

2023 CNLP Day, Horticulture 101 Day and Education Conference Speakers

David Culp, keynote speaker

Seminar: Layered Garden

Seminar: A Year at the Brandywine Cottage

Seminar: Shade Gardens

David Culp is the creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown, PA, which are listed in the Smithsonian Institution/Archives of American Gardens. He is the owner of Brandywine Snowdrops Nursery, the developer of the Brandywine Hybrid strain of hellebores, and vice president for Sunny Border Nurseries in CT. David has been lecturing about gardens for over 25 years, and is an instructor on herbaceous perennials Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. He is also a judge for the Philadelphia Flower Show. David is the author of *The Layered Garden*, which won a Gold Medal from the Garden Writers Association for Best Overall Book of the Year and *A Year at Brandywine Cottage: Six Seasons of Beauty, Bounty and Blooms*.

Richard Buckley

Seminar: Out of Sight – Out of Mind. Don't Overlook These Tiny Plant Killers

Seminar: Diseases of Conifers

Richard Buckley is the director of Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory. Richard is an instructor in the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School and Rutgers Department of Pathology and Plant Science. He teaches courses in diseases and insect pests of turfgrass and ornamental plants. He is also a frequent lecturer and invited speaker on disease and insect pest problems in turf and ornamentals, plant problem solving, and pest management techniques.

Lyn Chimera

Seminar: Using Native Plants in Your Landscape

Lyn Chimera has her Master Gardener certification from Cornell and began a garden consulting business, Lessons from Nature. Lyn makes house calls to help solve problems, answer questions, identify plants and help with layout. She has self-published a book, *5 Keys to Better Gardening*, writes a monthly gardening column for *After 50 Magazine* and contributes Garden Tips to *Upstate Gardeners Journal* as well as articles for *The Master Gardener Newsletter* and *Figure 8*, the Federated Garden Clubs publication.

Phil Colarusso

Seminar: Outdoor Lighting – The Power is in the Emotion

Phil Colarusso is a lighting designer and president of Luminated Landscapes, a small design build firm in the Buffalo, NY market. Phil's experience in the landscape industry is extensive as he once had his own landscape company called Poplar Hill in the 1980's. In the mid-1990's he decided to specialize exclusively in landscape lighting and quit providing landscaping. He then changed the company name to Luminated Landscapes. Phil has 3 design patents for industry related products and 44 years of design experience.

Tom Draves

Seminars: Accessing and Repairing Storm Damage to the Landscape

Tom Draves is a partner of Draves Tree Service, a third-generation tree and landscape company. He is the village arborist for Williamsville, an ISA Certified Arborist, commercial pesticide applicator, and United States army ranger. Tom was awarded the Gold Leaf Award by the International Society of Arboriculture; the President's Award and the Distinguished Arborists Award by the New York State Arborists; Business of the Year Award by the NYS Nursery and Landscape Association and has received several City of Buffalo Executive Chamber citations. Tom has taught several short course classes at Cornell and has given numerous seminars on all aspects of tree related issues to various groups and organizations. Tom holds US, Canadian and European plant patents for new tree introductions. Tom has designed, built, and maintains a Level II, accredited by ArbNet arboretum in Darien, NY. The arboretum hosts over 600 species of trees and shrubs.

Brian Eshenaur

Seminar: What to Watch for in 2023: Landscape and Nursery Pests We Can Expect in The Coming Growing Season

Seminar: Spotted Lanternfly: It's Here, What Now?

Brian Eshenaur's current efforts with NYS IPM emphasizes the detection and management of invasive pests and he works to bring sustainable pest management innovations to NY Agriculture producers and residents. His leadership with the invasive spotted lanternfly in NYS has brought national recognition. Brian also delivers extension programming and conducts applied research on pest control solutions for in nursery and landscape settings. With a background in plant diagnostics, his work focuses on insect and plant disease identification and management.

Clark Janson, CNLP

Seminar: Tropical Plants for the Landscape

Clark Janson, a Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional (CNLP) is the owner of The Barefooted Gardener. He is passionate about teaching and creating tranquil outdoor spaces, with an ecosystem philosophy, using water features and plants which look tropical but are hardy once established. Clark believes that given our climate, learning from the plantings and projects which don't work is just as important as the successes.

