

# Smaller American Lawns Today

## *Awaken a new perspective on the watershed*

Our annual **SALT Conference** is going virtual in 2021 with a lunchtime lecture series.

Each live webinar begins at noon and will be followed by an interactive discussion with audience members.

Register for the series:

\$30 / \$20 Members  
(Arboretum or Wild Ones)

Register for individual lecture:

\$15 / \$10 Members

Registration closes 48 hours before webinar start time. Zoom link will be emailed 24 hours before webinar.



Landscape Interactions

Wednesday, November 3 at 12 p.m.

### **The Role of Riparian Buffers in Watersheds and in Your Local Landscape**

Juliana Barrett, Connecticut Sea Grant Program, Coastal Habitats Extension Educator

In this presentation we will explore what riparian buffers are and why they are a critical component of both our coastal and inland communities. Riparian buffers play a critical role in water resources and in watershed protection, provide habitat for a wide array of wildlife, and assist with climate change adaptation. We'll explore what William A. Niering, the esteemed former Connecticut College visionary, might have thought about the role of riparian buffers in our landscape.

Wednesday, November 10 at 12 p.m.

### **Managing Critical Habitats at the Niering Natural Area Preserve, Waterford CT**

Jane Seymour, DEEP Wildlife Biologist

In 1995, William A. Niering surveyed the plants at what is now the Niering Natural Area Preserve at Harkness State Park. Niering saw the value of this dynamic cove at the edge of Long Island Sound and worked to protect it. This presentation will discuss the ongoing maintenance to conserve the flora and fauna that are found here and provide inspiration for your own garden.

Wednesday, November 17 at 12 p.m.

### **Beyond Pollinator-Friendly: Designing Landscapes and Corridors to Support Regional Biodiversity**

Evan Abramson, Principal of Landscape Interactions

Gardeners have a vital role to play in strengthening, expanding and enhancing regional biodiversity, ecological health and climate resilience. Functionally diverse native pollinator habitat can serve as a building block for linking intact natural areas across a fragmented landscape. A series of case studies from project sites across the region will be presented that address what to plant, where to focus on first, when to seed or mow and how to measure the results.



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