Setting a new standard for tree planting

The Ontario Landscape Tree Planting Guide, slated for release in late spring by Landscape Ontario, is one of the most comprehensive tree planting reference guides ever developed for use by the landscape industry.

Authored by Dr. Darby McGrath and the research team of Vineland Research and Innovation Centre's (Vineland) Nursery-Landscape Horticulture Department Jason Henry and Ryan Munroe, the Guide is a comprehensive document, which draws on years of research conducted in tree planting and establishment. Most notably, the Guide draws on the many findings of the Vineland research team resulting from their Greening the Canadian Landscape research program.

The Guide's chapter format provides detailed instructions and a thorough rationale of each of the major factors to be taken into consideration to ensure successful tree planting results. A series of corresponding field sheets distils this information into actionable items. Throughout, the Guide provides additional relevant information by referencing key research findings through hyperlinks.

"We are extremely grateful to Landscape Ontario for providing the seed funding for the development of this Tree Planting Guide," notes Dr. McGrath. "Industry support of our research is a clear indication of the need for this type of information and being able to compile results into a practical industry reference guide is a logical conclusion to that work."

The Guide will be made available to all user groups, including installers, designers and specifiers and will also inform the next edition of the CSLA-CNLA Canadian Landscape Standards, to be released later in 2019.

"We are especially thrilled that the release of the two documents is timed perfectly to allow us to include the Ontario Landscape Tree Planting Guide as an integral part of the Canadian Landscape Standard Second Edition", says Christene LeVatte, Chair of the Canadian Landscape Standard Joint CSLA CNLA Committee, "With the Canadian

Landscape Standard now embedded in key National Master Specification landscape sections, the validation of the recommendations in this document by Vineland Research and Innovation Centre will give the private and public sector the tools they need to sustainably design, build and maintain their urban forest."

Development of a new industry specification is a significant undertaking that requires considerable industry input and support, and Vineland extends their sincere gratitude to the Guide Committee. 🍁

Happy retirement Rita

As of May 1st, we at CNLA bid a fond farewell and happy retirement to Rita Weerdenburg. She joined CNLA in 2005, was with Landscape Ontario for almost a decade before that and has always been a strong presence and advocate for the ornamental horticulture industry. Rita has served CNLA proudly with all her years of service and we hope she enjoys her much deserved time off.

Jamie Aalbers has now taken over the role of Growers Manager and can be reached at *jamie@cnla-acpp.ca* 🍁

Industry Events

NORTH AMERICA

May 28-29: The 25th Skills Canada National Competition: Halifax, NS
www.skillscompetencescanada.com

June 11-12: The National Lawn & Garden Show: St. Louis, MO
www.nlgshow.com

June 18-20: International Floriculture Expo: Miami, FL
www.floriexpo.com

July 10-12: Garden Centre Canada Summit 2019: Mississauga and surrounding areas, ON
www.cnla.ca/learn/events-listing

July 25-29: APLD International Landscape Design Conference: Seattle, WA
www.apld.org

September 25-26: CanWest: Abbotsford, BC
www.canwesthortexpo.com

INTERNATIONAL

May 29-31: Biopesticides Europe: London, United Kingdom
www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/biopesticides-europe

June 4-7: The Nature of Cities Summit: Paris, France
www.tnoc-summit.org

June 5-7: International Flower Trade Expo (IFTEX): Nairobi, Kenya
www.iftex.org

September 1-3: Spoga Gafa: Cologne, Germany
www.spogagafa.com

September 1-6: International Garden Centre Association Congress: Windsor, England
www.igca2019.co.uk

September 5-7: Flower Expo Poland: Warsaw, Poland
www.flowerexpo.pl