

WVNLA NEWS

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Summer Bulbs a Blast!

Consider planting summer bulbs for spectacular color throughout the summer. As with spring bulbs, the summer varieties can be planted in existing beds, rock gardens, containers, and along walks. Summer bulbs also look great massed for a bright, strong appearance in the landscape.

- Cannas (dwarf and regular size)
- Gladiolus (dwarf and regular size)
- Caladiums (morning sun/afternoon shade)
- Dahlias
- Alliums
- Asian Lilies
- Agapanthus (winter indoors)
- Calla lilies
- Frittalaria

Remember to plant the summer bulbs after the danger of frost has passed. Also remember to add soil amendments to the existing soil for successful flower production.

Moving Firewood?

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an exotic beetle native to Asia, was first found in West Virginia in Fayette County in October, 2007. At this time Fayette County was placed under an intrastate quarantine prohibiting the movement of any unprocessed Ash out of county without a compliance agreement from the state. Shortly after in May of 2009 the Emerald Ash Borer was found in Morgan County thanks to a call from a concerned home owner. Morgan County was placed under an intrastate quarantine at that time. In August of 2009 the West Virginia Department of Agriculture had another positive EAB find in Roane County, WV. At this time it was decided due to the location of the find and the difficulty to regulate this area that the quarantine would be changed from an intrastate quarantine to an interstate Federal quarantine. This means that Ash Nursery Stock, other unprocessed ash products, and hardwood firewood can now be moved throughout the state of West Virginia freely with out penalty as long as it stays within state's borders.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is still asking people to *(continued on page 2)*

Tidbits, Updates, Etc.

- Visit our new website for back copies of the newsletter and other important WVNLA info.
- MANTS (Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show) date: January 5-7, 2011, Baltimore Convention Center www.mants.com.
- WVNLA 2011 Winter Meeting, Charleston, WV, January 21 and 22.
- ANLA (American Nursery & Landscape Association) 2011 Management Clinic, January 26 - January 29, 2011; Louisville, KY

- PANTS10 (www.pantshow.com), August 3-5, 2010, Philadelphia PA
- CENTS Tradeshow (www.onla.org), January 24-26, 2011 Columbus, Ohio
- Please cut out, fill out and send out your yearly membership dues on page 4.
- Page 5 has a story about our Summer Volunteer Project. Is there anything on the list you can donate? Want to volunteer? Contact us.





Emerald Ash Borer

(*Moving Firewood?*) Please Don't Move Firewood! Tree-killing insects and diseases can lurk in firewood. These insects and diseases can't move far on their own, but when people move firewood they can jump hundreds of miles. New infestations destroy our forests. Gather or purchase your firewood locally.

Jody Wilson

Plant Regulatory Officer

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Spice Up Existing Planting Beds

Tired of using the same plants in existing planting beds? Why not introduce several variegated plants to spice it up! Below are variegated plants that will help invigorate a neutral bed.

Silver Cloud Redbud (white and green foliage)

Dappled Willow

Dappled Dawn Lilac

Variegated English Holly

Goshiki Zelkova

Variegated Redtwig Dogwood

Variegated Yucca

Variegated Cotoneaster

Weigela-"My Monet" (green and white foliage)

"French Lace" (lime green and white)

Wintercreeper Euonymous

Variegated Jacob's Ladder

Variegated Boxwood (see image to right)

Japanese Painted Fern

Variegated Geranium

Scented Geraniums

Variegated Daylily

Pulmonaria "Emerald Isle" (green leaves with white dots)

"Polar Splash" (blue to pink flowers)

Toad Lily "Lightning Strike"

Sedum "Autumn Charm"



Variegated Boxwood

Good Idea

Chris Chanlett, our new Board member from Groundworks in Hinton loved the idea of having his two employees becoming members of our Association. Good going Chris.

With that in mind, the WVNLA would like to welcome our two new members Yarrow Hunt-Levine and Jordan Wills. They work with Chris at his business and will now directly receive the benefits of being members of the Association.

We encourage all members who are business owners to add their employees to our member's roster and share this publication with employees and friends. See form on pg. 4



Please note:

You will find all information regarding our board of directors by clicking on the *officers* page of our NEW website www.wvnla.org.



Think Unique in Side Yard Usage

Most residents have side yards that go unused or aren't part of the total overall appearance of the site. Instead of ignoring this great space, why not create a separate garden experience or create a great storage area that can help with the clutter in the back yard.

As with any landscape project, determine the priority of the need, views of the space, site dictation in relation to sun/shade, soil moisture, public/private space.

If the decision has been made to turn it into a garden, consider extending an existing planting bed or shrub border into the space. Remember to relate the new planting garden with existing gardens by the use of the same plants, colors, textures or shapes. If the space needs a transition from public to private space, consider several sections of fencing for an immediate change, or a natural change by planting an evergreen hedge approximately 15'-20' out from the house. Pull the plants out from the foundation so it doesn't crowd the lower side of the house.

