About SALT

Smaller American Lawns Today is a movement originating at Connecticut College and conceived by the late Dr. William A. Niering, internationally renowned environmentalist and botany professor at Connecticut College. SALT is aimed at reversing the lawn mania in American by restoring homes and industrial grounds to more harmonious, productive, and ecologically sound naturalistic landscapes. Dr. Niering encouraged citizens to become the “salt of the earth” by starting to make the transition toward more ecologically sound home grounds. The Arboretum encourages you to share the information you learn today with your family, friends, and colleagues so that they, too, can become the “salt of the earth.”

“We come and go, but the land is always here. And the people who love it and understand it are the people who own it—for a little while.” Willa Carther

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8:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Welcome
9:15 a.m.  “Picturesque and Environmentally Friendly Landscapes: Gardening with Sustainable Low-Maintenance Plants” by Carl Salsedo
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. “Native Plants for Four Season Gardening” by Laura Eisner
Noon  Lunch
1:15 p.m.  “Backyards for Wildlife” by Leslie Duthie
2:30 p.m.  Break
2:45 p.m.  “Creating a Palette of Color for Your Outdoor Space” by Annaliese Bischoff

“Clover, violets, dandelions are treated as criminals. There’s nothing wrong with dandelions. There’s something wrong with people!!!” Dr. William A. Niering

About the Speakers
Annaliese Bischoff is an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture and Associate Director of the University Writing Program at the University of Massachusetts. She has been President of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture and the Design Communication Association and organized an exhibit entitled “Landscape Links: A Look at the Etchings of Frank A. Waugh” at the University of Massachusetts.

Leslie Duthie has been the plant propagator and horticulturist at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary for over 20 years. She has a wealth of experience growing and gardening with plants native to the northeast. Leslie teaches about the world of native plants and how they relate to the animal kingdom that depends on these plants for food, shelter, and nesting sites to people of all ages. She teaches not only children but also master gardeners, adult visitors at the Norcross Sanctuary, and Certificate Program students at New England Wildflower Society.

Laura Eisner has a Bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts and a Bachelor’s degree in Botany and Anthropology from Connecticut College. Laura had her own landscape design firm and specializes in unique resident landscapes. Since 1984, she has taught in the landscape design program formerly known as Radcliffe Seminars, but recently renamed the Landscape Institute of Arnold Arboretum. She has been associate editor for Massachusetts’ People, Places, Plants magazine since 2000.

Carl Salsedo has been an Extension Educator in Environmental and Sustainable Horticulture with the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System since 1975. He has worked with a variety of green industries in Connecticut including nursery, greenhouse, garden center, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industry. He has also worked with the University of Connecticut’s Master Gardener and Advanced Master Gardener Programs. Currently he is working with the residential water quality team within the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System to develop sustainable landscaping programs and materials.