

**Colorado Association  
Of Lawn Care Professionals**

# News

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**CALCP's 22nd Annual  
Spring Training Conference**

will be held on

**March 2 & 3, 2010**

at the

**Ramada Plaza Inn**

At I-25 and 120th Ave., Northglenn, CO

Get all of your CEU's and 16 hours of  
verifiable training for your technicians.

The registration form has been mailed to all  
those licensed with the Col. Dept. of Ag in  
Categories 206, 207, 110, 302, 304, 107, 109.

**Prices remain the same as 2009!**

If you do not receive a brochure in the mail by Jan. 10, call the office to get one.

**President's Message**

**by Andy Ferguson**

Well, another year is in the books and looking back I'm sure many of you are glad that it is over. I certainly hope that there were some bright spots at least for all of us. As we all know, when one year ends, the next year begins and the climb up the mountain starts all over again for businesses. Hopefully, somewhere in the middle everyone was able to relax and take some time for yourselves to enjoy the Holidays and spend time with family and friends.

At CALCP, we are excited for 2010. We have a great Spring Training Conference scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ramada Plaza Inn at I-25 and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a new venue for us and one that we think you will enjoy. 2010 will also bring our second PLANET Day of Service event. As you probably know, last year we worked on the initial phase of a project to re-plant Riverside Cemetery. We are currently planning for phase 2 of this project. Stay tuned for more information soon.

We will once again in 2010 be sending Colorado representatives to the Day on the Hill in Washington DC in July. There, we will speak with our elected officials about issues important to our industry as well as participate in the Renewal and Remembrance activities at Arlington National Cemetery. This is truly a memorable experience for everyone who attends. Finally, we will participate in a joint field day event with CWMA which has been an overwhelming success the past 2 years. Hopefully we will see each of you at some point throughout the year. We hope that CALCP can help to make 2010 a successful and profitable year.

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## Container Recycling

CALCP and CWMA have again partnered to provide a way for members to dump their clean, triple rinsed, punctured chemical containers into a dumpster to prevent them from ending in the landfill. The dumpster will be available this spring and summer at various locations throughout the metro during regular business hours Monday through Friday from mid-spring through October. It will be locked and the staff at the various locations will have the key.



To find out where it will be close to your shop, go to the CALCP website at [www.lawncarecolorado.org](http://www.lawncarecolorado.org) after April 1st.



Triple Rinse and puncture each container.



Smash the container to take less space.

“Funds raised from our successful Field Day held last September are paying for the dumpster to be available. So far folks have been responsible about making sure the containers are cleaned according to the law and pleased to have a place to take the empty containers. We as an industry need to let the public be more aware of our efforts to be “green” not just with the proper use of chemicals, but with their disposal as well,” said Rick Roehm, Sales rep for Helena Chemical CO.

## Subscribe to The Green Scene

Subscribe to the Green Scene Newsletter written by CSU Co-operative Extension Personnel. This timely update on research and technical issues is produced by GreenCO Foundation eight times a year, March through October. Call 303 850-7587 to subscribe for a fax or email copy at the member rate of \$25.00. It is no longer mailed.



**CALCP Board of Directors:** Andy Ferguson, (Davey Tree Expert Co) incoming president, Steve Rowe, (Bestyard.com) continuing treasurer, Mike Reis (Lawn Doctor of Col. Springs/Pueblo), reelected for 3 year term, Rick Roehm (Helena Chemical Co.), immediate past president, Brad Weisensee, (Last Chance Lawn Care), reelected for 3 year term.

## New Members

**Horizon Forestry**, John Vanderhart, P.O. Box 18298, Boulder, CO 80308. Phone: 303 747-6269 Fax: 303 444-5522  
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**Picket Fence Lawn & Landscape**, Kelly Starkman, 13860 Gymkhana Road, Falcon, Co 80831.  
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## Day of Service

CALCP is in the midst of planning its 2nd Day of Service project for Thursday, April 22 again to be held at Riverside Cemetery to continue our efforts to revive the landscape in this, the oldest, cemetery in Denver. The cemetery is located along a river, but has no official water rights. The ancient handshake agreement was dissolved during the drought of 2003 and they have had no water for landscaping since. Many of the trees have died and the grass area has turned to weeds.

Our first attempts in 2009 to plant several test plots revealed what types of native grasses and wildflowers would grow in this dry environment. Our plans for 2010 include replanting some areas with the native grasses that did the best, removing additional dead trees and planting some Plant Select plants in a couple of raised beds.

We will need volunteers, equipment, fertilizer, and specific grass seed and donations to pay for supplies not donated. Please consider helping in some way .

