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**Human Nature**

by Ann Kearsley

*Linking natural systems with human ecology to develop sustainable and meaningful landscapes.*



Evidence of the history of human habitation in New England surrounds us, knit seamlessly into the texture of our daily lives. This landscape has been shaped by generations of people living on the land, their cultures and actions precipitating and responding to changes in the region's ecology, hydrology and plant communities.

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**Designing Winter Landscapes**

by Scott LaFleur

This is the first in a three part series discussing how to design a garden for winter interest. This article provides a framework and theory for Scott's vision of winter garden design. The second article will put theory into more practicable terms and provide hands-on advice as well as plant suggestions for winter interest with seed heads, form, structure, and bark. A third article will discuss the best plants for winter food and foraging - not only for animals but humans as well. [More information.](#)



**Tantalize Your Butterflies**

(or How to Make a Container Garden a Habitat)

Nanette Masi



Nanette Masi's native habitat garden design was selected as the design competition winner to represent ELA at the 2011 Boston Flower & Garden Show Container Garden Invitational Display. This article captures Nanette's experience designing the container habitat.

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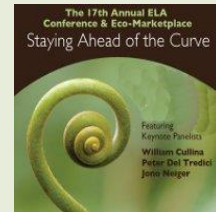
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## **No Curveballs at 17th ELA Conference & Eco-Marketplace**

by Maureen Sundberg

Whether you sell a product or provide a service, you need to stay ahead of the curve with your business, your profession, your skills, and your education in order to succeed. Staying ahead of the curve was the goal of over 350 landscaping and land care professionals who met in Springfield on March 3 for ELA's 17th Conference and Eco-Marketplace where they expanded their knowledge base, connected with peers, and explored products and services for the ecologically minded.

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## **NOFA/Mass Statewide Organic Lawn Days - April 7 and 9, 2011**

Homeowners from across Massachusetts will learn organic lawn care methods and maintenance by attending one of 12 statewide organic lawn care workshops on Thursday, April 7 and Saturday, April 9, 2011. For more information, visit [www.nofamass.org](http://www.nofamass.org).

## **Greenhouse for Sale**



Small greenhouse for sale in Rockland, MA must disassemble and move. Greenhouse is 16' wide, 24' long, and 14' high. Value \$8,000. For sale - best offer. For more information, contact [christine.kelley@us.ing.com](mailto:christine.kelley@us.ing.com) 617-376-9070

We hope that you enjoy this edition of the ELA newsletter.

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