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**A Message from our President, Dale Tuttle...**



Unfortunately February's weather was a continuation of what we saw in January, which looks to continue into the first week of March. So much for Punxsutawney Phil telling us we would have an early spring. My sister saw a cartoon last week of Punxsutawney Phil holding a sign that read "I Lied."

The February meeting was our annual Education Day and Trade Show on Wednesday, February 13th, at the Lodge at Welch Allyn in Skaneateles, New York. Thank you to all that braved the weather for the second year in a row to attend. Thank you to **Beth Fry**, Education Day Chairperson and the rest of the Education Day Committee for their efforts in putting this day together, and a speaker schedule that gave 5.5 DEC Recertification credits for attending all those speaker presentations that offered these credits. Also ISA and CNLP Recertification were given. Thank you to our 30+ vendors for their support; your support allows us to put this day on for the PLANTCNY members and Green Industry Professionals. The Education Day and Trade Show is PLANTCNY's main revenue generating event that allows us to operate during the year. Thank you to all that supported the silent auction for the PLANTCNY Scholarship, both for the donations as well as the purchasing of the items. All monies raised go to our scholarship account that allows us to give out (2) \$1,500.00 Scholarships per year. Thank you to **Julie Liebmann** for overseeing the auction and being chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Thank you to **Linda Bennett** for all her efforts with getting us set up and organized for the day, as well as getting the 2019 PLANTCNY Directory

updated and put together. For those members not in attendance, the Directories will be at our upcoming monthly meetings for you to pick up. And thank you to **Meghan Coe** from the Lodge at Welch Allyn for another great year of service to our association. Please see Beth's complete report on the Education Day below.

Our March Meeting will be held and hosted by **Skyworks** on **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please see their member profile below and R.S.V.P. Look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to **Jim Maloney, Forester for National Grid, Christine Manchester, Arborist for the Town of Dewitt**, and **Ann Stevens, Chairperson for the Town of Dewitt Tree Committee** for submitting this month "What's Bugging You" article on Volcano Mulching. We have received positive feedback from the "What's Bugging You" and "My Favorite Plant" articles in the monthly Scoop. This month's "My Favorite Plant" Itea Virginica Little Henry is taken from the Proven Winners website. If anyone has an interest in submitting an article for the upcoming months, please contact me; this would be a great time to put these articles together before spring hits.

Another thank you to **Dave Iannuzzi**, Promotions and Programs Director, for putting together hosts for our 2019 Monthly Meetings, and filling up our 2019 Meeting Schedule. Any member that would like to host a meeting in 2020, please contact Dave. Dave has also done an excellent job in continuing some of the social get-togethers that he had started in years past. He has put together (4) at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Also we had our first Syracuse Crunch game on February 1st. The next Syracuse Crunch game will be Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dave to purchase tickets. We are always looking for additional social events for our members to get together. If you have any ideas please let either Dave or myself know.

In 2018 we as an association approved our name change to PLANTCNY. To help promote this, **John Smith IV** of long-time member and supporter **J.C. Smith** has put together an offering of PLANTCNY apparel that includes a Winter and Baseball Hat, a Polo shirt, and a Crew Neck Sweatshirt. Please see the attachment showing these items. Any member interested should contact John direct at (315) 428-9903 or [signs@jcsmith.com](mailto:signs@jcsmith.com). Also, John has this artwork for the logo and can be used as an addition for any members' company apparel that John is doing. Thank You John for putting this together.

PLANTSTNY Region VIII is the last of our neighboring regions to have their Education Day for 2019. Please see registration information below for this event in Ithaca. Please also consider traveling to Rochester or Buffalo for upcoming Flower & Garden Shows in Regions V PLANTGFLX - Gardenscape, and Region VI PLANTWNY - Plantasia. Below is information on both Flower & Garden Shows.

PLANTCNY is always happy to support any of our members that are doing an Educational Event. PLANTCNY has a policy that it will send out one (1) email blast per member, per year, for an Educational Event. So, any member that has one coming up, please share it with us so that we can inform our membership.

One area that all our members and the industry continue to battle is finding employees to hire. Again, this year we have information on a Job Fair that is being held at SUNY Morrisville. Below is all the information for you to be able to register for this.

