About the Connecticut College Arboretum...

The Connecticut College Arboretum located in New London, Arboretum is a diverse 750 acres, including the landscaped grounds of the campus as well as the surrounding plant collections, natural areas, and managed landscapes. It serves the surrounding communities by offering educational opportunities in environmental awareness, horticulture, botany, and other areas of interest in the natural world. The Arboretum has broadened its focus to include family and children educational opportunities. To learn about upcoming Arboretum programs or for membership information in the Arboretum Association, call the Arboretum office.

About SALT ...

Smaller American Lawns Today is a movement originating at Connecticut College and conceived by the late Dr. William Niering, internationally renowned environmentalist and botany professor at Connecticut College. It 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 designing environmentally sound lawns that encourage biodiversity.

Ask us about Wild Ones. The Mountain Laurel Chapter of Wild Ones is the first chapter of Wild Ones in Connecticut and meets the first Saturday of each month at Connecticut College. Wild Ones promotes naturalistic landscaping and the use of native plants.

DIRECTIONS

FROM I-95 NORTHBOUND: Exit 83, left at light at end of ramp onto Williams Street, right onto Route 32 North at 1st traffic light. Left into the college main entrance at 2nd traffic light.

FROM I-95 SOUTHBOUND: Exit 84N at end of Gold Star Bridge (over Thames River) which becomes Route 32 North. Turn left at 2nd traffic light into main college entrance.

FROM I-395 SOUTHBOUND: Left Exit 78 onto connector to Route 32 South. College entrance about 2.5 miles south. Right at traffic light into main college entrance.

“A time went by, I realized that the particular place I'd chosen was less important than the fact that I'd chosen a place and focused my life around it... Every place, like every person, is elevated by the love and respect shown toward it, and by the way in which its bounty is received.”

RICHARD K. NELSON

“Bounty and Beauty in Your Yard”

A SALT*

Seminar for Homeowners

(Smaller American Lawns Today)

Saturday, November 3, 2007

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8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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Bounty and Beauty in Your Yard: Making Use of your Home Grounds

Don't waste your home grounds with a non-productive monoculture yard. Turn it into an excitingly alive habitat—veggies, flowers, grasses, grasshoppers! All of this can be done in an environmentally sound manner by taking a naturalistic approach to the care of your land. Our experts at this SALT seminar will not only inspire you to begin beautiful and productive gardening, but will give you excellent tips on how best to achieve it.

If you want a beautiful and bountiful yard, you must rid it of those invasive plants that are taking over your property. In his presentation Managing Invasive Plants, Glenn D. Dreyer, Director of the Arboretum and Executive Director of the Goodwin-Nieriing Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies, will highlight the most problematic species, and discuss a variety of management options for you to consider in controlling the exotics in your home landscapes.

Good, rich soil is essential to a bountiful garden. In his talk "Healthy Soil-Healthy Garden," Dr. Robert Rafka, Master Gardener from the University of Rhode Island and Chemist at Pfizer in Groton, will explore the effects of New England soil's low pH on lawn growth and health, and will also cover some good cultural practices to minimize or even obviate the use of lawn pesticides and herbicides. Bring soil samples from your property for pH evaluation.

Dr. Patricia Klindienst crossed the country gathering information from ethnic gardeners for her recent book The Earth Knows My Name: Food, Culture, and Sustainability in the Gardens of Ethnic Americans. The book offers a fresh and original way to understand food, gardening, and ethnic culture in America. Each garden becomes an island of hope and offers a model, on a sustainable scale, of a truly restorative ecology. You will be inspired by her talk "Staying Connected to the Earth" to create your own special garden of bounty and beauty. Patrizia is an author, University of Connecticut certified Master Gardener, and an award-winning scholar and teacher.

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