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NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

60th Annual ISU - Shade Tree Short Course & INLA Tradeshow

February 23-25, 2016
Scheman Building, Ames, IA

Call to reserve your room at the
Holiday Inn Ames today!
Ask for the INLA room block.

2609 University Blvd, Ames, IA 50010
515-268-8808

In 2016 the Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association (INLA) will host an entire day of specifically designed for INLA members in Room 275 and 299 in the Scheman Building on the ISU Campus. The day will feature Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) certification testing and a continuing education program for current ICNP's.

See full attendee information and schedule of events on the [ISU STSC](http://www.isustsc.org) website.

There is still time to be an exhibitor or sponsor for the 2016 Trade Show. If you are interested in displaying your wares at the show or having a presence via sponsorship, please INLA office for more details.

The Trade Show has been well attended in the past and offers several social/networking opportunities with fellow industry members and customers.

For **HOTEL RESERVATIONS** call the **Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center**. To reserve a room use the following information: Holiday Inn Ames at 515-268-8808.

We would like to take a moment to thank those companies that have already committed to supporting the show for 2016.

See the list of exhibitors and sponsors below:

Alta Falls & Pond Supplies
Anderson Nurseries, Inc.
Anderzhon Nursery Sales, Inc.
Arborjet, Inc.
Arborsystems/Turf Supply Co.
B & B Bedding
Bachman's Wholesale Nursery &
Landscapes
Bailey Nurseries, Inc.
Bluebird Nursery, Inc.
Gertens
Golden Valley Hardscapes / Xylem Ltd.
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Forestry
Johnson's Nursery Inc.
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McKay Nursery
Medi-Ject Tree Injection Systems
Midwest GroundCovers, LLC
Midwest Trading
Northern Family Farms
Plant Right, LLC
Quick Supply Co.

River City Turf
SiteOne Landscape Supply
Studebaker Nurseries, Inc.
The Tessman Company
The Western Nursery & Landscape
Association
Trees Forever
UltraCompost, Inc.
Unilock Chicago, Inc.
Vermeer Iowa & Northern MO
Wood Duck Tree Farms
Zanfel Laboratories, Inc.

***2016 INLA Sponsors in Bold**

The Iowa Certified Nursery Professional Certification (ICNP) testing will be held during the INLA Day as part of the 60th Annual ISU - Shade Tree Short Course. Below is a schedule for speaker and training times. Registration for ICNP training can be paid with registration to the ISU Shade Tree Short Course, see below options:

Mail - To register by mail, print a [registration form](#) and mail to Iowa State University, Registration Services, 1601 Golden Aspen Dr. Ste 110, Ames, IA 50010.

1:00-2:00 pm Urban Conservation/BMPs for Sustainable Landscape Maintenance
-Wayne Petersen/Others

2:10 - 2:30 pm	The Future of Hardscape Education -Michael Burkle
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Designing with Native Plants/ Pollinators/ Permaculture - Melissa Sharapova
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Equipment and Mechanization, Efficiency and Best practices - John Hughes
3:35 - 4:00 pm	Round Table Discussion hosted by Ryan, John & Brent - Topics: Hiring/Keeping Good Employees; New Plants; Open Questions/Suggestions
4:00 pm	INLA Trade Show Floor Preview & Reception

11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch & INLA Annual Meeting
5:00 PM	Hospitality Reception (open to all attendees) - Reiman Gardens
6:30 PM	<i>Silent Auction Closes</i>
6:30 - 7:15 PM	Live Auction
7:15 8:30 PM	Dinner & Program (open to all attendees/\$40) - Reiman Gardens



Iowa Landscapers Invited to Attend Farm Windbreak Workshop

The Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF) invites Iowa landscapers interested in increasing their business opportunities to attend the 'Green Farmstead Partner program' workshop on January 26, 2016 at the Quality Inn and Suites Starlite Village in Ames.

Through the Green Farmstead Partner program, CSIF connects Iowa farmers who are interested in planting windbreaks and aesthetic tree plantings on their livestock farms with participating landscapers. Iowa nursery and landscape professionals who have expertise in designing and planting windbreaks are welcome to participate in the program.

Registration will open at 10 a.m. and the workshop will conclude

by 2:30 p.m. Speakers will cover windbreak design, species selection and cost-share programs. Information about modern livestock facilities and considerations important to windbreak design for farms will also be covered.

There is no cost to attend this event and a complimentary lunch will be provided. Iowa nursery and landscape professionals who are interested in attending the event and/or joining the Green Farmstead Partner program network should contact Rita Cook at 515-225-5515 or email rcook@supportfarmers.com.

The Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers' Green Farmstead Partner program is supported by Trees Forever and the Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association.

