

# IOWA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

# NEWS

## Next ICNP Exam Held at the Iowa Arboretum

The next Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) exam will be held on June 20, 2018 at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, IA.

**Testing Day & Time:**  
**June 20, 2018 | 9AM—12PM**

Any individual who did not successfully complete the ICNP examination in February are able to take a re-examination in June. If an individual passes either the plant identification or written portion of the exam, that passing score is good for one year. For re-examination, you only need to take the portion you did not pass.

Please see page 3 of newsletter for testing and re-testing prices. To register complete the form and send with payment to Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association home office or email to [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org).

**Click link to download  
registration form:**

<http://iowanla.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/ICNP-Test-Reg-form2018.pdf>

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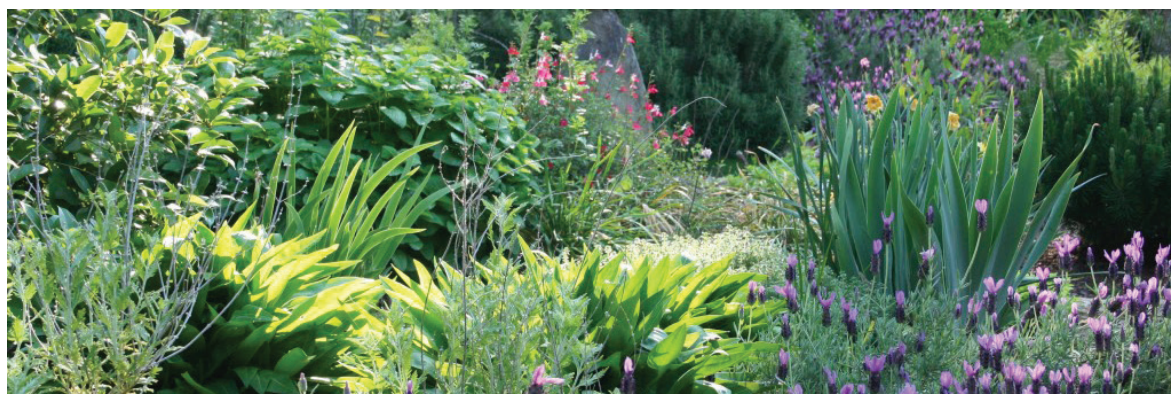
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## Save the Date! 2019 Shade Tree Short Course



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**63RD ANNUAL ISU SHADE TREE SHORT  
COURSE & INLA TRADE SHOW**

**FEBRUARY 19-21, 2019  
SCHEMAN BUILDING, AMES**

Add Feb 19-21, 2019 to your calendar! The 2019 INLA Trade Show will be full of education, networking, INLA hosted member meeting, a scholarship hospitality hour, and more! Schedule is currently in progress. Check [www.iowanla.org](http://www.iowanla.org) for details and information.

## 2018 Farm Bill

The House Agriculture Committee has just released its version of the 2018 Farm Bill. The Committee is scheduled to consider the bill on April 18, 2018.

"AmericanHort commends Chairman Mike Conaway on his efforts to draft a 2018 Farm Bill that addresses key priorities for specialty crops and horticulture, and to begin debate on this critical piece of legislation," said Craig Regelbrugge, AmericanHort senior vice president for advocacy and research. Essential elements in the bill include research and innovation initiatives as well as pest prevention and disaster programs that provide basic infrastructure and support, much the equivalent of 'municipal utilities and services,' for our industry.

The legislation sustains and builds on sound policy for our industry, and the provisions most important to horticulture enjoy the support of most Ag Committee Republicans as well as Democrats. "Our leading members were passionate advocates for these programs when they met with Congress last fall, and we are pleased at the progress," said Tal Coley, AmericanHort Director of Government Affairs.

However, the bill's path forward is somewhat uncertain due to provisions unrelated to farm and specialty crop policy that are controversial, and may lead to difficult debate and votes along party lines. Farm bills are typically enacted with broad bipartisan engagement and support, and we are hopeful that the dialogue and bipartisan cooperation seen in previous Farm Bill debates will ultimately prevail. Read full article at [americanhort.org/news](http://americanhort.org/news)

## Women in Hort at Cultivate'18

During the AmericanHort conference in Columbus, Ohio, Cultivate'18 brings you the unique perspective of women in the horticulture industry. Multiple conference sessions bring inspiration, identifies strengths, and uplifts.

[Maximize Your Power as a Woman in the Workforce](#)

[Assessing Human Health Benefits of Gardening](#)

[Tips for Hiring Front-line Employees, Managers & Sales Leaders](#)



### INLA Member Job Board

Have a job opening in your business? Need to get the word out? INLA offers a free job board to members. Please email listings to Joan O'Brien [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org).

Visit [www.iowanla.org/job-postings/](http://www.iowanla.org/job-postings/) for current listings.

Call the INLA office at 515-262-8323/800-383-1682 or email [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org) for more details.

## WNLA Boxwood Blight Webinars



WNLA members and their staff can participate in two upcoming webinars about a hot topic – Boxwood Blight. These webinars are complimentary for WNLA members.

Non-members are invited to join the webinars for \$50 per webinar – or join WNLA for \$75 and take advantage of these 2 webinars, as well as upcoming and recorded webinars!

Visit [wnla.org/wnlaeducation](http://wnla.org/wnlaeducation) for details about each of the upcoming webinars and previously recorded webinars.

Registration is open. Questions? Contact Sarah Bibens - [sarah@wnla.org](mailto:sarah@wnla.org) or call 888-233-1876 ext. 701.

- **The Importance of Sanitation in Reducing the Spread of Boxwood Blight into Landscapes**

*June 6, 12:00 - 1:00 pm*

Norman Dart, VDACS State Plant Pathologist

This talk will focus on the importance of sanitation in reducing the spread of boxwood blight in the landscapes. Basic plant pathology theory tied together with real world experience and advice.

- **Boxwood Blight – HRI Efforts & Current Boxwood Blight Project**

*June 13, 12:00 - 1:00 pm*

Dr. Jill Calabro, Ph.D., Science & Research Programs Director, AmericanHort

Dr. Calabro has an extensive background in the plant sciences; she received her Ph.D. in plant pathology from Oregon State University, her M.S. degree, also in plant pathology, was awarded from the University of Minnesota, and her B.S. is in Horticulture from Iowa State University.

# ICNP Exam & Retest - June 20

## Areas of Specialization

The Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) program includes a core certification training and two areas of specialization:

1. Garden Center
2. Landscape

The June exam will include a complete test for the ICNP designation. Any individual who did not successfully complete the ICNP exam in February, has the option to re-test in June.

## ICNP Testing Fees

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Complete Test	\$75.00	\$150.00
Retest Plant ID	\$40.00	\$80.00
Retest T/F		
Multiple Choice	\$40.00	\$80.00

Please see attachment page for registration OR  
[www.iowanla.org/inla-certified-nursery-professional/](http://www.iowanla.org/inla-certified-nursery-professional/) for downloads and information.

## 2018 Board Members

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## Calendar of Events

### 2018

- June 20** ICNP Exam | 9 AM  
Iowa Arboretum, Madrid, IA
- July 14-17** Cultivate'18  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Columbus, OH

### 2019

- Jan 17-18** 2019 Western  
Crown Center Exhibit Hall  
Kansas City, MO
- Feb 19-21** ISU STSC & INLA Trade Show  
Ames, IA

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