## **Association News**



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The Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance hosted Association of American Seed Control Officials members at its NexGen testing site in Albany, Ore. The focus of the visit was on drought stress and drought resistance work being conducted within species and the differences in varietal reactions to drought situations. The presentation was split into three parts, Digital Image Analysis, Drought Stress (Chronic vs. Acute) and the efforts of the TWCA.

NOFA Program Receives Grant

The Connecticut chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association announced that it has received a grant of \$20,000 from Newman's Own Foundation in support of its project, Growing Organic Landscaping in the Northeast. This project focuses on increasing the availability and visibility of trained and accredited NOFA Organic Land Care Professionals, and increasing homeowner awareness and education about least-toxic landscaping methods.

TPI Field Day Sod Donated to Park

When Turfgrass Producers International held its Field Day at Pine Island Turf Nursery in Pine Island, N.Y., a great deal of turfgrass was harvested during equipment demonstrations. TPI members Chip Lain of Pine Island, Leonard DeBuck of DeBuck's Sod Farms of New York and Thomas and Kevin Shuback of Shuback Farms collaborated in making arrangements to donate the harvested sod to Veterans Memorial Park in the village of Warwick. The new multipurpose field at the park was completely sodded within hours after Field Day activities had come to a close.

Project EverGreen Announces Director Transition

**Project EverGreen** announced that executive director **Den Gardner** will resign his position at the end of 2010, and green industry consultant **Cindy Code** will be named the new executive director effective January 1, 2011. Gardner helped create the organization in its transition from the former Evergreen Foundation in 2002 and managed it from 2003. Code has been a part of Project EverGreen since 2004 and served two years as president.

Garvin Named TCIA President

The board of directors of the **Tree Care Industry Association** named **Mark Garvin** as president. The decision followed an extensive executive search involving internal and external candidates. Garvin, who joined the association in 1996, had served as interim president of the association since November.

ASLA Announces 2010 Student Awards

The American Society of Landscape Architects announced the winners of the 2010 Student Awards. ASLA presented awards to 32 projects in the categories of general design, residential design, analysis and planning, communications, research, community service and student collaboration. Full project information and high-resolution images can be viewed at <a href="https://www.asla.org/2010studentawards">www.asla.org/2010studentawards</a>.

AEM Plans Annual Conference

"Critical Ignition" is the theme of the **Association of Equipment Manufacturers'** 2010 annual conference of member companies, which will bring together key industry leaders to discuss market strategies for competitive survival. It is scheduled for November 7-9 in San Antonio, Texas. More information is available at <a href="https://www.aem.org">www.aem.org</a>.

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