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NEWS

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INLA Committee Meeting - June 29, 2016

The summer committee and board meetings will be held on **June 29** at the **Holiday Inn Conference Center, 2609 University Blvd, Ames, Iowa**. The Holiday Inn Ames Conference Center – ISU is located just off Hwy 30. All members are welcome to join our committee meetings. INLA Committees (Tradeshows, Membership, and ICNP) will meet at 10am at the conference center and will go till noon. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch. The 2016 INLA board will meet following lunch.

If you have further questions about the meetings please contact Joan O'Brien. Email: joano@agribiz.org or call 515-262-8323.



New Biocontrol Measures to Help Control EAB Population

by: [Iowa Dept. of Agriculture](#)

Beneficial insects that will help battle the emerald ash borer (EAB), a highly destructive pest of ash trees, will be released in Jefferson County. Over the next few weeks several thousand **stingless**, parasitic wasps will be released at Whitham Woods near Fairfield, Iowa. This is the first release of the natural enemies of EAB in Iowa.

EAB was first reported in North America in 2002 and has been detected in 25 states. This effort is being made to reunite pest and natural enemies to help suppress EAB populations. The parasitoids were produced and supplied by the USDA EAB Parasitoid Rearing Facility in Brighton, Michigan.

The two species of parasitic wasps available by USDA Animal Plant Inspection Service target the larval and egg stages of EAB. Both species are harmless to people.

“Due to the current situation of EAB in and around Fairfield, biocontrol seems justified at this point in

time,” said Mike Kintner, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship EAB and gypsy moth coordinator.

According to the USDA Forest Service, Iowa has an estimated 52 million rural ash trees and approximately 3.1 million more ash trees in urban areas. Additional suitable sites will be approved and utilized for biological control releases.

More information about USDA’s Emerald Ash Borer Biocontrol Program can be found at [here](#).

More information about EAB and other pests that are threatening Iowa’s tree population, go to www.IowaTreePests.com. Please contact any of the following members of the Iowa EAB Team for further information on EAB:

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EPA Wrongfully Uses Federal Funds to Slant Public Opinions on WOTUS

By: [Farm Futures](#)

Much noise continues to be made on the controversial Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) regulation.

In the Senate Thursday, April 21, Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) proposed an amendment to the Senate's energy and water funding bill for FY 2017 that would block implementation of the WOTUS regulation. The amendment failed 56-42, needing 60 yeas to be included in the bill.

"The EPA has sought through administrative fiat to seize authority that legally belongs to Congress, not an executive agency. While I am disappointed that the vote failed, I will continue my work to stop this burdensome regulation through the appropriations process," Hoeven said.

EPA admitted in news reports that it should not have funded a campaign in Washington State known as [whatsupstream.com](#), due to that campaign's lobbying of state legislators in contravention of federal law. The [whatsupstream.com](#) campaign, which was wholly funded by the EPA, used grant awards to fund a website, radio ads, and billboards depicting dead fish and polluted water, urging individuals to contact their state legislators and, "hold the agricultural industry to the same level of responsibility as other industries."

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), and Senate Environment Committee Chairman Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), requested an inspector general investigation into the

[whatsupstream.com](#) ordeal and the EPA inspector agreed to the investigation into the \$20.5 million in grants awarded to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

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In a hearing before the Environment and Public Works Committee Tuesday morning, McCarthy admitted that EPA has halted payments to the grant organization due to the concerns the inspector general will be investigating.

"We already know this campaign was malicious," Roberts said. "Now we need to know what role the EPA had in it and whether they are properly monitoring the lawful use of federal funds."

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Michael Conaway said the latest actions by EPA show that this seems to be a trend, rather than an anomaly, for the agency as it continues to misuse taxpayer dollars to promote its own agenda in what appears to be an "intentional and repeated violation" of federal, state and local laws.

2016 Bus Tour to Loma Vista Nursery Announced

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Vinton Landscaper Joins Green Farmstead Partner program

By: [Vinton Today](#)

Arbor Care LLC of Vinton has been designated a participating landscape professional in the Green Farmstead Partner program.

The on-farm environmental initiative promotes the planning and installation of tree plantings on livestock and poultry farms. It's a collaborative effort involving the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers, Trees Forever and the Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association.

