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landscaping and horticultural practices."**

October 2016

Autumn leaves may be on display in New England, but ELA's [webinar series](#) is in full bloom. Presenters of two upcoming webinars, Dr. Bert Cregg and Mary Travaglini, preview their topics in this issue of the newsletter. We also have a contribution from Christie Dustman who will be part of the distinguished lineup of speakers at this year's [Season's End Summit](#) on November 10. And, again this year, our October issue highlights a few ELA members. We asked one group for their short lists of native plants that weathered this summer's record heat and drought; we also checked in with a few members to find out about the overall challenges and successes of the past year. *MS*



Urban Tree Selection in a Changing Climate

by Dr. Bert Cregg and Dana Ellison

Urban and community trees will be among the first ecosystems affected by climate change as increased temperatures exacerbate the urban heat island effect. Which trees should we be planting now that will withstand the anticipated increase in temperatures over their lifespan? [Read the article.](#)

On November 1 at 1:00pm, Dr. Cregg will share more information about trees and climate change in a [webinar presentation](#). Live and archived webinars are free to ELA members.



Credit: Montgomery County, MD

From Dirty Streets to Clean BMPs Maintaining rain gardens along roadways

by Mary Travaglini

Rain gardens and bio-retention areas are asked to contend with tough conditions: stormwater carrying a mix of pollutants, sediment, and debris; periods of drought; human abuse and neglect. How do Best Management Practices fit into the equation? [Read the article.](#)

Learn more from Mary Travaglini on November 4 when she shares more about the lessons she's learned working with roadside raingardens during a [webinar presentation](#). Live and archived webinars are free to ELA members.



Conifers: The New Foundation Planting

by Christie Dustman

Do you have to choose between water-thirsty Pieris and Rhododendrons and drought-tolerant cacti and grasses? No! Consider the water-wise and maintenance-easy conifers. [Read the article.](#)

Christie Dustman joins a lineup of distinguished landscape professionals at ELA's [7th Seasons End Summit](#) on November 7. The day-long event looks back at the season and Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind.



Best Native Plants in a Drought

Contributors:

Kristen Andres, Ellen Folts, Dan Jaffe, and Elizabeth Ann Listowich

This year's drought has challenged all of our plants, but native plants seem to show more resilience. We asked a few ELA members to name their top five native plants and to describe how they "weathered" the season. [Read the article.](#)



2016: A Year of Drought

Contributors:

Cindy Goulder, Sue Opton, and Nick Novick

Across the country, 2016 has brought challenges to landscapes and the businesses that help sustain them. ELA checked in with a few members to find out about their seasons, their businesses, and the direction of the ecological landscape. [Read the article.](#)

ELA News

Fall Educational Events

Remember, ELA members may attend all live and archived webinars for free! Find the complete lineup of Season 4 webinars in our series [A Focus on Sustainability](#). Members also receive discounts on registrations for events like:

- ELA's 7th Annual Season's End Summit: [Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind](#) on November 10 at the Community Harvest Project Barn in North Grafton, MA. The full-day event features presentations and a panel discussion. Continental breakfast and hot lunch included in registration.
- [Creating Ecological Plant Communities: Digging Deep in Plant Knowledge with The Masters](#) is a special ELA collaboration with Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Brooklyn Bridge Park. Don't miss this unique opportunity on December 9 to gain functional horticultural information from those professionals with a deep understanding of plants. Morning coffee and catered lunch included. Early registration discounts end November 1.

Get your company in front of professional gardeners, horticulturists, landscape architects, and designers. Become a [Symposium Sponsor!](#)



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ELA Featured in Video

Dan and Marilyn Brielmann create short environmental videos that highlight local projects and organizations. The Brielmanns feature ELA in the recent addition to their offerings. Thank you to the Brielmanns for their interest in ELA. Find the link on [their website](#).



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Gleanings

SITES AP Launched

The [SITES Accredited Professional \(AP\)](#) credential launched earlier this month with the first round of testing at the Greenbuild International Conference in Culver City, CA on October 3. An additional testing opportunity takes place during the 2016 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo in New Orleans on October 25.



Share Your Garden Design Online

[Good Gardening Videos](#) seeks ecological designers and gardeners to share their projects on its website. The non-profit organization has collected almost 500 videos in areas such as Edibles and Youth and Community Gardens. No need to hire a videographer. The site offers tips for creating a "good enough" video that will let you share your expertise.



Replacement Elm Trees

Elm Research Institute, Keene, NH offers Grow-to-Order Elm trees for delivery in the fall of 2019. The 12-foot, 2-inch caliper Liberty Elms sell for \$50 (price locked in for the next three years) and come with a lifetime warranty against Dutch elm disease. [Find out more.](#)



Food for Thought, Food for Life

Celebrate National Food Day on October 24 by viewing the award-winning short film *Food for Thought, Food for Life* in which Director Susan Rockefeller explains the downsides of current agribusiness practices and introduces viewers to farmers, chefs, researchers, educators, and advocates who are providing solutions. October 24, 7:00pm at Newton Free Library, 330 Homer St., Newton, MA.



Revisions Proposed to Composting Regulations

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources has proposed revisions to 330 CMR 25.00, the Agricultural Composting Regulations. [Read the revisions](#) (Section 25.03); [attend a hearing](#). Comment period ends October 20, 5:00pm.



