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Tough Plants, Tough Places

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017

Location: Naugatuck Valley Community College
[750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT](#)

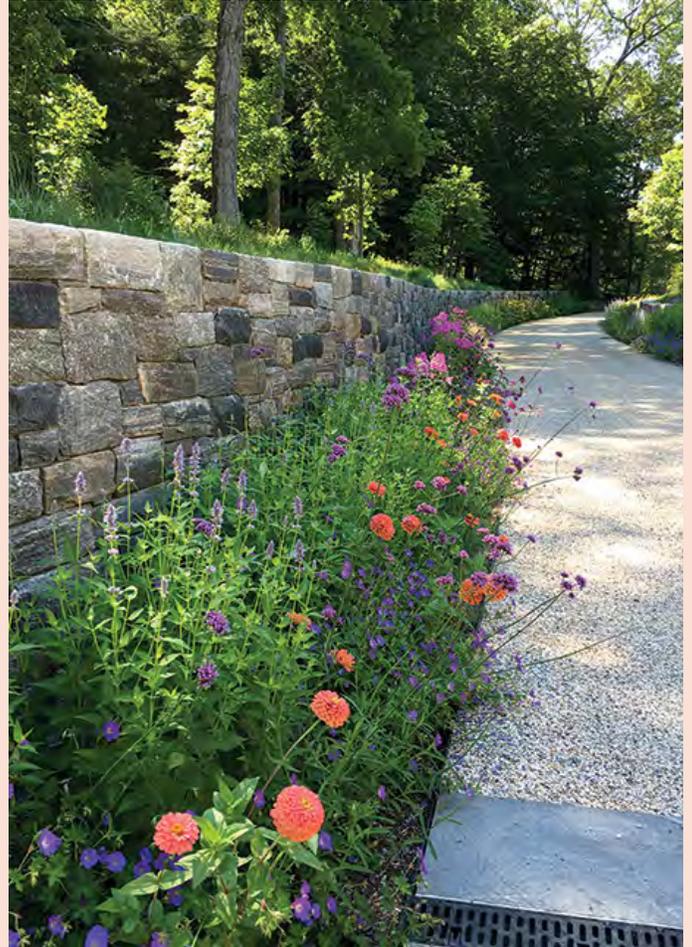
Time: 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Cost: \$95 Members (ASLA, AIA, CNLA,
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*See module descriptions and speaker bios on the pages that follow.
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Schedule & Agenda

8:15-8:55 am: **Registration & Breakfast / Exhibitors**

8:55-9:00: **Introduction & Chapter Announcements**

9:00-9:45: **Native Meadow Establishment: Tips and Techniques for Establishing a Native Meadow from Seed**

Presenter: Greg Kedzierski, Ernst Seeds

This will be an overview of how to establish differing types of native plant meadows (wet, grass, grass and forbs, and pollinator) from seed, including how to choose native species, aesthetics, site preparation, seeding, and long-term maintenance.

9:45-10:30: **Designing Successful Improvements for Increasingly Challenging Sites**

Presenter: Kathryn Packtor, ASLA, SLAM Collaborative

This module will discuss how to innovate and implement new ideas in your design work while still employing techniques and approaches that are tried and true. How do we bridge the gap between creativity and practicality? We will introduce practices that unite artistry and ingenuity with wisdom and substance to deliver successful and sustainable projects. Topics will include structural soils, bioswales, green roofs, plant communities, and other design tools that contribute to an improved functioning system. This presentation will also review the site improvements at Naugatuck Valley Community College (tour to follow), and the lessons learned through the development of that work.

10:30-10:50: **Break / Exhibitors**

10:50: **Introduction of Site Tours**

11:00-12:15 **Site Tours**

Tour guides: Christopher Tuccio, ASLA: The Tamarack Arboretum & Campus Learning Gardens; Michael Schwartz: Campus Rose Trials (American Rose Trials, Earthkind Rose Trials); Kathryn Packtor, ASLA: NVCC installation designed by SLAM Collaborative

The NVCC Tamarack Arboretum is home to over 300 diverse woody plant specimens utilized in horticultural curriculum within the college. The Arboretum also holds 13 separate themed gardens which include two Rose Trial experiment sites. The audience will tour the campus facilities and trial sites learning about history, maintenance, and design issues related to the Arboretum, including the logistics and purpose of the Rose Trial sites. We will also tour the campus site improvements designed by SLAM Collaborative.

