GARDEN ECOLOGY FOR LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS:  
A Virtual Course Instructed by Larry Weaner

Demand for ecology-based landscapes is increasing faster than the information available on how to provide them. Consequently, converting a lawn to a meadow, or an invasive plant dominated woodland to a graceful fern glade, will require landscape practitioners to expand their toolbox.

This intensive, virtual course will describe specific design, planting, and management techniques for contractors to effectively integrate “wild” landscaping into their repertoire and grow with the burgeoning ecological landscape market.

An extensive Field Manual will be provided outlining all described approaches and techniques. Attendees will be provided with digital access to all course materials post-workshop, including recordings of the sessions.

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Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association  
Program developed and presented by  
New Directions in the American Landscape

November 4-5, 2020  
Both days: 12:00 - 3:30 PM EST  
(including instructional time and breaks)

Program & registration details: MNLA website
Registration deadline: October 26th, 2020
Cancellation policy: 1 week prior to the start of the program in writing. $50 cancellation fee.
CEUs: MCH (4) | ASLA (6) | APLD (1.75) | NOFA (4) | ISA anticipated

MNLA is such a great resource for those of us in the business. I have never left a program without feeling educated AND completely inspired.

- DEBORAH TRICKETT, MCH MCLP, FOUNDER AND OWNER, THE CAPTURED GARDEN

Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)
First established in 1910, MNLA is a statewide association dedicated to advancing the interests of “green industry” professionals. MNLA is a nonprofit organization whose members are businesses and individuals committed to promoting awareness of environmental horticulture and upholding the highest standards of the nursery and landscape industry. MNLA is the largest green industry business development vehicle in Massachusetts, providing its members with educational opportunities, industry news, legislative representation, and business development resources.

New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL)
NDAL has presented programs throughout the US focusing on innovative theory, practical application, and an expansive vision of “Natural Design.” Programs also draw from a variety of disciplines, including agriculture, anthropology, history, and fine art. In 2016, NDAL received the first Regional Impact Award from the Native Plant Trust (formerly the New England Wildflower Society).

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SESSION 1: CORE ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES AND THEIR APPLICABILITY TO THE DESIGNED LANDSCAPE

In this session we will describe some of the ecological processes that govern the success or failure of plants in the wild. Each process will be followed by a practical example of its incorporation into the designed landscape to increase plant survivability, reduce maintenance requirements and enhance wildlife habitat.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020

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SESSION 2: PLANTING TECHNIQUES

This session will include a detailed discussion of planting techniques for meadows, shrublands, woodlands, and naturalistic gardens, emphasizing those techniques that differ from traditional practice.

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SESSION 3: MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

This session will cover a series of “ecological process based” management procedures that reduce time, inputs, and negative environmental effects often associated with maintaining planted and wild landscapes.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020

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