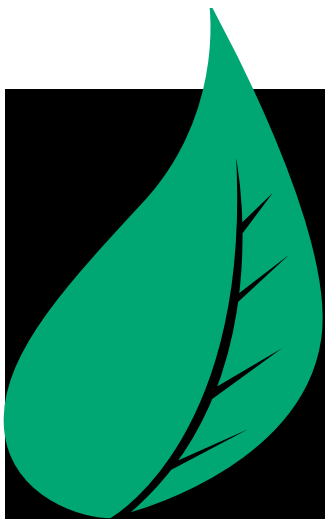


**Contact IDALS for Proper Disposal of  
Unsolicited Seed**



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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig confirmed today that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is aware that individuals in Iowa have received unsolicited seed shipments from China and other countries.

The Department is asking anyone who receives unlabeled seed from an unknown origin to retain the original packaging and report it immediately at 515-281-5321. Recipients should not open the seed packet, plant the seed or attempt to destroy it. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect, analyze and properly destroy the seeds.

“The Iowa Department of Agriculture is working closely with the USDA to trace, collect and properly destroy these unknown seeds to protect our agriculture community from plant

and seed-borne diseases,” said Secretary Naig.

Unlabeled seeds and seeds from unknown origins should never be planted. They pose the risk of introducing an invasive plant species or seed-borne diseases that do not currently exist in the United States. APHIS is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection and State departments of agriculture to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

The USDA APHIS issued a news release stating this may be a “brushing scam,” where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost online sales.

[Click for USDA APHIS News Release](#)

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# INLA 2021 Dues Mailed to Members

Renewal forms for the 2021 Membership Year have been mailed to current INLA members. As you renew, please update any applicable information on the form and send it back to the INLA office.

If you have questions about your renewal packet please feel free to reach out to our friendly staff by calling 515-262-8323 or email Joan O'Brien at JoanO@agribiz.org.

## Member benefits of note:

- You and your employees can take the Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) Tests.
- You will be linked into the Nursery and Garden Center community

This year, part of your dues will help support the AmericanHort Lighthouse program for advocacy at the national level.

**Thank your for your continued membership!** Please refer your fellow peers to become INLA members. More information is online at <https://iowanla.org/becoming-a-member/>

The following members have renewed for the 2021 membership year. THANK YOU for your early renewal!

McKay Nursery Company  
Waterloo WI

Jennifer Anderson  
Wright Outdoor Solutions, Inc.  
West Des Moines IA

Janice Anderzhon  
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HBK Engineering  
Marion IA

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Kellor & Kellor Landscape Inc.  
Muscatine IA

Mark Klein  
MLS Landscapes & Design Inc.  
Granville IA

Mark Kruse  
Capital City Equipment Co  
Des Moines IA

Greg Lally  
Denison Hardscapes, Inc.  
Denison IA

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Lounsbury Landscaping Sand &  
Gravel  
West Des Moines IA

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Ottosen IA

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Myers Tree Farm, Inc.  
Sperry IA

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IDALS  
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Dale Peterson  
Ever-Green Landscape Nursery &  
Supply Inc.  
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Oxford IA

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Ritter's Inc.  
West Burlington IA

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Steve Ritter  
Ritter's Inc.  
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The Brenton Arboretum, Inc.  
Dallas Center IA

Curtis Schoenthaler  
Fiddlehead Gardens  
Iowa City IA

Todd Scott  
Vic Scott Landscaping & Nursery  
Ankeny IA

Eric Sjulín  
Swedish Touch Peonies  
Hamburg IA

Shawn Tabke  
Southdale Nursery & Garden  
Sergeant Bluff IA

Steve Vermeer  
Pella Nursery Co.  
Pella IA

Nick Walker  
TNT Landscaping & Nursery  
Ankeny IA

Craig Westfield  
Iowa Outdoor Products  
Urbandale IA

Todd Wiebenga  
Aunt Rhodie's Landscaping &  
Design Studio  
Eldridge IA

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Egli Landscapes  
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Anamosa IA

Steve Worth  
Kankakee Nursery Co.  
Aroma Park IL

Bret Wram  
TNT Landscaping & Nursery  
Ankeny IA

# American Hort Events and Webinars



## AmericanHort Women in Horticulture - August Interview

August 20, 2020 – 1 PM ET

### Valérie Berger, Co-CEO and current third generation of the Berger family and company

The interview is with Valérie Berger, Co-CEO and current third generation of the Berger family and company who will share what it is like to be a Co-CEO with her sister Mélissa. Berger was founded over 50 years ago by Hugette Thérberge whose family owned peatlands in the region of St-Fabien, Québec, Canada. Today, Ms. Thérberge's granddaughters are at the helm of an industry-leading growing media company that employs 700 employees and encourages the professional development of approximately 120 women.

Valérie and Mélissa are thoroughly devoted to their colleagues, partners, customers and local community. What's more: they value attentiveness, openness, respect, humility and above all, sincerity, which guide them in every aspect of the business. Both Valérie have two children and are proud to be able to live the dream of raising a family and spearheading an internationally renowned company.

Come learn more about how these sisters lead their company and challenges they've faced being a woman in horticulture.

## AmericanHort Quarterly Advocacy Brief

The AmericanHort Advocacy and Research Team

Quarterly Brief III -

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 11 AM, EST

Quarterly Brief IV -

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 11 AM, EST

AmericanHort premium members get exclusive access to the AmericanHort Advocacy and Research Team during this Quarterly Advocacy Brief webinar series. Attendees get the latest news from Washington D.C. and are able to ask questions on how it affects your business.

Email Amanda Holton at [AmandaH@AmericanHort.org](mailto:AmandaH@AmericanHort.org) to register

## DIG Conference: Disease, Insects, and Growth Regulators

Virtual – November 3-5, 2020

Take your Integrated Pest Management Strategies to the next level.

Join us at the AmericanHort DIG Conference! You'll experience in-depth education on Disease, Insect, and Growth Regulator Management, meet industry peers, and walk away with the latest strategies and best practices in pest control and plant health.

## INLA Home Office Remodel Reminder

A reminder that the INLA home office has been temporarily relocated to accommodate the remodel of the building on Des Moines Street.

**Continue to send mail, checks, forms, and other correspondence, to:**

**Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association  
900 Des Moines Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309**

The estimated time frame for the project is nine months. We are hoping to be back in the newly remodeled building at 900 Des Moines Street in the first quarter of 2021.

If you need to talk to someone in person, or if you are sending a package via UPS or FedEx, our new physical address as of June 11, 2020, is:

Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association  
2425 Delaware Avenue STE A  
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the INLA office is still closed to visitors at this time. All meetings will be held via teleconference unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions, contact Joan O'Brien via email at [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org) or 515-262-8323.