House Bill to Reform H-2B Visa Program is Applauded

The H-2B Workforce Coalition, an alliance of more than 40 various industry associations focused on protecting American workers by ensuring American small and seasonal employers have access to legal short-term temporary employees during peak business periods, issued the following statement supporting H.R. 3918, the Strengthen Employment and Seasonal Opportunities Now Act, which was introduced by Small Business Committee Chairman Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Congressman Andy Harris (R-Md.), and Congressman Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD (R-La.). The legislation would reform the H-2B temporary non-agricultural visa program and provide business owners with the certainty they need to hire seasonal workers in high demand. The House bill was introduced on the heels of similar legislation introduced in the Senate earlier this week by Senators Tillis, Mikulski, Cassidy and Warner.

H-2B provisions in the Omnibus Appropriations bill include:

- Returning H-2B workers under certain conditions will be exempt from the annual 66,000 cap.
- The use of private wage surveys, not allowed under the new

H-2B wage rule, will be permitted. H-2B wages are also addressed.

- Seasonal is clearly defined as 10 months, as opposed to nine months in new H-2B program rule.
- DOL is blocked from implementing the provisions of the new H-2B program rule related to corresponding employment and the ¾ guarantee.
- DOL is blocked from implementing the burdensome DOL enforcement scheme, outlined in the new H-2B program rule, related to audits and Certifying Officer assisted recruitment.

"Thanks to all in the United States Senate and House of Representatives who stuck to their principles and included key H-2B program improvements in the final 2016 spending bill. Our seasonal small and family businesses have one less thing to worry about as they prepare for spring," said Craig Regelbrugge, Senior Vice President of AmericanHort.

View full press release from H-2 B Workforce Coalition [here](#).

Board Participation Wanted

The INLA board is seeking people who are interesting in serving on the INLA Board of Directors. These are 3 (three) year terms and the board meets 3-5 times each year.

For inquiries, please contact INLA President Ryan Ritter at rritter@rittersinc.com or Joan O'Brien at joano@agribiz.org.

INLA Sponsors the Concrete Paver Installer Course

The two-day classroom course will be at Reiman Gardens in Ames, IA on February 22 and 23. It is designed to enhance the knowledge of individuals with at least one year's experience in the construction of interlocking concrete pavements.

- Job superintendents
- Forepersons and supervisors
- Crew leaders
- Crew members (with minimum one year installation experience)

The registration fee includes a student manual and an exam. Those who attend the course and pass the exam receive a Record of Completion for the course. Attendance at this course is one of the requirements for earning a Concrete Paver Installer Certification.

The ICPI Concrete Paver Installer Course imparts the necessary knowledge and industry guidelines required to build pavements using concrete pavers. Going further by passing the certification exam and meeting the minimum installation experience requirements demonstrates that you meet the criteria established by the industry as a true "ICPI Certified Installer."

The ICPI Concrete Paver Installer Course has been designed for all individuals involved in the residential and commercial installation of interlocking concrete pavements, including:

- Company owners and principals

Visit www.icpi.org/Ames for more details. See the attached Application for Certification, which can be submitted to ICPI at any time.

New Dates

The 2016 Western

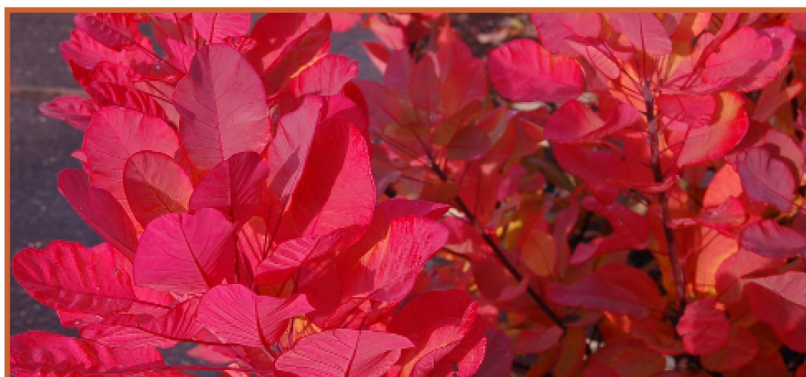
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Education
Trade Show
Networking

Fashion Show

New plants will rock the fashion show runway!

Image: Old Fashioned Smoke Bush PBR entered in fashion show by UpShoot, LLC.



Calendar of Events

2016

Jan. 21-22, 2016

The 2016 Western, Kansas City, MO

Feb. 23-25, 2016

INLA Trade Show, Ames, IA

Feb. 22-23, 2016

Concrete Paver Installer Course,
Ames, IA