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February 2016

We're three weeks out from [ELA's 22nd Conference & Eco-Marketplace](#), and we hope you're planning to join ELA at the UMass Campus Center in Amherst, MA for two full days of exceptional education. The conference lineup encompasses ecological presentations from soil to trees and everything in between. Plus an array of exhibitors in the Eco-Marketplace will be eager to discuss your ecological problems and provide products and solutions. This month's newsletter articles give you a preview of sessions and exhibitors.

Don't forget that early registration gets you discounted prices for conference admission. [Register by February 28th to save](#). We'll see you at the new ELA Conference venue, the UMass Amherst Campus Center. *MS*



Mixing It Up - Can Edibles and Ornamentals Get Along in a Designed Garden?

by Ellen Sousa

Many people love the idea of including edibles and herbs alongside ornamental plantings, but it's not always easy to achieve an acceptable aesthetic without careful design, plant selection, and attention to each plant's growth habit and needs. [Read the article](#).

Ellen presents "Integrating Edibles in the Designed Landscape" on Wednesday, March 9 at [ELA's 22nd Annual Conference & Eco-Marketplace](#).



Native Shrubs for the Increasingly Challenging Landscape Environment

by Dr. Jessica Lubell

As native plants gain popularity as components of sustainable landscapes, how can you determine which native shrubs will meet with success in a particular location? Find out which native shrubs performed as well as invasive control plants in University of Connecticut experiments. [Read the article](#).

This article previously appeared in the *Connecticut Botanical Society News*. Dr. Lubell will present "Native Shrubs up to the Challenge" on Thursday, March 10 at [ELA's 22nd Annual Conference & Eco-Marketplace](#).

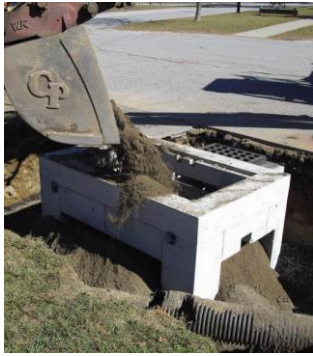


Welcoming "the Natural" into Our Gardens

by Steve Davis, Bigelow Nurseries

Over the last decade of landscape design, many more professionals have incorporated native or indigenous species into their plans. This cultural swing is due to many factors, some apparent and some not as noticeable. [Read the article](#).

Bigelow Nurseries will be exhibiting both days in the Eco-Marketplace at [ELA's 22nd Annual Conference & Eco-Marketplace](#).

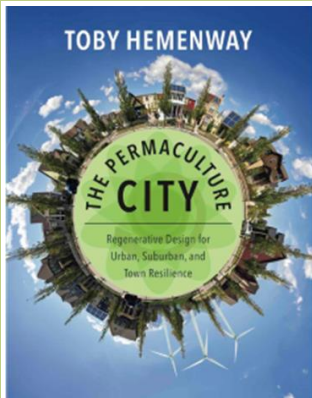


Filtering Stormwater with Trees: A Case Study

by Sandra Tremblay

As part of a two-year pollution mitigation plan designed to protect the Scituate River watershed, tree filter systems were installed on the North Scituate village green. [Read the article.](#)

Paul Iorio presents "Tree Filter Systems for Stormwater Management" on Thursday, March 10 at [ELA's 22nd Annual Conference & Eco-Marketplace.](#)



Book Review

The Permaculture City

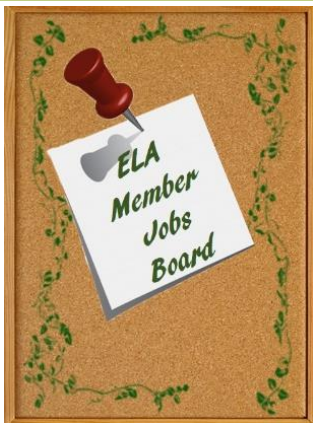
Written by Toby Hemenway

Published by Chelsea Green Publishing, 2015

Reviewed by Trevor Smith

The Permaculture City is a manual to practice permaculture, not a compilation of permaculture practices. Hemenway offers a tool kit "general enough to be applied to nearly any situation while containing enough specific direction to tell us what to do at each step." [Read the Review.](#)

An intensive workshop on permaculture will be offered on Wednesday, March 9 at [ELA's 22nd Annual Conference & Eco-Marketplace.](#)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2016 SEASON

Located in Northford, CT, Natureworks is a small, cutting edge, destination garden center, landscaping installation, and maintenance business. We are leaders in organic growing methods and education is a key aspect of our business. We are looking for team members who are willing to work hard in all types of weather and provide excellent customer service. Our growth as a company is dependent on repeat customers who respond to our excellent service, quality products, and plants. [Click here for more information.](#)

