

# SALT CONFERENCE

## Smaller American Lawns Today

# *Creating Edible Gardens for People and Pollinators*



Photo by Kimberly Stoner

**Saturday, November 9**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Check-in and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.

Connecticut College  
Cummings Arts Center, Oliva Hall  
270 Mohegan Avenue, New London

Registration: \$65 by November 1/\$80 after  
Members: \$50 by November 1/\$65 after  
(Arboretum and Wild Ones)

*Fee includes four presentations, garden tour,  
continental breakfast and lunch.*

*Advance registration required.*



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### **Turn Your Garden into a Pollinator Pathway**

—Dina Brewster, Executive Director, Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut

Dina will discuss how private home landscapes, lawns and gardens can contribute to the food system by supporting the farmers and gardeners in our region. The Pollinator Pathway has teamed up with CT NOFA to safeguard the regional food system by increasing pollinator habitat across Connecticut.

### **Nibbling on Natives in Your Backyard and Beyond**

—Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of “Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten”

Russ will talk about his experiences growing native edible plants. He has identified over 170 plants and will present examples of their propagation, growing out and establishment in the landscape.

### **No-Dig Garden: An Introduction to Regenerative Agriculture**

—Priscila Espinosa, Founder of SproutChange

A no-dig garden is exactly what it sounds like: no digging, nor tilling, involved! No-dig gardening is consumer-level regenerative agriculture that implements permaculture methods. Learn how to sustainably grow your own organic foods using less water, less work, plus growing more in less space while also sequestering carbon from the atmosphere!

### **Pollinator Habitats: What Can Recent Research Tell Us?**

—Kim Stoner, Department of Entomology, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Starting this past summer, scientists from the CAES began looking into the relationship between native bees and native plants in the Arboretum. They began sampling native spring flying bees in mid-April and as the season progressed, relocated traps to follow the flowers. Kim will present their findings.

### **SPROUT Garden Tour**

—Eric Vukicevich, Visiting Professor of Sustainable Agriculture, Connecticut College

Following the presentations, take a short walk across campus and join us for a tour of Connecticut College’s newly expanded SPROUT Garden.

For more information or to register  
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