager. He has worked in the nursery industry since 2006, for commercial nurseries and landscaping companies. He has an Associates degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture – UMass and a Bachelors of Science in Horticulture from UMass.



Dr. Mandy Bayer After graduating from Penn State, Mandy worked as a landscape designer and in garden centers before attending graduate school at the University of Illinois to concentrate on propagation. As an Extension Assistant Professor of Sustainable Landscape Horticulture at UMass, Mandy supports the Massachusetts landscape and nursery industry through research on improving production and cultural practices for increased sustainability.



Tom Rathier, Emeritus Soil Scientist at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station Valley Laboratory in Windsor, began his career at age 12, working for a vegetable farm/garden center in Guilford, CT. He got a BA in Biological Sciences from UConn in 1974. Tom was on the Experiment Station staff for 33 years, and was responsible for diagnoses of all aspects of plant health and general advice on plant culture, fertility, water use, and weed management. Since retirement, Tom has been working on special projects of importance to communities (urban soil safety, community gardens) and production agriculture (soil physical characteristics vs. conifer health, conifer root diseases).



Mike Emmons has been the nursery manager for Prides Corner Farms since 1983. Besides overseeing the day-to-day operation of the nursery, he has also been a member of the IPPS Eastern Region for the past 35 years serving as President of the society in 2010. He received the fellows award from the society in 2005 and also received the IPPS Eastern Region Award of Merit, the society's highest and most prestigious award, in 2009.

