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landscaping and horticultural practices."**

June

Knowing that many newsletter readers barely have a chance to eat in June much less read for pleasure, this month's newsletter takes a pictorial look at few special landscapes. A photo essay updates us on the restoration of a beach landscape first described in a 2010 newsletter article and another shows the step-by-step opening of a natural pool after the record-breaking New England winter. We also share the story of collaboration in North Andover, MA that has produced a pollinator garden and Monarch Waystation on a difficult-to-maintain strip of land. I hope you find a minute to put down the tools, relax, and enjoy the newsletter. *MS*



Twelve Years Later: Update on a Lakeside Restoration Project

In 2002 landscape architect Amanda Sloan began a five-year project working with the town of Sharon, MA to restore the worn landscape at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag. She described the project in a 2010 article in the ELA Newsletter and this spring revisited the site to report on its progress. Here she presents a photo essay on the landscape, which fends for itself and is never irrigated or fertilized. [Read the article](#). ELA is offering a [tour of the project](#) with Amanda on Saturday, September 26, 2015.



Reawakening a Natural Pool

by Trevor Smith

Natural pools offer year-round outdoor enjoyment with surprisingly little upkeep. After its third, and very tough, winter, Trevor opened a large natural pool and is associated constructed wetland for his Massachusetts client. Here he steps readers through the process. [Read the article](#).



Creating a Community Habitat for Pollinators

by Willow Cheeley, James McCarthy, and Debb Putnam

Faced with a 12-foot-wide and 80-foot-long strip of land sloping from a fence to a curbed two-lane road with parking spaces, a landscape architect, North Parish Church volunteer, and North Andover Wildlife Team Leader join forces to turn a maintenance nightmare into a paradise for pollinators. [Read the article](#).



Bus Stop Green Roofs Win Greenovate Boston Award

Green roofs installed on several Boston bus shelters received a Greenovate Boston Award at the Greenovate Boston Community Summit held at Northeastern University on June 6, 2015. Funded by an Environmental Protection Agency grant, the project partnered Fairmount/Indigo Line Community Development Corporation Collaborative and Trevor Smith's Land Escapes Design Inc. [Read the article.](#)

Gleanings

Treatment for White-Nose Syndrome

After almost 10 years of devastating loss of bats in New England and across the country, researchers have taken a first step toward controlling the fungus that causes White-nose Syndrome. Bat Conservation International, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Nature Conservancy are working with Georgia State researchers to test a common bacterium that appears to halt the fungus. To read about their progress, check Nature Conservancy's [Cool Green Science Blog](#).



BSLA Becomes an ELA Education Sponsor

ELA is pleased to announce a season-long collaboration with the Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA). After the success of a single event sponsorship in 2014, BSLA has become the ELA's first Education Sponsor. This unique sponsorship highlights the importance of ecological design in landscape architecture and we look forward to the participation of more landscape architects in ELA programs. This special collaboration entitles BSLA to five free tickets for each of twelve upcoming educational programs. These free tickets will be available to the first five BSLA members to apply. Landscape Architect Continuing Education System (LA CES) credits are available for many of these programs. To register for an event or to learn more about this BSLA member benefit, contact Vicki Carr at chapteroffice@bslaweb.org.



White House Issue Pollinator Protection Strategy

In May, the Pollinator Health Task Force released its strategy for protecting pollinators, especially bees. The strategy looks at Federal actions aimed at achieving three overarching goals:

- Reducing honey bee overwintering mortality to no more than 15% in 10 year
- Increasing the Eastern population of the monarch butterfly to 225 million butterflies by 2020
- Restoring or enhancing seven million acres of land for pollinators over the next five years

National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators is [available online](#).



Celebrate National Pollinator Week: June 15-21

Grab your honeybee and celebrate the vital role of pollinators in our ecosystems. Add another native plant to your landscape, make a bee house, or share information about the importance of pollinators.

[Find out more and locate an event near you.](#)





Paddle & Potluck with Russ Cohen

Russ Cohen, ELA member and local forager, retires from the MA Department of Fish and Game at the end of the June. There will be a Paddle and Potluck celebration held in his honor on Friday July 10th. Paddle from 1:00-2:30pm with the Ipswich River Watershed Association. Bring your boat and meet at 143 County Road, Ipswich. The Potluck (foraged food preferred) will be held from 3:00-6:00pm at the Essex County Greenbelt Association's Cox Reservation Barn, 82 Eastern Avenue, Essex.



Film Features Phragmite Eradication Project

The story of how one community on Long Island, NY joined together to clear Marion Lake of Phragmite has been made into a film. The film records the community's seven-year effort to reclaim a lake and return its bio-diverse habitat. Find out more about the film at <https://www.newday.com/film/marion-lake-story-defeating-mighty-phragmite>.



Watershed Exploration through Art

In 2014, Charlotte, NC began a three-year initiative *Keeping Watch*. Year one looked at plastic waste and recycling. The 2015 exhibition focuses on urban streams and explores the connections between Charlotte's people and the water in their community. The short video "[Keeping Watch on Water: City of Creeks](#)" takes a look at the often hidden water in our urban environments and the importance of reconnecting with water sources. The topic scheduled for 2016 is air quality and the value of trees. Click [here](#) for an overview of *Keeping Watch*.



Bay Circuit Trail Videos

The Memorial Park Beach project on Lake Massapoag described by Amanda Sloan in this month's *Twelve Years Later* article is also featured in Day 16 of the Bay Circuit Trail Videos produced by [Environmental Awakening](#). You can view the video online or ask your local Access TV director to offer the series in your community.