Perpetual Drought: The "New Normal" for Urban Trees?

UMass Extension offers information on the effects of the severe summer drought conditions on our urban trees, steps you can take this fall to support your trees, and stress symptoms to look for in the coming seasons. [Click here.](#)



UMass Garden Calendar

Always a popular gift for a client or colleague, the UMass Garden Calendar is on sale. This year's calendar features tips for gardening in a drought. Bulk pricing and gift mailing are available. [Find out more.](#)



Opportunity to Present

Share your organic perspective at the NOFA/RI Winter Conference on March 5, 2016. [Find out more.](#)



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

- October 19 - [Working Farms and Forests](#); Attleboro, MA; 4:00-6:00pm.
- October 20 - [Plants for Wildlife and Pollinators](#) - webinar; 11:00am-12:00pm.
- October 20-21 - [Chainsaw Use, Safety, and Maintenance](#); Williamsburg, MA.
- October 21-24 - [ASLA 2016 Annual Meeting and EXPO](#); New Orleans.
- October 22 - [The Conway School Info Session](#); Easthampton, MA; 10:00am-1:00pm.
- October 22 - [MA Trails Celebration](#); Holyoke, MA; 9:30am-1:00pm. Details: Amanda.lewis@state.ma.us
- October 24 - [Planting a Pollinator Garden class with Rebecca McMackin](#); Bronx, NY; 6 p.m.
- October 24-December 12 - [UMass Extension's Green School](#); Milford, MA. (Sept 23 ends early bird registration discount)
- November 1 **ELA Webinar**→[Urban Tree Selection in a Changing Climate](#); 1:00pm EDT.
- November 1 - deadline to apply for [URI Master Gardener Program Core Training](#).

November 1-4 - [CitiesAlive: Green Roof & Wall Conference](#); Washington, DC.

November 2 **ELA Webinar**→[How to Use Sex and Power to Increase Sales](#); 4:00pm EDT.

November 2 - [Managing Phosphorus in Organic Residuals Applied to Soils](#); Marlborough, MA; 8:45am-4:00pm.

November 2 - [Native Edibles](#); Cambridge, MA; 7:00-8:30pm.

November 2 - [A Changing Urban Landscape: the Evolution of the Rose Kennedy Greenway](#); Boston, MA; 6:00pm.

November 4 **ELA Webinar**→[Dirty Streets to Dirty BMPs: Maintaining Stormwater BMPs along Roadways](#); 1:00pm EDT.

November 4 - [Plant Communities Workshop with Ulrich Lorimer](#); Bronx, NY; 9 a.m.

November 4-6 - [Mindful Action Toward Progress](#); Litchfield, CT.

November 5 - [A Truly Native Garden: A Challenge Met lecture with Michael Hagen](#), Bronx, NY; 9 a.m.

November 9-10 - [Northeast Greenhouse Conference and Expo](#); Boxborough, MA.

November 10 **ELA Symposium**→[2016 Season's End Summit: Landscape Design with Maintenance in Mind](#); North Grafton, MA; 8:30am-4:30pm.

November 10-11- [Sustainable Landscapes Professional Workshops](#); Austin, TX.

November 12 - [Greenbelt Open Space Conference](#); Haverhill, MA; 8:00am-2:30pm.

November 12 - [CACIWC Environmental Conference](#); Rocky Hill, CT; 8:30am-4:00pm. Exhibitor opportunities.

November 16 **ELA Webinar**→[Soil Amendments: What Works, What Should Be Avoided?](#); 1:00-2:00pm EST.

November 19 - [Deconstructing the American Landscape](#); New London, CT; 8:30am-4:30pm.

November 30 - [Latest & Greatest EPA Tools for Implementing Green Infrastructure](#) - Webinar; 1:00-2:30pm EST.

November 30-December 2 - [New England Grows](#); Boston, MA.

December 4 - [Organic No-Till and Intensive Vegetable Production: Tools and Techniques](#); Narragansett, RI; 10:00am-4:00pm.

December 8 **ELA Webinar**→[Evaluating Conservation Landscape Designs](#); 7:00-2:00pm EDT.

December 9 **ELA Symposium**→[Creating Ecological Plant Communities: Digging Deep into Plant Knowledge with the Masters](#); Brooklyn, NY; 8:00am-5:00pm.

January 11 **ELA Webinar**→[Keeping Invasive Plants Out of the Landscape](#); 1:00-2:00pm EST.

January 14 - [NOFA/Mass Winter Conference](#); Worcester, MA.

January 18 **ELA Screening**→[Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home](#); Framingham, MA; 2:00-3:30pm.

January 20-22 - [NOFA-NY Winter Conference - Long Live the Farmer: Diversity & Biodiversity](#); Saratoga Springs, NY.

January 21 **ELA Screening**→[Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home](#); Framingham, MA; 4:00-5:30pm.

January 23 **ELA Webinar**→[The Insider's Guide to Assessing SITES Viability](#); 1:00-2:00pm EDT.

January 28 - [NOFA-NH Winter Conference: Grow Well, Eat Well](#); Concord, NH.

January 28-29 - [NOFA-NJ Winter Conference: Food & Farming in the Garden State](#); New Brunswick, NJ.

January 31 **ELA Collaboration**→[Landscape Heroes: Carbon, Water, and Biodiversity](#); Amherst, MA; 8:00am-5:00pm.

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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*

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