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**Register by October 3rd and deduct \$10.  
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- Arboretum Members/Wild Ones Members  
(Regular Rate: \$68.00/Early Bird Special: \$58.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- General Public  
(Regular Rate: \$78.00/Early Bird Special: \$68.00) \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration fee includes  
continental breakfast, lunch, and two breaks.*

Registration form must be received by October 25th.  
Make checks payable to  
"Connecticut College Arboretum".

Mail to: The Connecticut College Arboretum  
Campus Box 5201  
270 Mohegan Avenue  
New London, CT 06320-4196



Reserve hotel accommodations at Holiday Inn of  
New London (860-442-0631) no later than  
October 21 to receive the college discount. Mention  
the Arboretum SALT Seminar when reserving room.

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"A bird does not sing because it has an answer – it sings  
because it has a song."  
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## The ABC's of Creating Your Own "Garden of Eden"



## 9th Annual SALT Seminar for Homeowners (Smaller American Lawns Today)

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**  
Blaustein Humanities Center, Room 210  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Almost any garden, if you see it at just the right  
moment, can be confused with paradise."

HENRY MITCHELL

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## Learning Your ABC's

Whether we think the Garden of Eden really existed or was simply a beautiful myth, most of us would agree that it would have been a compelling place to live. Imagine beautiful fruit-laden trees, rivers crisscrossing the land, fertile soil, birds chirping, flowers blooming! We can't offer you steps to such perfection but we can start you on the path to creating your personal Garden of Eden right on your own home grounds—a piece of land that can be in tune with nature and offers beauty and diversity, a healthy environment, sustainability, and less upkeep.



**Sharee Solow**, who holds degrees in theater, marketing, landscape architecture, and horticulture, will fly around the world with you in her presentation “*Stairway to Paradise*.” You undoubtedly will get a creative boost as you gather ideas from what other



people world-wide have done with the land entrusted into their care. We spend much of our time thinking about the plants while the pathways are often just an afterthought. Sharee will emphasize the importance of how we get from one part of our garden to another, and why that pathway we design is so important in the way we experience a garden. Sharee, who has a strong background in landscape design, is program chair for the Hardy Plant Society, a Penn State Extension and Temple University Ambler Arboretum board member, past board member of Pennsylvania/Delaware ASLA, and has as many other positions to her credit in the world of design.

Author and landscape architect **Carolyn Summers** will present an informative review of current research that reveals the many ways in which native plants form the basis of the food web and supports a healthy, biodiverse landscape. Her lecture, “*Gardens Filled with Life: Designing with Northeastern Flora*,” will cover ways to minimize harm from exotic plants, including the use of indigenous substitutes for a wide variety of traditional styles. Example of striking, unusual indigenous plants used in formal settings will be provided along with naturalistic styles to explore the full design potential of northeastern indigenous flora.



Carolyn is the author of *Designing Gardens with Flora of the American east*, released by Rutgers University Press in April, 2010. She is currently an adjunct professor at Westchester Community College, NY, and serves on the Steering Committee of The Native Plant Center at the college. Her book will be on sale at the conference, and she will be available for book signing.

Perhaps you would like more room in your living space—a place that will become a haven from the world around you. It can be done without adding one square foot to your house! In his lecture “*Intimate Gardens for Outdoor Living*,” **C. Colston Burrell**, acclaimed lecturer, garden designer, award winning author and photographer, will share with you the ABC's of creating such a refuge and haven of rest outdoors in a garden setting. You will go home with concrete ideas of how you can implement this on



your own home grounds. Cole is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design. In 2008, he received the Award of Distinction from the Association of Professional Landscape Designers for his work promoting sustainable gardening practices. Cole has a number of books to his credit, some of which will be for sale at the conference. He also writes regularly for *Horticulture*, *Landscape Architecture*, *American Gardener*, and the *Brooklyn Botanic Garden*.



**Catherine Zimmerman**, author of *Urban and Suburban Meadows* and an organically accredited, sustainable landscape designer, will present meadowscaping as a lawn alternative. In her lecture “*Meadowscaping in Urban and Suburban Spaces*,” she will give a step-by-step primer on reducing lawn size and organically installing a beautiful meadowscape in your own yard. No space is too small!

Catherine is an award winning filmmaker and sustainable landscape designer based in the Washington, D.C. area. She is currently putting the finishing touches on a companion video to her book on meadowscaping. She contributes monthly to a team blog: Native Plants and Wildlife Gardens (<http://native-plantwildlifegarden.com>). The book, blog, video and Catherine's Meadow Project are her efforts to help people rethink their pesticide-ridden, manicured, monoculture lawns and return their land to beautiful, natural habitats for native plants and wild life. Catherine's book will be for sale at the conference, and Catherine will be available for book signing.

### About SALT . . .

Smaller American Lawns Today (SALT) is a movement originating at Connecticut College and conceived by the late Dr. William A. Niering, internationally renowned environmentalist, beloved botany professor at Connecticut College, and Director of the Connecticut College Arboretum for many years. SALT is aimed at reversing the lawn mania in America by restoring home grounds to more harmonious productive ecologically sound naturalistic landscapes. SALT promotes the practice of using native plants and designing environmentally sound lawns that encourage biodiversity. The annual SALT conferences each year are dedicated to the memory of Dr. Niering.

### About the Connecticut College Arboretum . . .

The Connecticut College Arboretum is a diverse 750 acres of beauty which includes the landscaped grounds of the campus as well as the surrounding plant collections, natural areas, and managed landscapes. Its Native Plant Collection is 25 acres of woody plants and wildflowers indigenous to eastern North America. The Arboretum serves the surrounding communities by offering educational opportunities for all ages in environmental awareness, horticulture, botany, and other topics of interest in the natural world. Visit our website to learn more about us.

### About Wild Ones . . .

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes is a membership organization that promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities. There are 44 chapters throughout the United States. The Connecticut Mountain Laurel Chapter is the local chapter that was formed in 2006—the first and only chapter of Wild Ones in Connecticut. The group meets the first Saturday of each month at Connecticut College.

### DIRECTIONS

*These alternative directions are for this year only due to the construction on campus:*

**From I-95 Northbound:** Exit 83, left at light at end of ramp onto Williams Street. Follow Williams Street until you reach the rear (south) entrance of the college on the right (Arboretum gates will be on left). Turn into the college. Go straight until you see Crozier Boulevard on left. Turn left. Blaustein Humanities Center is the first building on the corner.

**From I-95 Southbound:** Exit 84N at end of Goldstar Bridge. (84N becomes Route 32 North.) Do NOT turn left at the main college entrance (second traffic light). Go to the next traffic light (across from the athletic center), and turn left into the college. Go carefully up the hill and follow the only road open to you until you come to Crozier Boulevard on your right. Turn right. The Blaustein Humanities Center is the first building on the corner.

**From I-395 Southbound:** Left Exit 78 onto connector to Route 32 South. (Do not turn right into the main college entrance which is about 2.5 miles south.) Use the entrance on the right just before the main entrance. It is directly across from the athletic center. Turn right onto the campus and go carefully up the hill. Follow the only road open to you. On the right you will see Crozier Boulevard. Turn right. Blaustein Humanities Center is the first building on the corner.

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