12:15-1:00: **Lunch / Networking / Exhibitors**

1:00-2:00: **Sustainable Shrub Roses for Landscape Professionals**

Presenters: Mike and Angelina Chute, RoseSolutions

Sustainable shrub roses are attractive plants that can hold their own in a pesticide-free landscape. Since sustainability has become a primary hybridizing objective with all major rose breeders in recent years, there are more colorful, free blooming, disease resistant,

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winter hardy shrub roses available than ever before. This presentation will delve into the core of sustainability and identify sturdy shrub varieties, beyond the Knock Out roses, currently on the market. This program describes these resilient easy-care roses with a variety of colors and growth habits that can be integrated into any landscape design with minimal maintenance.

2:00-3:00: **The Benefits of Transitioning to the Use of Native Plants for Re-vegetation Along New England Roadways**

Presenter: John Campanelli, Doctoral Student, University of Connecticut

Following the trend of other state departments of transportation, New England state DOTs have started to transition to more sustainable roadside re-vegetation practices that replace introduced cool-season turf grasses with bio-diverse populations of native plant populations, which require less frequent mowing and provide greater ecological benefits. However, this transition has had to take into consideration such factors as the need to maintain safe roads and retrain workers in new management practices, while dealing with increasingly scarce public funds and the lack of native plant materials from the New England region.

3:00-3:15: **Final Q&A, Evaluation Forms, Final Access to Exhibitors**

About Our Speakers

KATHRYN PACKTOR, ASLA has been working for over 10 years at the S/L/A/M Collaborative in Glastonbury, CT. She holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Washington, in Seattle Washington and is a member of ASLA. Kathryn has worked in various market sectors, including higher education, public education, independent education, healthcare, and corporate work, and has specialized in planting design throughout her career. In her current role, she works in concert with a team of talented colleagues to dream and deliver successful solutions to a myriad of design challenges.



GREG KEDZIERSKI worked for 10 years doing soybean breeding and research for the USDA/ARS, and four years as seed analyst and varietal test plot manager for the VA Dept. of Agriculture before coming to Ernst Seeds, where he has been for 15 years. As Plant Material Specialist & Bioengineering Manager for Ernst Seeds, Greg consults on customer projects from stream/wetlands restoration, habitat establishment, to formal landscapes. His work includes site visits, onsite seeding/weed troubleshooting, long-term maintenance issues, seed mix designs, and plantings.

MICHAEL SCHWARTZ is a pioneering sustainable rose advocate and horticulturist serving as the current Academic Assistant to the Horticulture program at Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC) where he oversees the college greenhouses, arboretum and gardens. He is also the current President and Chief Operations Officer of the American Rose Trials for Sustainability where he has guided the testing and data collection protocols for this national organization to combine twenty-first century technology with conscientious cultivar trialing. He is a Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (AOLCP), a member of the Ecological Landscaping Alliance (ELA) and the International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS). Michael has an Associate's degree in environmental science and a Bachelor's degree in history.



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CHRISTOPHER TUCCIO, ASLA is an Assistant Professor of Horticulture and the Program Coordinator of the Horticulture and Landscape Design Programs at the Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, CT. He received his MLA UD from Harvard University in 2009, and earned a BSLA from Cornell University in 2007. Chris has traveled and lectured extensively on the topics of cultural landscapes and regenerative landscape design. He has worked with many stakeholders at the college to develop gardens, green stormwater infrastructure, and educational seminars to train horticulturists and landscape professionals on emerging technologies. Chris is an At-Large member of the CTASLA Executive Committee.



MIKE AND ANGELINA CHUTE are co-owners of RoseSolutions, a landscape consulting company that specializes in roses. They are both certified American Rose Society Master Rosarians and University of Rhode Island Master Gardeners. Mike is an accredited ARS horticultural rose judge. They also serve as consultants for both municipal and private rose gardens. Accomplished garden writers, the Chutes' second book, *Rose Gardening Season by Season: A Journal for Passionate Gardeners* (Forbes River Publishing), published in 2015, joins *Roses for New England: A Guide to Sustainable Rose Gardening* (Forbes River Publishing), published in 2010. They have written numerous garden articles; served as guest editors of the 2008 American Rose Society

Annual; authored the chapter "Roses" in the University of Rhode Island Sustainable Gardening Manual; and were co-founders and past presidents of the Rhode Island Rose Society. Mike and Angie lecture about roses at flower and garden shows throughout New England as well as to numerous garden clubs and other horticultural organizations. Learn more at www.rosesolutions.net and www.therosejournal.wordpress.com.

JOHN CAMPANELLI earned his master's degree in ecological restoration in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture at the UConn's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. His master's research — commissioned by the New England Transportation Consortium (NETC) — focused on finding for all six New England state DOTs the most affordable, reliable, and expeditious methods for establishing and maintaining native plant communities and pollinator habitats along New England roadways. His current doctoral research concerns the ecosystem services, especially for pollinators, provided by native plants. He received his undergraduate education at Harvard University and Columbia University.



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