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November

Incorporating Vegetables into the Urban Landscape by Jessie Banhazi

Incorporating vegetables into the urban landscape is not as difficult as it may seem. As with ornamental and perennial plants, placement, light, and spacing between plants are critical to the success of a vegetable garden. What is great about working in urban spaces is that you can take an untraditional approach to vegetable production by installing raised-beds or using containers anywhere on your property that receives at least four and a half hours of light. [Read full article.](#)



Establishing Resilient Urban Landscapes Using Native Plants by Claudia West

Imagine yourself strolling along a typical metropolitan street. What vegetative characteristics might you experience? Are window boxes and containers bursting with seasonal color? Do low growing sedges tickle your ankles as you walk past a lushly planted tree pit? Are you enticed to run your fingertips through the Panicum seed heads as you enter the town square? Or, are mature tree canopies protecting you from polarizing heat. [Read full article.](#)

Controlling Small-scale Infestations of Exotic Invasive Plant Species: Ecological and IPM Information for Landscapers and Homeowners, Part III by Bruce Wenning



Parts I and II of this article appeared in the [September 2011](#) issue of the ELA Newsletter. A [Glossy Buckthorn Fact Sheet](#) appears in this issue of the newsletter, and additional fact sheets on invasive species will appear in future newsletters.

Landscape and Ecosystem Damage: A Brief Introduction

The ecological damage caused by exotic invasive plants to our native landscapes appears variable or inconsistent early on during the invasion process. However, as years pass, the exotic invasive populations increase and continue to expand into susceptible soils resulting in native Plant and soil ecological disruption/degradation if left unchecked. Depending upon the exotic invasive species and where it has colonized among native plant assemblages, the ecosystem damage can include one or more of the following over time (Randall, 1996; Cronk and Fuller, 1995). [Read full article.](#)



Glossy Buckthorn: An Exotic Invasive Plant Fact Sheet by Bruce Wenning

For additional information about exotic invasives, refer to Bruce's article: "Controlling Small Scale Infestations of Exotic Invasive Plant Species: Ecological and IPM Information for Landscapers and Homeowners"

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Common Name: Glossy Buckthorn

Plant Taxonomy: Family *Rhamnaceae*. Genus *Frangula* (some people use the genus *Rhamnus*). Species: *Frangula alnus* P.Mill. = *Rhamnus frangula* L.

General Description: Glossy buckthorn is a single stem or at times, multiple stem shrub or small tree that can grow up to approximately 20 feet (McClain, 1996). Leaves are glossy or shiny on top and have a dull green underside. Leaves are also alternate along branches, entire (smooth edges) to obscurely crenulate (leaf edges have small,

rounded teeth) (Whitcomb, 1985; Magee and Ahles, 2007). Terminal buds are brown, pubescent and have no bud scales (i.e. naked buds) (Dirr, 1990). Glossy buckthorn is native to Asia, North Africa, and parts of Europe (Dirr, 1990).

[Read full article.](#)

**North Creek Nurseries
Cultivating a Community:
Members Making a Difference**
by Carrie Wiles



Located in the heart of Chester County, PA, [North Creek Nurseries](#) strives to propagate and market plants that develop the relationship between people and sustainable outdoor environments. Focusing on eastern US natives, the combined 45 acre/two farm footprint produces over seven million perennial, ornamental grass, fern, and vine plug liners annually. Employees are serious about providing the horticulture and landscape markets with top notch material. As owner, Steve Castorani puts it, "Our philosophy is that people make a difference in the profitability and success of an organization. We have an exceptional staff, we work hard as a team and we have fun doing what we do. All of which encompass an ideal work environment." [Read full article.](#)

November Gleanings:

[American Eden: What Our Gardens Tell Us About Who We Are](#) with Wade Graham, Trinity Church, Copley Square, Tuesday, November 29, 7-8:30pm.

The Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC) Conference: "[Turning a New Leaf](#)", Doubletree Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, PA, December 2.

[IECA Northeast Chapter's 2011 Conference & Trade Show](#), Natick, MA, December 1-3. Presented in partnership with the [MA Association of Conservation Commissions](#).

UMass Extension Symposium: [Topics in Sustainable Landscape Design & Management](#), Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA, Thursday, December 1, 8:00am-4:00pm.

New England Wildflower Society: [Flora Novae Anglia](#), Arthur Haines lecture and book signing, Garden in the

Woods, Framingham, MA, Saturday, December 3, 1:30-3:30pm.

New England Wildflower Society: [Shrubs in Winter](#), Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA, Sunday, December 4, 10am-2:30pm.

[Deadly Nightshades: From Potatoes to Poisons](#), Gregory J. Anderson, Arnold Arboretum, Wednesday, December 7, 7-8:30pm.

The UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Program has a redesigned website at: <http://www.UMassGreenInfo.org>.

Learn more about LEED; explore the list of webinars available through USGBC at <http://www.usgbcma.org/events>.

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