Although Arbor Day is less than two months away, Arbor Day Chairperson **Fernando Araya** has a plan for this year planting. Fernando is going to transplant the Amelanchier that is planted in the Court of Honor at the New York State Fair and relocate it to The Great Bear Park in Volney, New

York where there is a project ongoing to restore the Spring House. This Amelanchier is being removed from the Court of Honor to make room for a Pinus strobus Pendula that will be planted in its place as a memorial tree for Brian Skinner. Any member that has plans of doing a planting of their own is asked to please contact Fernando so that we can try to get press for every planting. There were some other members that were going to tie in a planting in 2019 as a memorial to our late member and friend Brian Skinner. We really want to track any of these plantings so we can make his family aware.

And lastly, PLANTCNY would like to continue with our community involvement in 2019. In 2018 we were able to help the Martineau family complete the "God's Garden Project" in memory of Josh Martineau. We also assisted in the Honor & Memorial Tree Plantings for Brian Skinner. And we put in place "Toys for Ted" in memory of Ted Florczyk, which is now an annual event. Please contact me if anyone has a project we should be looking at to consider being involved with.

Thank you,

**Dale**

Dale Tuttle, President



### **The PLANTCNY March Meeting!**

Meeting Host: **Skyworks, LLC**

Date: **Thursday, March 14th**, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: **955 Spencer Street, Syracuse, NY**

*Please be courteous and RSVP if you are planning on attending the meeting!!*

*Email to Bill Lentz at [blentz@skyworksllc.com](mailto:blentz@skyworksllc.com), or call 315-455-2600..*

### **Member Spotlight on Skyworks, LLC**

*The PLANTCNY March Meeting at Skyworks Syracuse will be catered by Limp Lizard. Come out and support your local Region #4, play with the equipment and meet our factory reps. All are welcome to attend and play, maybe even learn a few things from our Butterfield specialist.*



*Skyworks has been the Aerial leader for Central NY for years and was looking to expand their market base. Since then they took on the IHI mini excavators, ASV Track and Wheeled Skid Steers, Avant Multipurpose Multi Seasonal Compact Loaders, Wacker Tampers and Rollers, Butterfield Concrete Colors and Stamps, and a full line of compact equipment and building*

*products.*

*Skyworks has five locations across New York State and all over the Eastern U.S., which gives us plenty of places to draw equipment from and allows us one of the largest used equipment fleet in the state for your next equipment purchase. You can come to Skyworks, rent a mini excavator, tamper grab a pack of work gloves, shovels, stakes and fabric for a one stop shop.*

*We at Skyworks want to THANK YOU for letting us be partners with you and your organization. Just like you, we strive for high standards from our people and our equipment.*



## The CNYSNLA Scholarship Program

The first of our two 2019 Scholarships will be given out at the annual Clambake in July. You can obtain a **Scholarship Application** for the **Bob Case Scholarship Award** by visiting our website at [www.plantcny.com](http://www.plantcny.com). If you have any questions, please contact Julie Liebmann, Scholarship Chair, at 492-1100, or [rockinghorse1257@aol.com](mailto:rockinghorse1257@aol.com).



### What's Bugging You?

#### Volcano Mulching

**Shared with us by Jim Maloney, Forester for National Grid; Christine Manchester, Arborist for the Town of Dewitt, and Ann Stevens, Chair of the Town of Dewitt Tree Committee**

The Town of DeWitt needs your help with teaching our community how to care for their trees!

We know the benefits of proper mulching as well as the detriments of poor mulching. Hopefully, tree health and vitality top the list but where does aesthetics fit in? How do we achieve the delicate balance between tree health and your customer's personal preference?

The answer lies with you!

With Spring right around the corner, you'll soon drop the plows and load the wheel barrows to start maintaining your customer's mulch beds. It's a perfect opportunity to discourage the unhealthy volcano mulching practices so wrongly admired by many. Your smartly educated customers will invariably pass along the deadly tree problems excess mulch causes (circling roots, adventitious roots, rodent feeding, insects, anaerobic conditions, etc.) and that just because it looks good doesn't necessarily mean it is good. Keep in mind that your work is also respected by those that are not your client's so your practices will be replicated by homeowners throughout our communities making you the most powerful teachers of proper tree care!



We're getting on the band wagon, too, as the DeWitt Tree Committee adopted the trees at the DeWitt Fire Station three years ago. The trees on the site were beginning to show signs of stress and decline from several years of improper mulching. The Tree Committee got to work removing the years of excess mulch. With a little remedial pruning in the crowns and roots, the site is just as well-groomed and manicured as before and the trees are happy again!

The key to proper mulching is to go wide, not deep. Organic mulch layered 2"-4" deep in a broad circle is recommended as maintaining good clearance from the trunk – it has to breathe, too! As for diameter? For a 2" caliper tree, the circle can easily be 6' wide. That's a lot less lawn to mow!

