

## At the forefront of Long Island horticulture for over 35 years...

We invite you to join us for the 36th Annual Long Island Horticulture Conference! Landscapers, nursery growers, arborists, landscape architects and designers, turf managers, and others in the horticulture industry throughout Long Island and beyond are invited to attend.

### How to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs): Please read this important message.

**Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits:** Sign-in before each session is required and your applicator's license must be presented. If you fail to present your pesticide applicator's license (or acceptable photo ID), or if you arrive after the sign-in sheet has been removed, you will not be given a certificate of attendance.

**NYS Licensed Landscape Architects:** Sign-in is required in the morning. If you arrive after the sign-in sheet has been removed, you will not be given a certificate of attendance.

**CNLP Professionals, ISA Certified Arborists, & HELP:** Participants interested in earning these professional credits must be present for the entire workshop. At the end of the workshop, you'll need to sign an attendance sheet before leaving.

**DEC Pesticide recertification credits:** Pending - call for information: Mina Vescera, 631-603-9613 or email [mv365@cornell.edu](mailto:mv365@cornell.edu).

**Landscape Architects:** This program offers a total of 5.75 hours of NYSED (HSW) continuing education units under the subject of horticulture for NYS registered landscape architects. Morning Session: 2.75 credit hours, HSW; concurrent Resilient Landscape & Disease/Pest Sessions: 3 credit hours, HSW per session.

**ISA Certified Arborist CEUs:** Pending - call for information: Mina Vescera, 631-603-9613 or email [mv365@cornell.edu](mailto:mv365@cornell.edu).

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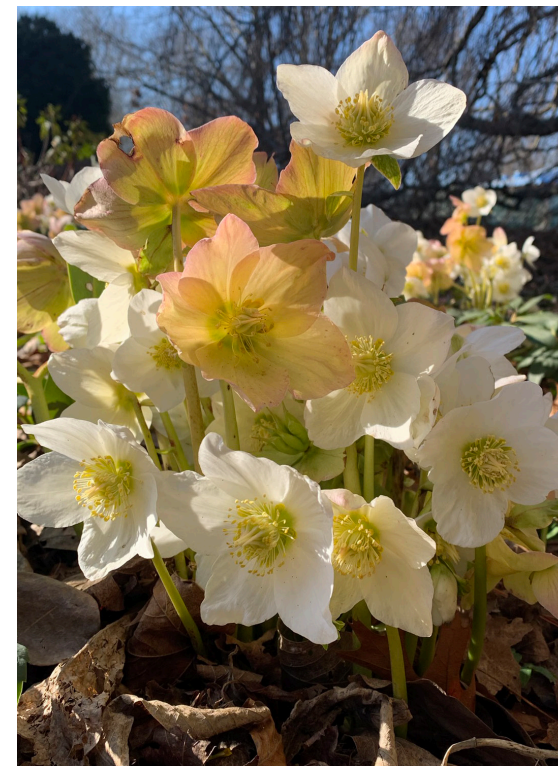
# LONG ISLAND HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026**

**Brookhaven National Laboratory**

Upton, NY 11973

Science and User Support Center (bldg. 101)



**REAL or Enhanced ID or passport needed  
for entry into Brookhaven National Lab.**

## MORNING SESSION

7:30-8:30 AM Sign-in/Refreshments

8:30-8:40 Welcome and Announcements

*Mina Vescera, CCE-Suffolk & Justin Andrews, Brookhaven National Laboratory*

8:40 – 9:30 NYSDEC Updates for Ornamental Horticulture

*Joyce Rodler, Bureau of Pesticides Management, NYS DEC Region 1*

NYS DEC updates for ornamental horticulture.

9:30 – 10:30 Ticking Me Off: Identification, Ecology, and Management of Ticks on Long Island

*Garrett Price, PhD., Turf & IPM Specialist, CCE-Suffolk*

A practical overview of the major tick species impacting Long Island landscapes, including blacklegged, lone star, and American dog ticks. The session covers basic biology, host associations, disease concerns, and evidence-based strategies for reducing tick encounters.

10:30 – 10:45 SHORT BREAK with refreshments

10:45 – 11:45 Woody Plants Under Long-term Drought

*Emma Shedd, PhD., Forest Science, Michigan Technological University*

In the Northeast, droughts have become longer and more frequent over the past decade. This session will connect the "behind the scenes" physiological effects of drought stress to its visible impacts.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM LUNCH

Brookhaven National Lab requires all attendees to check in at the entry booth before entering the campus. Please allow extra time for this procedure. Speed limits are strictly enforced by campus police.

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## TWO CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SESSIONS

### RESILIENT LANDSCAPES SESSION

1:00 – 1:30 PM Disease-Resistant Plants: Your First Line of Defense

*Nora Catlin, PhD., Senior Extension Associate, Cornell University*

1:30 – 2:00 Managing the Microbiome: How Root Microbes Influence Plant Productivity Today and Tomorrow

*Emma Shedd, PhD., Forest Science, Michigan Technological University*

2:00 – 3:00 Seeding Ecosystems of the Future

*Evelyn Beaury, PhD., Assistant Curator, New York Botanical Garden*

3:00 – 3:15 SHORT BREAK with refreshments

3:15 – 4:15 Durable, Pest Resistant Shrubs and Trees for an Ever-changing Landscape

*Vincent A. Simeone, Horticulture Director, Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park*

4:15 – 4:30 Adjourn and Distribution of CEUs

### DISEASE AND PEST UPDATES SESSION

1:00 – 2:00 PM Targeting Weed Seedbanks with Tailored Management (and Flame Weeding!)

*Bryan Brown, PhD., Integrated Weed Management Specialist, Cornell IPM*

2:00 – 2:30 Lawn in Order: Alternative Management Strategies for White Grubs

*Garrett Price, PhD., Turf & IPM Specialist, CCE-Suffolk*

2:30 – 3:00 Woody Plant Cankers and Wood Rots

*Karen Lynn Snover-Clift, Director, Cornell Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic*

3:00 – 3:15 SHORT BREAK with refreshments

3:15 – 3:45 Persistent Plant Plagues on LI

*Margery Daughtrey, PhD., Sr. Extension Associate, Cornell University*

3:45 – 4:15 Sorry to Bug You, But.... The New Year for Landscape Pests

*Dan Gilrein, Extension Entomologist, CCE-Suffolk*

4:15 – 4:30 Adjourn and Distribution of CEUs

Full descriptions of classes above are available on our website:

<https://ccesuffolk.org/events/2016/01/21/long-island-horticulture-conference>

## LIHC REGISTRATION FORM

### FILL OUT AND RETURN FORM TO:

Long Island Horticulture Conference  
Attn: Courtney Fenyo  
423 Griffing Ave, Ste. 100, Riverhead, NY 11901

For more information, contact Mina Vescera, Nursery/Landscape Specialist, CCE-Suffolk, mv365@cornell.edu, 631-603-9613.

Fee\*: Pre-registration fee is \$85 per person. After February 26th, registration and walk-in fee is \$100. A 3.5% fee will be applied to all credit card transactions.

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All major credit cards accepted (no Amex).

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