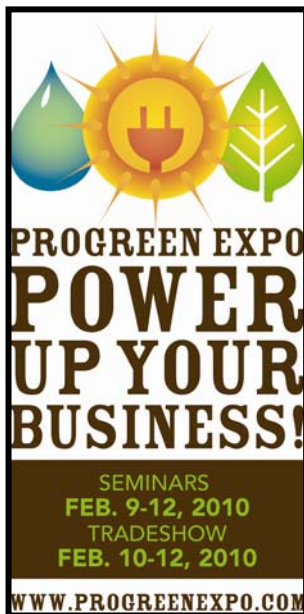
## Classes at ProGreen Expo

Several classes that will be presented at ProGreen Expo Feb. 9 to 12, 2010 at the Colorado Convention Center might be of interest to CALCP members. Some of them include:

**Tuesday:** Several classes for CDA credits.  
“Six Disciplines of Business- How to Grow your business to the next level”  
“Integrated Vegetation Management in Natural Areas and Open Spaces”  
“Town of Castle Rock Registration”  
“Woody Plant ID”

**Wednesday:** Several classes on irrigation and CDA credits.  
“Best Annual trials”  
“Common Turf Myths busted”  
“I’m all a Twitter ’Cause Your MySpace Hurts my Facebook when I’m Linked –in”  
“Landscape Ordinances...”  
“Proven Strategies to Survive & Prosper in Uncertain Economy”

**Thursday:** Plant Select update,  
“Groundwater declines, Climate Change & Approaches to Adaptation”



“Becoming your employer’s MVP”, “Getting to ‘WE’”.

**Friday:** classes on Design, use of your website, CSU research updates, weed control.

The bookstore will have lots of books for your personal and company library and the trade show will be Wednesday through Friday. Free tickets to the trade show only are available on line as well as the entire attendee brochure and registration at [www.progreenexpo.com](http://www.progreenexpo.com)



## VIP Breakfast at PGE

The speaker for the VIP breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 will be Brian Vogt, CEO for Denver Botanic Gardens since April 2007. He will talk about “Thriving in Chaos”. Tickets are available from the PGE office at \$35 pp.

Brian has 25 years of community leadership and an extensive background in fundraising, organizational management, communications and branding, cultural development and volunteer coordination that have already proven invaluable as the Gardens engages in a historic capital campaign and the subsequent buildout of its new Master Development Plan.

Brian holds a BA degree in Classical Antiquity from the University of Colorado. He served on the Governor’s Commission on Science and Technology, and as the Governor’s designee on the Colorado Economic Development Commission and the Financial Review Committee. He was a member of the Governor’s Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee.

Prior to working for the State, Brian spent 14 years as the President of the South Metro Chamber of Commerce and four years as its VP for Economic Development.

## Calendar of Events

**January 5**—7:30 a.m. GreenCO legislative Committee meeting at ALCC offices. Call 303 757-5611.

**January 19**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC offices. Call 303 757-5611.

**January 19**—CALCP Day of Service Planning Committee at Riverside Cemetery. Call 303 850-7587.

**January 21**—11:00 a.m. CALCP Board meeting at Pegasus Restaurant, Castle Rock. Call 303 850-7587.

**January 25-27**—US Composting Council national conference & trade show in Orlando, FL. Contact [www.uscc@compostingcouncil.org](mailto:www.uscc@compostingcouncil.org)

**January 27**—GreenCO Board meeting at CNGA offices. Call 303 785-6672.

**February 2**—GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC offices. Call 303 757-5611.

**February 9-12** – ProGreen Expo classes at CCC. Call 303 756-1079.

**February 10-12, 2010**—ProGreen Expo exhibit hall open. Call 303 756-1079.

**February 13-21** –Garden & Home Show at CCC. Call 303 932-8100.

**February 16**—7:30 a.m. GreenCO legislative committee meeting at ALCC offices. Call 303 757-5611.

**February 17**– CSU Career Day at Lory Student Center. Call 970 491-7684.

**February 16-18** - Pesticide Workshop in Grand Junction at Two Rivers Convention Center. Call 970 244-1840 or go to <http://www.wci.colostate.edu/assets/pdf/patw.2010.pdf>

**February 26-27**—Peak to Prairie Symposium in Col. Springs. Call

## Chuckles:

Have patience with all things but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You're a perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that. Unconditional self-acceptance is the core of a peaceful mind.

Nathaniel Hawthorne went home to tell his wife that he had just been fired from his job. "Good", she said. "Now you can write your book". "What do we live on meanwhile?" Hawthorne asked. His wife opened a drawer filled with money. "I have always known that you are a man of genius," she said. "So I saved a little each week, and now I have enough to last for a year." Hawthorne used the time to write *The Scarlet Letter*, one of the great masterpieces of American Literature.

Memories shared are blessings that keep on giving.

Yesterday's nest egg will hardly buy today's birdhouse.

719 668-3333.

**March 2 & 3**-CALCP 22nd Annual Spring Training Conference at Ramada Plaza Inn at 120th Ave. & I-25. Call 303 850-7587.

**April 22**-Day of Service event at Riverside Cemetery. Call 303 850-7587.

## Peak to Prairie Classes

The annual Peak to Prairie Symposium is scheduled for Feb. 26 & 27, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd, Col. Springs. Regional experts will inform homeowners and professionals about the latest tips and trends in water-efficient landscape design, plant selection, installation and maintenance for our semi-arid climate. Program information and on-line registration is available at [www.getthegreenback.net](http://www.getthegreenback.net) or call 719 668-3333. The program is sponsored by Colorado Springs Utilities.

## CSU Career Day

The CSU Dept. of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Career Day will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the CSU Campus in the Lory Student Center, Ft. Collins.

Set up is from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and lunch is sponsored by many of the Green Industry organizations. Student interviews can be scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. To register as an interviewing company or exhibitor contact the Horticulture Dept. at 970 491-7019 or go to [www.hla.colostate.edu/events/events.htm](http://www.hla.colostate.edu/events/events.htm).

See the enclosed flier.