The Green Farmstead Partner program provides information and resources to farmers wanting to plant trees and shrubs around new and existing livestock barns and feedlots. There are many benefits associated with planting trees on livestock farms, including controlling wind and snow, enhancing relationships with neighbors and improving aesthetics. Research conducted at Iowa State University shows that properly designed tree and shrub plantings can reduce odor by 10-15 percent.

"I'm excited to partner with the Green Farmstead Partner program to help farmers plant high-quality trees that will grow into effective windbreaks," says Mark Pingnot, owner of Arbor Care LLC.

The Green Farmstead Partner program is supported by Alliant Energy, Farm Credit Services of America and Summit Livestock Facilities.

NE Iowa ISU Students Excel in Minnesota Ag Contest

By: [Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier](#)

Izak Christensen of Osage won first-place individual honors at the the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Judging Conference April 14-16 at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Christensen, a sophomore ag business/agronomy major, took two first-place honors in the area of ag computers and one in ag business.

In the crops division, Logan Koester, a junior agronomy major from Gladbrook, placed 14th individually and was part of a first-place team in the four-year division in the crops area.

Jake Ziggafos, a senior agronomy major from Eldora, was part of a fifth-place team in soil judging.

There were 570 contestants at the conference competing on 27 teams from four-year schools and 12 from two-year schools.

Teams competing in several agricultural categories were judged as a group and individual team members were ranked, as well. The Iowa State Ag Knowledge Bowl team won first place for the sixth year in a row. Teams ranked first in agribusiness, ag computers, ag sales, crop and horticulture. The Soil Judging Team ranked fifth.

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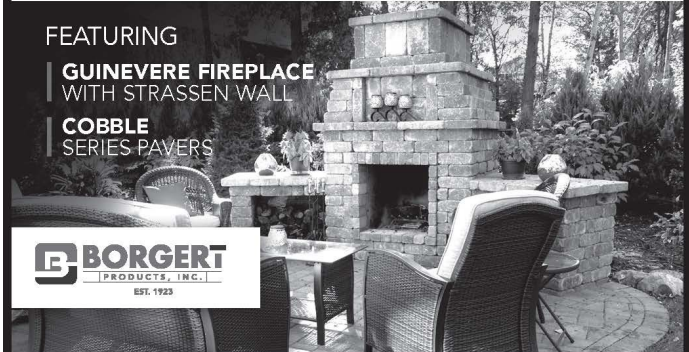
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Calendar of Events

2016

June 29	Committee/ Board Meeting, Ames, IA
July 21 & 28	Bailey Nurseries Customer Expo
August 11-12	The Western Bus Tour, Kansas City, MO
September	INLA Day of Service, TBD
October 5-6	Heartland Native Plant Summit Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, NE



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Periodic drought is a part of life in America's Heartland, putting a strain on the plantings that enhance our residential, commercial and community landscapes. The Heartland Native Plant Summit will explore innovative ways native plants can be used to craft landscapes that are beautiful, sustainable, and naturally resilient to drought.

— Summit Highlights —

- Presentations by experts in climatology, native plant ecology, and sustainable landscape practices
- Sessions on native plant horticulture (plant selection, propagation, maintenance practices, etc.)
- Sessions on utilizing native plants in the landscape (planning, design, innovative applications, etc.)
- Keynote address by Michael Forsberg, renowned Great Plains conservation photographer
- Opportunities to network with an exciting cross-section of parties committed to water conservation
- Time to explore Lauritzen Gardens on your own or on a guided tour
- Tours of local native plant nurseries, natural areas, and real-world landscaping projects

— Who Should Attend ? —

- Nursery, landscape management, and other green industry professionals
- Public garden professionals
- Landscape architects
- Real estate developers and property managers
- Urban and land planning professionals
- Conservation agencies and organizations
- Students
- Native plant enthusiasts

— Convening Partners —

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— Call For Sessions —

Speakers are being sought for thirty-minute presentations on various aspects of native plant horticulture including nursery production, planning, design, maintenance, etc. To propose a possible presentation, please contact

Jim Locklear at j.locklear@omahabotanicalgardens.org or
(402) 346-4002, ext. 207.

— Stay Tuned —

Program and registration materials
will be posted in May at
www.lauritzengardens.org

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