Boston: The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy has a number of job openings for the upcoming season for enthusiastic and motivated persons who want to work in the Public Horticulture sector alongside an existing team of talented Horticulturists. If you have

experience in Organic garden maintenance or would like to build upon your skill set, here's your chance. Full-time Positions: Arborist and Organic Plant Health Care technician. Seasonal Positions: Irrigation technician, Volunteer Program assistant, Horticulturist, Horticulture intern. [Click here for job description and application instructions.](#)

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Take advantage of conference discounts before they disappear. Register before February 28 for deep savings on conference sessions and keynote dinner with Tradd Cotter. Click for the [conference brochure](#) or [to register](#).

ELA members receive additional discounts. Use the **Member Login** tab to log into your account and start saving. After you are logged into your account, click on the **Conference** tab, and scroll down to

Buy Tickets to find the member discounts. Or, if you are already logged in as a member, click here to [Buy Tickets Now!](#)



ELA Eco-Marketplace Exhibitors Serve the Ecological Community

There's still time to become an exhibitor or sponsor at [ELA 22nd Conference & Eco-Marketplace](#), March 9 & 10 at the UMass Campus Center, Amherst, MA. Join our list of conference sponsors and exhibitors and introduce your company to ELA's highly-focused, ecological audience.

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Improve moisture retention Improve nutrient retention Improve plant-microbe synergisms



Gleanings

Final Report from International Year of the Soils

[Status of the World's Soil Resources](#) was released in December 2015, marking the end of the year-long celebration of [International Year of Soils](#). The full report is available to download as a pdf on the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations website.



COGdesign Seeks Volunteer Designers

The Community Outreach Group for Landscape Design ([COGdesign](#)) offers landscape design

services to underserved communities in eastern Massachusetts and is seeking volunteers to help with four new projects. [Click for project details.](#)



Cultivating Place Series on NPR

Jennifer Jewell has begun a series of conversations with groundbreaking gardeners and thinkers from across the country in *Cultivating Place: Conversations on Natural History and the Human Impulse to Garden*. Find archived interviews with Bernard Trainor and Julie Moir Messervy at <http://myspr.org/#stream/0>. Upcoming programs are posted on [Jewell's website](#) each week.



Registration Opens for NY Botanical Garden Spring & Summer Courses

Courses in design, botany, art, gardening, and more are open for registration. [Download the catalog](#), or peruse the offerings online at <http://www.nybg.org/adulted/>.



Get a Jump on the Growing Season

[Lunch and Learn programs](#) at Roger William Park Botanical Center in Providence, RI offer a wide range of talks and hands-on workshops by Master Gardeners. Programs run from February 16 through June 21.



Aggie Seminars for the Homeowner

UMass Stockbridge School of Agriculture and UMass Center for Agriculture have posted this year's [Mass Aggie Seminars](#), offering hands-on workshops for the small-scale orchardist. Workshop locations and registration fees vary. For more information contact UMass Extension at 413-545-2254.



Horticulture Notes from UMass

Receive horticulture updates in your inbox. The University of Massachusetts Extension Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Program sends periodic messages to keep you informed about educational opportunities, pest alerts, and new research and publications. Sign up on the [website](#).



Events to Note (listings indicate local time unless otherwise noted)

February 18-21 - [Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show](#); Providence, RI.

February 18-21 - [Connecticut Flower & Garden Show](#); Hartford, CT.

February 22-15 - [NOFA Accreditation Courses](#); Norwich, CT.

February 22,29 & March 7,14 - [Bay-Friendly Training & Qualification Program for Maintaining Landscapes Sustainably](#); San Francisco, CA; 8:00am-3:00pm.

February 23 **ELA Event**→[Principles of Ecological Landscape Design - Getting It Right](#) - Webinar; 12:00-1:00pm EST.

February 24 - [Habitat Conservation Forum](#); Culpeper, VA; 9:00am-4:00pm.

February 25 - [Landscaping with Native Shrubs: They Are Tougher than You Think](#); Waltham, MA; 7:00-9:00pm.

February 26 - [Fire on the New England Landscape](#); Framingham, MA; 6:30-9:00pm.

February 28 - [NOFA/RI Winter Conference](#); Warren, RI; 8:30am-4:30pm.

February 28 - [Partnering with Pollinators in the Working Landscape](#); Brewster, MA; 1:00-2:30pm.

March 2 **ELA Event**→[Tips for Working with Landscape Contractors for Ecologically-Sound Installations](#); Framingham, MA; 1:00-3:00pm.