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

June 16, 23, & 30 **ELA Event**→[Herbaceous Native Plants for Professionals](#); Framingham, MA; 10:00am-1:30pm.

June 18 **ELA Event**→[The Green Alley at Boston Architectural College - Urban Solutions for the Future](#); Boston, MA; 10:00am-12:00pm.

June 18 - [Proven Biological Control Programs for Indoor and Outdoor Production of Ornamentals](#); Storrs, CT; 8:00am-3:30pm.

June 19 - early registration deadline for [ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo](#); Chicago, IL.

June 20 - MACC Training Workshop - [Soil Erosion and Sediment Control: Effective Solutions](#); Framingham, MA; 9:00am-12:00pm.

June 20 - [Medicinal Plants in Your Backyard](#); Jamestown, RI; 10:00am-12:30pm.

June 22-26 - [APGA Conference: Watering Our Roots to Grow Our Communities](#); Minneapolis, MN.

June 23-24 - [A Hands-On Wetland Restoration Workshop for Professionals](#); Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, Barnstable, MA.

June 24 **ELA Event**→ [Edibles in the Landscape - Foraging and Growing Your Own](#); Belmont, MA; 6:00-8:00pm.

June 25 **ELA Event**→[Beaver: Building Habitat - Improving Eco-Systems](#); Princeton, MA; 10:00am-12:00pm.

June 27 **ELA Event**→[Reclaiming the Land: Successful Invasives Management](#); Sudbury, MA; 10:00am-12:00pm.

June 28 - [Connecticut Historic Gardens Day](#); Woodstock, CT; 12:00-4:00pm.

July 10-19 - [Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival](#); Cape Cod, MA.

July 11 **ELA Event**→[Lush, Lovely, and Lawn-Free Gardens](#); Brookline Village Walking Tour, MA; 5:00-7:00pm.

July 14, 21, 28 & August 4 **ELA Event**→[Landscape for Life](#); Framingham, MA; 9:00am-12:00pm.

July 14-28 - [Hydrangeas 2015 International Conference](#); Sandwich, MA; 8:30am-4:30pm.

July 16 **ELA Event**→[A Path to Beauty and Bounty: Building a Sustainable Eco-System](#); Portsmouth, RI; 4:00-6:00pm.

July 15 - [UMass Turf Research Field Day](#); South Deerfield, MA; 8:00am-1:00pm.

July 16 **ELA Event**→[A Path to Beauty and Bounty: Building a Sustainable Eco-System](#); Portsmouth, RI; 4:00-6:00pm.

July 19-25 - [Native Bees as Pollinators: Diversity, Ecology, Conservation and Habitat Enhancement](#); Steuben, ME. Check [website](#) for other related events.

July 25 **ELA Event**→[The Green Art Garden: A Garden for Nature and a Space for Art](#); Kittery, ME; 10:00am-12:00pm.

July 29 **ELA Event**→[Out of Control: Chemical-free Strategies for Invasive Plant Control](#); Framingham, MA; 1:00-5:00pm.

August 2 **ELA Event**→[Kill Your Lawn](#); Framingham, MA; 9:00am-3:00pm.

August 6 **ELA Event**→[A River Runs Through It: Daylighting the Neponset River at Gillette Stadium](#); Foxborough, MA; 10:00am-1:00pm.

August 9-15 - [Botany at the Landscape Scale](#); Steuben, ME. Check [website](#) for other related events.

August 14-16 - [NOFA Summer Conference](#); Amherst, MA.

August 18 **ELA Event**→[Guiding the Rain: Aesthetic Form - Ecological Function](#); Leominster, MA; 9:00-11:00am.

August 20 - [Grassy Weed Identification Workshop](#); Amherst, MA; 9:00am-3:00pm.

September 26 **ELA Event**→[Recreational Lake Shore Restoration](#); Lake Massapoag, MA; 10:00am-12:00pm.

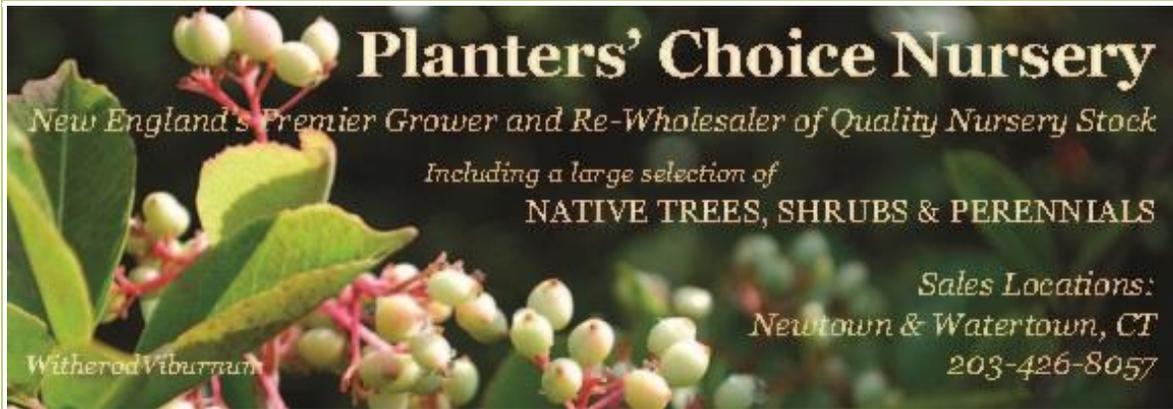
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Whether you are located in the area of our upcoming events or in some distant landscape, you are invited to participate in ELA collaborations and discussions by joining the Ecological Landscape Alliance discussion group on LinkedIn. The ELA discussion 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*