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landscaping and horticultural practices."**

October

A highlight of autumn is taking time away from the landscape to enjoy ELA's [Season's End Summit](#). At our 6th Summit on November 5, speakers will lead an exploration of the layered landscape. The newsletter is pleased to offer a speaker preview with an excerpt from Julie Moir Messervy's book *Home Outside*. ELA friends further south will relish [Ecological Synergies](#), ELA's new intensive workshop in Pennsylvania on November 20. And if your focus is large landscapes, you'll cheer the return of the [Large-Scale Landscape Symposium](#) in collaboration with Wellesley College. We're looking forward to welcoming 2016 at this January 13 program on the Wellesley campus.

When you aren't at an ELA event this fall, you'll want to have a stack of books on hand for cold days by the fire. Our reviewers have checked into autumn reading for the ecologically minded and recommend a couple of books. This issue also highlights a few ELA Members who are making a difference with their ecological practices and shares creation of a wildlife demonstration garden in New Hampshire. *MS*



Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love by Julie Moir Messervy

It may sound strange, but the first thing I do when I visit a new property is to perform a kind of mental "energy audit" on the landscape. I'm not talking about reviewing the efficient use of electrical energy on a site. What I check for are the "forces"-their direction and magnitude-that radiate from each particular site and the house, vegetation, and landscape elements that sit upon it. [Read the article.](#)

Julie Moir Messervy presents with a focus on the professional at [The Season's End Summit](#), November 5, 2015 at the Community Harvest Project Barn in North Groton. Julie will be signing her books at this event.



ELA Members Making a Difference

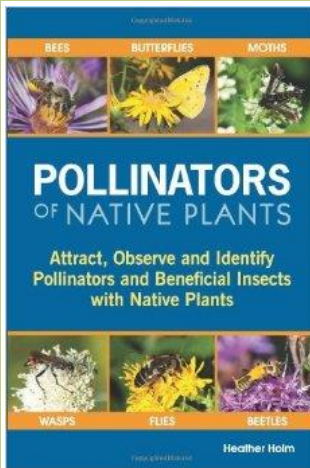
ELA recently wondered what our members were up to. What changes have they seen in their ecological landscapes and what new directions do they see their businesses or organizations going in the next few years? What ecological practices are resonating with their clients? We asked a few members to give us a glimpse inside their organizations. [Read the article.](#)



Growing on the Wild Side: Creating a Backyard Demonstration Areas for People and Wildlife

by Rachel Stevens

Watch us "grow" as we develop a backyard wildlife gardening demonstration area on a conservation property along the shores of Great Bay, New Hampshire. Although still being created, the garden will showcase ideas to create a low maintenance and beautiful backyard that also provides shelter, food, and water for wildlife. [Read the article.](#)



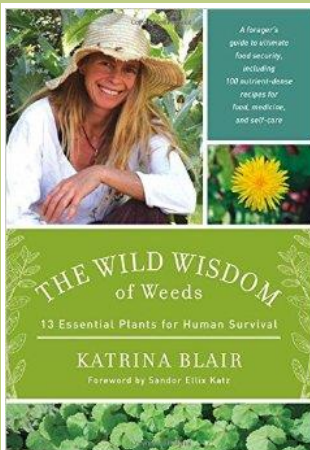
Book Review

Pollinators of Native Plants: Attract, Observe and Identify Pollinators and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants

Written by Heather Holm, Published by Pollination Press LLC, 2014

Reviewed by Bruce Wenning

With a background in plant pathology and entomology, Bruce considers this book by Heather Holm, experienced native plant landscape designer and restorationist. With over 1600 color photographs and drawings that encapsulate her devotion to native plants and the insects that pollinate them, Holm offers an assessable resource on a timely topic. [Read the review.](#)



Book Review

The Wild Wisdom of Weeds: 13 Essential Plants for Human Survival

Written by Katrina Blair, Published by Chelsea Green Books, 2014

Reviewed by Russ Cohen

As an expert forager and wild food enthusiast, Russ takes a look at this deeply personal account of Blair's longtime relationship with and fondness for the "weeds" and other plants near her hometown of Durango, CO. [Read the review.](#)

Russ offers a longer critique of this book as well. [Read the critique.](#)

ELA News

ELA Announces Large-Scale Landscape in Collaboration with Wellesley College

On January 13, 2016, ELA will join Wellesley College for a second Large-Scale Landscapes Symposium. This year's theme is Exploring Ecological Options and speakers will explore the development and maintenance of large landscapes utilizing fewer inputs and will consider the long-term sustainability of landscapes. [Click for more information about presentations and speakers.](#)



Claim Your Place at Summit and PA Workshop

Registrations are still being accepted for ELA's autumn events. Register soon; space is limited.

- [Season's End Summit: Digging into the Layered Landscape](#), November 5 from 8:00am-4:30pm reflects on the season that has passed and offers inspiration for the season ahead.
- [Ecological Synergies: Understanding Performance-Based, Resilient Landscapes](#), November 20 from 9:00am-5:00pm at Longwood Gardens. This intensive workshop takes an in-depth look at plants with the landscape practitioner in mind.