The client can enjoy a meandering, curvilinear path with the installation of pavers, pea gravel, or flagstone. Mondo Grass, groundcovers, stepables (Mack, can you check the spelling) can also enhance the new path. Remember to create textural planting masses and color contrasts in small spaces.

If the priority has been made that organizational space is needed instead of a new garden area, consider assisting the client with required changes. First, does the space need to be screened and secured for storage usage? Nothing is worse than to see a cluttered yard with ladders, wheel barrows, toys, bikes, etc. Second, the space needs to be easily accessible for the client. How are they going to access this new organized space?

Is there enough room for a storage shed, storage bin, or can a storage unit be designed by you that can be placed under an eave so it isn't viewed from a window?

Consider placing some type of hardscape material down on the ground. Bark mulch chips and pine needles



Simple storage or...

works well for path materials. Pieces of level stones found along a road can also be placed on the ground so equipment and tools aren't placed on the ground. *next column*

Along with storage, this is a great place to create a work space. A potting table with storage space for pots, hand tools, and hoses, can easily be placed in this functional space.



Sassy! The storage shed as more.

Another Successful MANTS

MANTS continues to be the January hotspot for green buyers and shoppers. This year, 986 companies exhibited in over 1500 booths and the show welcomed 10,256 paid registrants including exhibitors. There were 3243 non-exhibiting (buying) companies and over 5000 hotel rooms booked at ten area hotels. WVNLA members G and G Nursery, Cole Nurseries, Greenbrier Nurseries, and Grant County Mulch were participating exhibitors in this year's MANTS.

The WVNLA exhibit featured our brand new display unit, our new Member Services Directory, which was handed out to event attendees along with our other promotional and membership materials.

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Spread the Word

Our Association consists of members who sell a wide variety of plants. Now is a great time to touch base with some of the these members who offer wholesale and retail plants. A partial list includes:

Native plant supplier

Davis Nurseries (St. Marys)
Enchanter's Garden (Hinton)
Greenbrier Nurseries (Talcott)
Groundworks (Hinton)
Sunshine Farms and Garden (Renick)

Wholesale tree and shrub supplier

Cole Nurseries (Pipestem)
G and G Nursery (Lesage)
Acorn Farms (Galena, Ohio)
Bonnymeed Farm Nursery (Sheperdstown)
Camp Towles Nursery (Grafton)
Central West Virginia Nursery (Buckhannon)
Colonial Farm Nursery (Martinsburg)
Cutlips Lawn and Garden Center (Princeton)
Davis Nurseries (St. Marys)
Greenbrier Nurseries (Talcott)
Hawksridge Farms (Hickory, NC)
KLYN Nurseries (Perry, OH)
Mill Run Farm (Marlinton)
Mt. Zion Nursery (Fairmont)
Ponzani Nursery, Inc. (St. Clairsville, OH)
Scots Landscape Nursery, Inc. (Vienna)
Shreckhise Nurseries (Grottoes, VA)
TerraFlora Landscaping (Elkins)
Town and Country Nursery (Kearneysville)
Turner's Nursery (White Sulphur Springs)
Windy Knoll Nursery (Lewisburg) *continued*

Interior Plant Supplier

Feola's Flowers (Buckhannon)
Lavalette Nursery and Garden Center (Huntington)
TerraSalis (Malden)
TerraCare (Malden)
Valley Gardens (Charleston)
Sod, seed, and hydroseed
Riverside Sod Farm (Winfield)
Seasonal Annual Grower
Allegheny Farm Nursery and Lawn Care (Martinsburg)
Blatt's Greenhouse (Lavalette)
Blue Ridge Farms (Williamsburg)
D and S Garden Center (Charleston)
Feola's Flowers (Buckhannon)
Greenbrier Nurseries (Talcott)
Gritt's Farm (Buffalo)
Hatcher's Greenhouses, Inc. (South Point, Ohio)
Ponzani Nursery, Inc. (St. Clairsville, OH)
Saunders Brothers (Piney River, VA)
Scots Landscape Nursery, Inc. (Vienna)
Tatham's Nursery and Garden Center (Reedsville)
Terrasalis(Malden)
TerraCare (Malden)
Town and Country Nursery (Kearneysville)

For additional information regarding the services our members offer, please contact us, refer to the Industry Services publication or visit our website at www.wvnla.org. where you will find email addresses and phone numbers.



note: there is an article printed on the back of this form. please read it before you cut!

