

About SALT

Smaller American Lawns Today is a movement originating at Connecticut College and conceived by the late Dr. William A. Niering, internationally renowned environmentalist and botany professor at Connecticut College. SALT is aimed at reversing the lawn mania in America by restoring home and industrial grounds to more harmonious, productive, and ecologically sound naturalistic landscapes. Dr. Niering encouraged citizens to become the "salt of the earth" by starting to make the transition toward more ecologically sound home grounds. SALT is one of many movements that encourage homeowners to help reduce environmental pollution, and is not geographically restricted to Connecticut. It is hoped that similar programs will continue to spring up throughout Connecticut, across the United States, and beyond. The Arboretum encourages you to share this information with your family, friends, and colleagues, so that they, too, can become the "salt of the earth."

Notes of interest: The SALT logo was designed by Craig Vine, Horticultural Assistant at the Connecticut College Arboretum. The SALT movement was named by both Dr. & Mrs. William Niering.

"By becoming an environmental model in energy conservation, recycling, and preserving biodiversity, we mimic those self-perpetuating natural ecosystems—forests, meadows, and wetlands—that have survived for many thousands of years." William A. Niering

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"Beauty in Biodiversity"

A SALT* Seminar for Homeowners
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- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome
9:15 a.m. "Natural Models in Landscape Design"
by William Cullina
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. "A Dragon's Lair in Your Backyard:
Creating a Dragonfly Habitat" by
Christine Cook
Noon Lunch and optional tour of the Native
Plant Collection
1:30 p.m. "The Wild Gardener Re-visited" by
John Anderson
2:30 p.m. Break
2:40 p.m. "Beauty through the Seasons: Wild
Flora of Southern New England"
by Lisa Gould



"Clover, violets, dandelions are treated as criminals. There's nothing wrong with dandelions. There's something wrong with people!!!" Dr. William A. Niering



About the Speakers

John P. Anderson, Jr. is the Executive Director of Aton Forest, Inc., a non-profit organization managing Aton Forest, an ecosystem research station preserving over 1100 acres of forests and old fields in Norfolk, Connecticut and continuing the research of Dr. Frank E. Egler. He has a B.S. in Natural Resource Management and a M.A. in Geography from the University of Connecticut. He worked as research associate with Dr. Egler for 16 years, and has managed Aton Forest for the past 7 years.



Christine Cook is an artist and landscape designer whose company, Mosaics, specializes in moss garden design, wildlife habitat restoration, water gardens, and contemplative gardens. Her work reflects an ecological approach to each site with an understanding of natural systems. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art and three certificates in Gardening, Commercial Horticulture, and Landscape Design from the New York Botanical Garden.



William Cullina holds degrees in plant sciences and psychology and has been working in plant propagation and nursery production for eighteen years. In 1995 he became nursery manager and propagator at the New England Wild Flower Society's Garden in the Woods and Nasami Farm where he is currently the director of the New England Wild Flower Society Nurseries—now the largest of its kind in New England. His first book *The New England Wild Flower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada* was published in 2000. A follow-up volume *Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines* was published in June 2002. His new book *Understanding Orchids* is due out November 2004, and work is underway for a third volume in the native series on grasses, ferns, and mosses due to be published in 2007.



Lisa Gould is Senior Scientist of the Rhode Island Natural History Survey, an umbrella organization for ecological information in Rhode Island, and Research Associate in the Department of Natural Science at the University of Rhode Island. She holds degrees in biology and zoology, specializing in the ecology and behavior of birds. Over the past 20 years, she has increasingly focused on plant identification and ecology, including issues surrounding invasive non-native species. She is co-author of the book *Plants from Cape Cod to Cape Canaveral*.