The Town of DeWitt Tree Committee and Staff appreciate all that you and your professional association does to keep our green spaces green and we look forward to seeing all of you out on the lawns soon!

***My Favorite Plant***  
***Itea virginica Little Henry***  
***From the Proven Winners website***

*Itea virginica* Little Henry as a small growing Native shrub that has deer resistance, shade tolerance, is a consistent bloomer, with great red fall color.

As colorful as burning bush, but native to North America and pollinator friendly!

Little Henry is a useful native plant with lots of potential for the home landscape. It prefers moist soils and will tolerate wet conditions. It will grow in full sun to full shade, and requires little pruning or other maintenance. Little Henry has lightly scented, pure white flowers that shoot like fireworks in the early summer horizon. Its mounded, compact stature makes it an improvement over older varieties such as the old favorite 'Henry's Garnet'. It is also a delightful addition to the mixed border. Then when you're not expecting anything more, green summer foliage changes to a brilliant multitude of oranges and reds in the fall, making Little Henry a rewarding experience throughout all seasons.



Fragrant Flower ~ Fall Interest ~ Drought Tolerant ~ Erosion Control ~ Bog Plant  
Attracts: Butterflies  
Resists: Deer  
Native to North America  
Small or Miniature

**Characteristics**

Duration: Shrub  
Shrub Type: Deciduous  
Height Category: Tall  
Garden Height: 24 - 36 Inches  
Spacing: 36 - 44 Inches  
Spread: 24 - 36 Inches  
Flower Colors: White  
Flower Shade: White  
Foliage Colors: Green  
Foliage Shade: Green  
Habit: Mounded  
Container Role: Thriller

**Plant Needs**

Light Requirement: Sun or Shade  
Maintenance Category: Easy  
Blooms On: Old Wood  
Bloom Time: Early Summer  
Hardiness Zones: 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b  
Water Category: Average  
Uses: Container  
Landscape Uses Notes:

Great for grouping and for massing on large banks, in beds, and perennial and shrub borders. This is a good plant for woodland gardens or at the front of the mixed border. Its small size makes it perfect for smaller borders and beds.

Maintenance Notes:

Thrives in moist, wet areas, but once established, can tolerate dry conditions. Not fussy about soil pH. Will grow in shade, but flowering and fall color improves when the plant gets at least some sun each day.

May be pruned after blooming if required. In colder areas, sweetspire may experience a bit of weather damage coming out of winter, so prune any dead wood out after new growth has begun.

If desired, fertilize in spring with a granular fertilizer formulated for trees and shrubs, like a rose fertilizer.



### ***Many thanks from your Trade Show Committee!***

*Thanks to everyone for making our **Trade Show and Education Day** another success! We hope everyone was able to take home some new information and ideas for the upcoming season.*

*Thanks to the following list of **auction item donors** for your support:*

<i>Admar Supply</i>	<i>Mrs. Green Jeans Landscaping</i>
<i>Alliance Outdoor Lighting</i>	<i>Northern Nurseries</i>
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<i>Landscapes East</i>	<i>Trux Outfitter</i>
<i>Lan's Flower Farm</i>	<i>Voss Signs</i>
<i>Lawn-A-Mat</i>	

*Thank you to everyone that purchased items in the auction!! You helped us raise \$900 toward our scholarship fund!*

***Thanks to all of our wonderful speakers for sharing your day and your knowledge with us...***

*Dorothea Duell, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets  
Thomas Allgaier NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets  
Kathleen Roberts, Pesticide Training and Consulting  
James Miller, Site One Landscape Supply  
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Thanks to **Linda Bennett** for putting together the membership directory and for all she does behind the scenes to make the trade show a success!

Thanks to **Beth Fry and Kathy Roberts** for their hard work on the DEC, CNLP and ISA credits.

Thanks to **Beth Fry** for her help on the signage, and thanks also to **Beth Fry, Julie Liebmann, and Patti McGuire** for managing the registration table, and also for helping with the auction!

Thanks to **Julie Liebmann, Beth Fry, Jason Pieklik, Dana Kuhlmann and Kathy Roberts** for room monitoring during the various presentations.

Thanks to **David McGowan** for helping Beth hand out name tags and information to vendors.

Thanks to **Julie Liebmann and Beth Fry** for announcing our speakers in the auditorium.

Thanks to **Dale Tuttle, Dannielle Carr, and Beth Fry** for securing our amazing speakers.

Thanks to **Dale Tuttle** for helping to secure many of our vendors.