Your Membership Renewal

It's the time of year to think about paying your 2010-2011 WVNLA Membership dues. Please take a moment and check you member level, cut out, fill out and send out - the form below along with your check. Doing so insures your continued participation in YOUR organization and you won't miss a single event, newsletter or marketing opportunity. Exact benefits are on our website Members page (download application form, it includes all specific level benefits) please mail to: P.O. Box 20284, Charleston, West Virginia 25362

- \$35 - Active Member \$5 - Affiliate: Spouse or Employee of Active Member
 \$25 - Associate Member \$100 - Allied Member

How long have you been a member? _____ How long have you been in business? _____

Your name _____ Your company name _____

Address _____

email address _____ phone _____

WVNLA Golden Groundbreaking Ceremony

The WVNLA held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Golden Girls Group Home, this year's member volunteer project, on April 16th in Ceredo.

The GGGH event was well attended by local and state officials, community leaders, members of the press, our members and fans of the home.

The project (A Golden Makeover) was unanimously selected by the WVNLA Board of Directors because of the mission of the GGGH and compassion the girls receive at the Home.

The scope of the project includes a fellowship building, outdoor kitchen, fire pit, sustainable gardens, sitting areas and a pond. Our members are encouraged to donate time, money, or materials for the project. Timeline of the project involves



construction of the building, grading and installation of patio and sidewalks, pond installation, bed prepping and planting.

Brett, Mark and Beth are planning on coordinating a two day completion event at the end of the project. This will be a great time for companies to work together and participate in a festive party. We anticipate this planting work party to occur in late July or early August. Keep updated about the project on the WVNLA web site.

The following list includes items that are planned for the Volunteer Project. If you can donate any item below, give funding for any of these items, or would like to be a part of this great project, please contact Beth. We can also make arrangements for getting items to the site.

8 Otto Luyken Laurel	4 Dee Runk Boxwood
2 Dark Knight Butterflybush	1 Serviceberry multi-stem
4 Blueberry Bush	4 Peonies
2 Lilac	3 Hypericum
1 Montgomery Spruce	2 Dwarf Nandina
3 Wine and Roses Weigela	2 Golden Girl Holly
1 Cherokee rave Dogwood	1 Crape Myrtle
3 Knockout Roses	10 Hostas
6 Green Velvet Boxwood	10 Cannas
30 Mondo Grass	30 Variegated Liriope Sod (will be donated by Riverside Sod)
1 Rhododendron	10 Mixed Iris
5 Burgundy Coral Bells	12 Mixed Dahlias
2 Espaliered Fruit trees	6 Black-eyed Susan
5 Hardy Begonias	1 Mobile Firepit
5 PJM Rhododendron	1 Swing and support Birdhouses
8 Lenten Rose	Various size large winterized pots
2 Pyramidal Boxwood	

Check It Out

- Safeguard Biosystems has developed an easy way to detect phytophthora pathogen in the field within minutes. www.safeguarddistributing.com
- American Nurseryman offers videos and software for employee training. www.amerinursery.com
- Summit Chemical Company offers organic oils to kill aphids, spider mites, scale, thrips, and more. They also sell mosquito dunks to use in ponds to kill mosquitos before they become disease-carrying adults. www.summitchemical.com
- CPR and First Aid knowledge is a must at all landscape businesses. First Aid and CPR Coach, created by Think Safe, Inc., offers an "app" for guidance in case of an injury or illness. www.apple.com/downloads
- DR Stump grinder can remove stumps at a job site. www.drstumpgrinder.com
- AGGRAND offers natural fertilizer for flowers, fruits, vegetables, lawns and trees. This multi-purpose fertilizer costs less than chemical fertilizers and increases nutrients in the soil. www.goorganictoday.com

Splash It Up With Low Maintenance Plants

Now is the perfect time to energize an existing planting bed with some fresh, low maintenance plants. Consider placing these new colorful plants where they will be viewed every day. If the space is viewed from a distance, massing of one particular plant will have a bigger impact than just one or two plants. If the location is above a wall, consider the plant based on texture and color. Also consider plants that contrast with another variety, whether by colors (purple and yellow), or leaf size (small detailed leaves in contrast with large rounded or spiky leaves).

- Brazilian Verbena and Hypericum contrast well in a sunny, well-drained existing bed.
- Marguerite Daisies, Purple Wave Petunias and Sweet Alyssum contrast well with flower size and color.
- Snowbank Boltonia, Firecracker Penstemon, and Sunny Border Blue Speedwell add colored texture to a sunny location.
- Smaller-sized plants such as Madagascar periwinkle (red or pink), Dwarf Zinnias,

- Creeping Variegated Thyme, and Dianthus work well together above a wall.
- Kangaroo Paw (annual in WV), Coleus, Carex, Impatiens (pink, red, and white), and Hummingbird Mint brighten up a sunny morning, shady afternoon location.
- Hakonechloa, Tree Peony, Angelwing Begonia, PJM Rhododendron and Brunnera or Blue Sieboldiana Hostas will dazzle viewers with texture contrasts and size contrasts.

Remember to assess the growing conditions of the space-lighting, moisture and nutrient levels. The site will dictate what will be successful and work for the selected location.



Kangaroo Paw