

Developed as a Valuable Resource for Sustainability <u>ELA's Newsletter Is Now Available</u> to a wider audience ...for Free

For nearly two decades, the Ecological Landscaping Association\* (ELA) has provided a variety of educational offerings to promote the use of ecological, sustainable, and organic landscaping practices. One of these offerings is ELA's newsletter, *The Ecological Landscaper*. Published quarterly, the newsletter has been a valuable benefit available to ELA members only.

Starting today, we extend the reach of ELA's mission of education: our newsletter is now published online as a monthly publication and is available to everyone who seeks healthier alternatives for their gardens, lawns, and landscapes.

Also new this month is ELA's newsletter editor, Danielle Connor, who brings to this project an expertise in both communications and environmental issues. With her background in multi-media and webbased production, Danielle promises to introduce the ELA community to new and exciting ways to communicate more quickly, more effectively, and (in terms of resource conservation) more sustainably.

I invite you to explore the January issue of <u>The Ecological Landscaper</u> now and join us each month for a new issue of our newsletter, now on the ELA website!

Enjoy!

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## \*Need an Introduction to ELA?

Eighteen years ago a dedicated group of landscapers started looking for alternatives to traditional landscapes. They were interested in biological diversity, healthy soils, native plant conservation, clean water, and reduced pesticide and fertilizer use - healthy landscapes that supported healthy communities. Together they created **the Ecological Landscaping Association (ELA)** an education-based, non-profit organization. For nearly two decades, ELA has been advocating for environmentally responsible stewardship of land and natural resources in the landscaping and horticultural practices of professionals and the public. Through education, collaboration, and networking, ELA promotes the design, installation, and maintenance of landscapes that are guided by a knowledge of, and respect for, natural ecosystems. Check out the many educational offerings at <u>www.ecolandscaping.org</u>