Thanks to **Meghan Coe and the staff at The Lodge** for hosting us so graciously and professionally.

Finally, thanks to all of our **attendees** for their continued support and participation!

Please keep us in mind if you have any suggestions for speakers, sponsors or vendors for next year's event. The Education Day will be held on **Wednesday February 12, 2020**. If you are interested in participating on the Committee, please contact **Beth Fry**, Trade Show Chair or any Committee Member: **Dale Tuttle, Dannielle Carr, Dave Iannuzzi, Fernando Araya, Kathy Roberts, and Julie Liebmann**.

**Good luck to all of us in the upcoming 2019 season!**

**Region 4 Rocks!**



## Upcoming Job Fair!



**Save the Date!**

**SUNY Morrisville's**  
**7th annual Job & Internship Fair**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**  
**STUAC gymnasium, Morrisville campus**

Connect with candidates from our 75+ associate and bachelor programs for your jobs and internships in the college's signature recruitment event.

On-line registration will open Monday, January 7, 2019.  
You are welcome to call 315.684.6615 or reply to this e-mail with questions you have before then.

If you would like more information on this event, please contact Barbara Roback at SUNY Morrisville, [robakba@morrisville.edu](mailto:robakba@morrisville.edu), or by phone to 315-684-6615.



*Please consider attending our neighboring regions' upcoming Garden Shows!*



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Genesee - Finger Lakes Region #5

**Rochester, NY**  
**March 14-17, 2019**



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GREATER ROCHESTER'S FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

"Enchanted Gardens" | The Dome Center, Rochester, New York | March 14-17



*Buffalo, NY  
March 21-24, 2019*



### **PLANTSTNY Education Day (Region 8)**

The theme is "**New Directions.**" We hope you will join us this year as vendors! Our event will be Thursday, March 14th at Coltivare in Ithaca. Lunch is provided. Tickets are available online, prices vary based on membership status. See Facebook Event for more info.



### **March CNLP Report, shared with us by Dannielle Carr**

Hello Everyone,

**CNLP review session this week is cancelled.** My apologies - I've been unable to coordinate for a meeting space and am scheduled for work travel.

Please continue this week with a review on your own of Chapters 8 and 9. (Last week we reviewed Chapters 6 & 7.)

Please review your personal calendars and assess your progress on preparing for the exam - I'll ask for your choice of exam dates below at the next review session. (We can do exams both dates below if needed to suit preferences)

**Here is our schedule for remaining weeks and the upcoming exam - please note there are changes from our last discussion regarding exam schedule:**

- Next review Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 pm at Beauchamp Library on Salina Street in Syracuse. Final review session - practice exam & plant review
- Exam date 1 - Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Reformed Church of Syracuse community room
- Alternative exam date 2- Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Reformed Church of Syracuse community room

The Reformed Church of Syracuse is located at 1228 Teall Avenue Syracuse, NY 13206. We meet downstairs in Crouse Hall (church community room). Parking lot off of Eldorado Street or Melrose Ave. Lower level entrance door faces parking lot. You cannot enter through the church vestibule off of Teall Ave. The Church has very strict rules against smoking in the building and on the property - please adhere and don't dispose of butts outside of the church building or even in the parking lot.

Contact me with any questions.

Thank you! Dannielle Carr

## **Pitch Night Update!**

We had our final pitch night last Tuesday, to a smaller group but still competitive. Driven by bragging rights, cash and cookies. Thanks to those teams that came to each and every game. A ton of stories were shared and there were many laughs this past season! I will see all you pitch players next winter.

We are looking for 10-12 teams next year.

Submit a small fee, pass the initiation requirement and send an essay to explain why you want to join our pitch team... see you next year!

Call Dave Iannuzzi with any interest in November 2019 - 315-457-3670.

Also, the next Syracuse Crunch game is this upcoming Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dave to purchase tickets.



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## **2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT 5:30 P.M. (UNLESS SPECIFIED)**

<i>January</i>	<b>SiteOne Landscape Supply</b>
<i>February</i>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<i>March</i>	<b>Skyworks LLC</b>
<i>April</i>	<b>Green Scapes Inc.</b>
<i>May</i>	<b>Northern Nurseries</b>
<i>June</i>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<i>July</i>	<b>Clambake at Spinning Wheel</b>
<i>August</i>	<b>Gasparini Landscaping</b>
<i>September</i>	<b>J.C. Smith Inc.</b>
<i>October</i>	<b>Rocking Horse Farms</b>
<i>November</i>	<b>Techo Bloc</b>
<i>December</i>	<b>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</b>