March 2 - [Restoring Nature's Relationships at Home](#); Cambridge, MA; 7:00-8:30 pm.

March 2 - [Principles and Fundamentals of Weed Science](#); Milford, MA; 9:00am-2:30pm.

March 3 - [Introduction to Prescribed Fire](#); Framingham, MA; 10:00am-4:00pm.

March 4-5 - [Ithaca Native Landscape Symposium](#); Ithaca, NY.

March 5 - [Natives, Pollinators, and Edible Gardening](#); South Kingstown, RI; 7:30am-3:30pm.

March 5 - [MACC Environmental Conference](#); Worcester, MA; 8:00am-5:15pm.

March 5 - [Growing Minds Through Agriculture: Make Your School Garden Bloom](#); Palmer, MA.
 March 6 - [Pollinators and the Plants They Need](#); Brewster, MA; 1:00-2:30pm.
 March 8 - [Community Tree Conference: Work Safe, Stay Safe](#); Amherst, MA; 8:00am-4:00pm.
 March 9&10 **ELA Conference**→[Sustaining the Living Landscape](#); Amherst, MA.
 March 9,16, 23&30 - [Bay-Friendly Training & Qualification Program for Design of Sustainable Residential Landscapes](#); Napa, CA; 8:00am-3:00pm.
 March 9 - [The Language of Climate Change](#); Worcester, MA; 8:00am-4:00pm.
 March 10 - [Compost Conference](#); Providence, RI; 9:00am-3:00pm.
 March 11 - [SNEC Winter Conference](#); Sturbridge, MA; 8:00am-3:45pm.
 March 13 - [Local Environmental Action 2016](#); Boston, MA; 9:00am-5:25pm.
 March 15 - [State Regulations Pertaining to Invasive Plant Management](#); Milford, MA; 9:00am-3:00pm.
 March 15,22,29 & April 5,12 - [Environmental Gardening](#); Topsfield, MA; 9:00-11:00am.
 March 17 - [CT Association of Wetland Scientists Environmental Conference](#); Southbury, CT; 8:00am-4:00pm.
 March 17 - [Beetles, Bees & Butterflies: A Symposium on Vermont's Pollinators](#); Burlington, VT; 9:00am-5:00pm.
 March 17 - [Sustainable Landscape Conference](#); Storrs, CT; 8:00am-4:00pm.
 March 19 - [The Land and Water Conservation Summit](#); Providence, RI; 7:45am-4:00pm.
 March 20 - [Where the Wild Things Are: Native Plants for Pollinators](#); Brewster, MA; 1:00-2:30pm.
 March 22 - [Massachusetts Water Forum](#); Boston, MA; 1:00-6:30pm.
 March 22 - [The Invasive Plant Issue and Invasive Plant Identification](#); 9:00am-2:00pm.
 March 24 - [Systems Approach to Natural Turf Management](#); Madison, WI; 8:00am-4:30pm.
 March 31 - [Sustainable Landscapes Management: Spring Kickoff for Landscapers](#); Wareham, MA; 9:00am-3:30pm.
 April 2 - [MA Land Conservation Conference](#); Worcester, MA; 8:00am-4:00pm.
 April 3 - [How to Create a Pollinator Victory Garden](#); Brewster, MA; 1:00-2:30pm.
 April 6 **ELA Event**→[Eco-tour: Battery Park City Composting - Building a Sustainable Eco-System](#); 6:00pm EST.
 April 24 **ELA Event**→[Soil Workshop - Ground Rules: Measuring Soil Health and Managing Site Challenges in the Urban Landscape](#); Framingham, MA; 9:00am-3:30pm.



Classified Advertising

Arborvitae (Thuja) For Sale - 5 Avery Road, Londonderry, NH
 Many beautiful trees 10'-15' available. Tree-spade on-site - trees will be dug in Spring. Must be picked up at 5 Avery Road, Londonderry, NH. Price dependent on quantity requested. Please contact Pete at 603-883-4196 for more info.

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Whether you are located in the area of our upcoming events or in some distant landscape, you are invited to participate in ELA collaborations and discussions by joining the Ecological Landscape Alliance discussion group on LinkedIn. The ELA discussion group is open to both ELA members and non-members from around the world and participation is growing each week.

Through these discussions you can share information, get answers to landscape problems, and learn new perspectives on challenging ecological issues. Joining LinkedIn is free and it is easy to join.

[Join the ELA LinkedIn Discussion](#). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

We hope that you enjoy this edition of the ELA newsletter and welcome your comments at ela.info@comcast.net. *Maureen Sundberg, ELA Newsletter Editor*