Gleanings

Opportunities for Presenters

* The Massachusetts Environmental Education Society (MEES) seeks presentation proposal for their 2016 Conference: The Language of Climate Change to be held Wednesday, March 9 in Worcester, MA. For more information and to submit a workshop proposal, go to [their website](#).

* The Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference seeks workshop presents for its 2016 conference: Managing for Success to be held Saturday, April 2 in Worcester. Workshop proposals on the conference theme and other land conservation topics are due November 8, 2015. To submit a proposal, [click here](#).



Check for Tree Pests

As the leaves fall, it is a good time to check for signs of damage from pests such as the Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer. For information on what to look for, [click here](#). Most

states offer a website from which you can report an invader. In MA, report any suspicious sightings to the [Massachusetts Introduced Pests Outreach Project](#); in NH, report to [NH Bugs](#). [The National Invasive Species Information Center](#) of the US Department of Agriculture offers resources in other states.



Climate Change, Energy & the Outdoors - an Educational Series

The Appalachian Mountain Club, Mass Audubon, and the Union of Concerned Scientists are collaborating on an education series, Climate Change, Energy, and the Outdoors, that will run through the end of the year. Dates and topics are posted on the [Mass Audubon website](#). Events will be held in Boston, MA.



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

October 16-18 - [26th Annual National Bioneers Conference](#); San Rafael, CA.
October 16-18 - [Restoring Water Cycles to Reverse Global Warming](#); Medford, MA.
October 17 - [Is Carbon the Problem or the Solution?](#) - Webinar; 11:00am PDT.
October 17 - [Wetlands Replication and Restoration: Let's Get It Right!](#) Devens, MA; 8:30am-4:00pm.
October 17 - [Stockbridge School of Agriculture Open House](#); Amherst, MA; 9:30am-1:00pm.
October 21 - [Landscaping with Native Shrubs: They Are Tougher than You Think](#); 7:00-9:00pm.
October 21-23 - [The National Association of Landscape Professionals - Landscapes 2015](#); Louisville, KY.
October 24 - [The Third Long Island Native Plant Symposium](#); Farmingdale, NY; 8:00am-4:00pm.
October 24 - [Protecting Our Investment in Wildlife](#); Westborough, MA; 8:00am-4:00pm.
October 26&27, November 2&3 - [NOFA Accreditation Courses](#); Greenwich, CT.
October 27 - [Greening Your Community](#); Uxbridge, MA; 4:30pm.
October 29 **ELA Event**→[Guiding the Rain: Aesthetic Form - Ecological Function](#); Leominster, MA; 9:00-11:00am.
October 29 - [The Landscape Conference \(NJNLA\)](#); Mt. Laurel, NJ; 9:00am-4:30pm.
November 2 - [The Future of Nature: Making an Impact](#); Boston, MA; 6:30-8:00pm.
November 4 - [Bringing Nature Home with Doug Tallamy](#); Boylston, MA; 7:00-8:30pm.
November 5 **ELA Event**→[Season's End Summit: Digging Into the Layered Landscape](#); North Grafton, MA; 8:00am-4:30pm.
November 6-9 - [ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo](#); Chicago, IL.
November 12 **ELA Event**→[Mobilizing Volunteers for Invasive Plant Removal](#) - Webinar; 12:00-1:00pm EST.
November 12 - [End of Season Wrap-up for Landscapers: Updates from UMass Extension](#); Amherst, MA; 9:00am-3:30pm.
November 13 - [Turning a New Leaf Conference](#); Townson, MD; 8:00am-5:00pm.
November 13 - [Cape Cod Landscape Association Professional Education Seminar & Trade Show](#); Hyannis, MA; 8:00am-4:00pm.
November 13-14 - [Sustainable Trails for a Sustainable Future](#), 2015 MA Trails Conference; Leominster, MA.
November 18 **ELA Event**→[Understanding Roots: Exploring Plants Underground](#) - Webinar; 7:00-8:00pm EST.
November 18 - [Matching Appropriate Seed to Conservation Practices](#) - Webinar; 2:00-3:00pm EST.
November 20 **ELA Event**→[Ecological Synergies: Understanding Performance-Based, Resilient Landscapes](#); Longwood Gardens, PA; 9:00am-5:00pm.
December 9 **ELA Event**→[Riparian Restoration Using Chemical-free Invasive Plant Control](#) - Webinar; 12:00-1:00pm EST.
January 11 **ELA Event**→[Garden Allies - The Art and Science of Conservation Biological Control](#) - Webinar; 1:00-2:00pm EST.
January 13 **ELA Event**→[Connecting the Drops: Creating Abundance with Rainwater Harvesting](#) - Webinar; 12:00-1:00pm EST.
January 13 **ELA Event**→[Large-Scale Landscapes Symposium: Exploring Ecological Options](#); Wellesley, MA; 8:30am-4:30pm.

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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*