Mike Loberg

Seminar: Lawn Install Dos and Don'ts

Mike Loberg has been the sales manager at Lakeside Sod Supply since 2007. He has been working in the turfgrass industry since 1984. Prior to his current position Mike worked at several golf courses in New York and New Jersey. He was a golf course superintendent at Highland Park Golf Club in Auburn, NY and at Churchville Golf Course in Churchville, NY.

Tom Mitchell

Seminar: Tree and Shrub Installation Basics

Seminar: Insects and Diseases of Fruit Bearing Plants Used in the Landscape

Tom Mitchell is presently teaching horticulture at Niagara County Community College and previously taught horticulture at McKinley High School for 33 years. Tom teaches the plant protection class at NCCC which results in the 30-hour certification needed to take the state pesticide exam. Tom is the owner of Mitchell Landscaping Inc. Mitchell Landscaping specializes in landscape maintenance. Tom is a past president of the NYS Agriculture Teachers Association and PLANT WNY and served as trustee of the WNYSNLA Foundation.

Mike Nierenberg

Seminar: Pesticide Safety

Mike Nierenberg, recently retired, has worked in the NYSDEC pesticide program for 34 years. He started as a pesticide control specialist 1, was promoted to a supervising pesticide control specialist 2, and eventually took over all supervisory aspects of the region in 2015. Mike is currently certified in 10 NYS certification categories.

Travis Schmitt

Seminar: Bonsai Styling in the Landscape

Travis Schmitt is an experienced bonsai hobbyist, working with the art form for over eighteen years. Not only does he create amazing trees, he uses bonsai techniques in landscaping as well. Travis has taught classes and workshops for garden clubs and at the Botanical Gardens. He has worked in the green industry for many years.

Kyle Schuppenhauer

Seminar: Open Grade Stone Base for Hardscapes and Trends in the Hardscape Industry

Kyle Schuppenhauer is the territory manager for Unilock. He has experience in the landscape and hardscape industry with a sales and management background. Kyle is ICPI certified.

Bill Snyder**Seminar: Small Trees for the Landscape**

Bill Snyder is a Registered Consulting Arborist accredited by American Society of Consulting Arborists. He began his career after college with Lewis Tree Service and then started and operated Frontier Tree and Lawn Service in Buffalo, NY. He is a Certified Arborist and a member of the International Society of Arboriculture. Bill has served on a variety of boards including The NYS Arborists Association, PLANT WNY, PLANT WNY Foundation Landscape, NYS American Chestnut Foundation and Pheasants Forever Western New York chapter, which is devoted to developing and maintaining wildlife habitat. Bill has been a guest lecturer for the NYS Urban Forestry Council, the WNYSNLA, the New York Turfgrass Association, and the Michigan Green Industry Association. Bill has developed and taught woody plant care, and plant appraisal seminars at Buffalo State College. He instructed numerous seminars on tree care to groups in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

Steve Sypniewski, Lifetime CNLP**Seminar: Pruning 101**

Steve Sypniewski, a lifetime resident of WNY, followed his father's footsteps into the green industry. Steve worked for several Buffalo area landscape firms, including his own, with experience in a wide range of services, including design/build, maintenance and tree service. He is a Lifetime CNLP, an ISA Certified Arborist, and a NYS Certified Pesticide Applicator in category 3a. He is currently the assistant campus planner and arboretum manager at SUNY Buffalo State.

Tim Zimmerman, CNLP**Seminar: TBA**

Tim Zimmerman is a sales representative for The Robert Baker Company and Medford Nursery, serving Western and Central NYS and NW PA. He assists nurseries, garden centers, and landscape contractors with plant selection and procurement for sale and installation. Tim spent 16 years as a landscape designer and estimator in WNY, 13 of those while serving as the landscape manager with Menne Nursery in Amherst, NY. His projects have been honored with PLANT WNY and NYSNLA awards and have been profiled in Nursery Lines Magazine.