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At the Root: Air Tools Workshop

Thursday, September 27th

Rain Date September 28th

Rolf Briggs and Matt Foti

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

\$75.00 ELA / NEWFS Member or \$90 Non-Member
(8:30 AM – 3:30 PM – Lunch Included)

Referred to by many names, pneumatic soil excavation has come a long way since its introduction. There are a variety of tools on the market including the Super Sonic Air Knife and the Air Spade. Before these tools became widely available, addressing tree problems was accomplished slowly, by hand digging. As pneumatic soil excavation tools have become more accessible and reliable, professionals are finding more and more applications for their use.

Join this all-day workshop to explore how quickly and effectively you can use air tools to access the roots to identify and successfully address problems. The air tools demonstrations* will feature:

- Addressing soil compaction
- Trenching for utility work, fencing, and more
- Proper planting of ball & burlap and container nursery stock
- Bare root tree transplanting
- Locating roots to establish tree protection zones prior to construction

Registrations are limited - [Use This Link to Register Online Now.](#)

For more information: ela.info@comcast.net or (617) 436-5838

Rolf Briggs holds arboricultural degrees from UMass and the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and is a certified arborist with ISA and MAA. He founded Tree Specialists in 1981 to provide a better way to help preserve and care for trees. Since then, he has helped hundreds of New England residents and organizations prolong the life of their trees through enhanced conservation, preservation, and restoration practices. Rolf brings a wealth of expertise to his role in managing Tree Specialists and creating innovative planting and after-care services for his clientele. A speaker and public educator on maintaining and enhancing the aesthetics and value of plants and mature trees, Rolf is also consulted regularly by landscape architects, developers, landscapers, nurseries, municipalities, property managers and homeowners.

Matthew R. Foti is a graduate of UMass Amherst, has been a MA Certified Arborist since 1979, has served as president of the MA Arborists Association, and has owned and operated a tree care and landscape construction company since 1977. Matt received the VISTA Award from the MAA in 2002, recognizing outstanding tree care professionals who demonstrate: Vision, Integrity, Service, Talent and Action. Matt recently started a tree farm growing ornamental trees and shrubs. Matt has been the featured arborist on the WGBH television show This Old House and The Victory Garden for over 24 years, he has hosted Ask This Old House and has made guest appearances with Norm Abrams on The Yankee Workshop.

CEUs are being sought for this presentation.

***Please bring eye and ear protection for the demonstration areas.**

