

SALT CONFERENCE

Smaller American Lawns Today

A Down to Earth Look at Soils



Photo by Dawn Pettinelli

Saturday, November 11, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Connecticut College

Cummings Arts Center, Oliva Hall

270 Mohegan Avenue, New London CT 06320

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(Arboretum, CT Master Gardener, Wild Ones)*

Presentations begin at 9 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what is happening below ground and how that affects the plants that grow above ground in your garden?

Healthy soil is an essential component of a fertile landscape. Composed of mineral solids, organic matter, water, and air, soil anchors and supports plants. Alive with bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and larger organisms, soil plays an important role in supporting a vital living ecosystem. Take the necessary steps to improve and maintain this living natural resource while providing a good foundation for vigorous plant growth.

Soil testing is an easy way to assess the fertility of your soil. Fall is the best time to collect samples. Get your soil tested now (www.soiltest.uconn.edu) and bring your results to the conference to better understand the recommendations (optional).

Presentations

Soil Sustainability (45 minutes)

Making Sense of Soil Tests (45 minutes)

Dawn Pettinelli, Extension Instructor in the Department of Plant Science at UConn

Soil Ecology and Health – Making Links (1 hour)

Ray Covino, District Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Building Soil Carbon for Healthier Gardens (2 hours)

Jack Kittredge, Soil Carbon Program Coordinator & Editor of *The Natural Farmer* MA chapter of NOFA and

Julie Rawson, Executive Director of the MA chapter of NOFA



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Payment: \$ _____

Please mail registration form with payment at least one week before program date. Make checks payable to "Connecticut College Arboretum."

Mail to: Connecticut College Arboretum

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Program Information

Registration: Register by mail, phone or online.

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of payment. Payment must be made at least one week prior to program date.

Cost: Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and two breaks.

Refunds: Refunds are available to those who request them at least one week prior to the program.

Location: Connecticut College, Cummings Arts Center, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London CT 06320. Saturday free parking is available in Staff and Faculty spaces and south parking lot.

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SALT is a movement to reverse lawn mania in America by encouraging homeowners to minimize their impacts on land, air and water by maintaining more ecologically sound, naturalistic landscapes. SALT originated at Connecticut College in 1997 and was conceived by the late Dr. William A. Niering, Arboretum Director, Professor of Botany, author, and nationally renowned environmentalist. Since 2002, participants in the annual SALT Conference have been learning the importance of cutting back on the size of their lawns and also how to have beautiful and sustainable home grounds.

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