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2021 Virtual Utah Green Conference Recap



Over the last year, we have all experienced a lot of change and adaptability to our lives and routines. As we have all discovered the many capabilities and possibilities of online, virtual meetings, we can move forward with looking at ways to incorporate this into the future of the Green Industry.

Due to the pandemic, the Utah Green Conference Committee adapted to planning and providing a 2021 Virtual Green Conference this past January. The conference was via Webex Training and was scheduled over a three week time period with classes every Tuesday and Thursday. Each track had an assigned day with 6 classes per day.

Some people asked why the UNLA choose Webex verses the more commonly used Zoom meeting platform. Back in August of 2020, the conference committee was already planning on a virtual event. Due to strict requirements for Pesticide CEU posting, the board reviewed different options and consulted with the UDAF (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food) to ensure the virtual classes would meet the requirements for CEU's.

Webex Training provided very specific, user friendly reports that included attendee's level of attentiveness along with duration of the meeting attended, polling and tracking of polling answers. At the time, Zoom did not offer the polling option but they do now.

The response to the Virtual Conference exceeded our expectations and the feedback was invaluable. One of the advantages to a virtual conference was that attendees were able to attend all of the tracks and classes that were offered.

The track attendance was almost double for many of our tracks. Most notably, the Garden Center Greenhouse.

Moving forward the UNLA is looking at doing a hybrid conference with virtual classes and in person events. We appreciate the support of our members and exhibitors during these unprecedented times and are committed to serving the Green Industry in any way that we can.

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President's Message:

Greetings, Association Members—



2021 is upon us, and new opportunities abound



Shaun Moser

Last year brought a resurgence in interest in landscaping and gardening within our communities. Floods of people visited plant nurseries in the spring and throughout the summer.

This surge was felt throughout the rest of the green industry as people looked to install new or upgrade existing landscapes. This surge has not shown many signs of slowing down and will continue to some degree or another. A new appreciation of landscapes and gardening can only mean good things for the green industry.

The green industry plays an integral role in our state's economy and the well-being of our communities. Those of us who are members of the UNLA represent the best of our industry. We are the cream of the crop, always pushing to do better with limited resources and time. I would invite members to reach out to others in the industry that are not members to join us. We are stronger when we are together.

As we move forward into a future the UNLA will provide networking and educational opportunities for our members. Last year our annual conference was moved to an online format with remarkable success. We appreciate everyone that participated and attended. In future years, our conference will continue to adapt and evolve to include in-person and virtual opportunities.

I challenge all of us continue to find ways to adapt and evolve. To approach problems with a learning and growing mindset. If you have a particular challenge that has stumped you, look to other members of the industry for guidance and support. One of the benefits of being part of any association is the support that is provided within the group.

Remember, *"if a trade is worth being in, it is a privilege not a duty, to belong to its association."*

November 14, 2019

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We will be sending out lots of information via the Little Leaf and

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Utah Green – Utah Nursery & Landscape Association Certified Nursery Professional Quarterly Quiz

CEU Quiz Spring '21

Choose only one correct answer for each question. A completed exam with a score of 80% will qualify for **1 CEU** towards the Utah Certified Nursery Professional - UCNP certification. Quizzes scoring less than 80% will be returned and can be re-submitted. Correct answers can be sent upon request. We encourage you to return the completed quiz no later than **June 30, 2021**.

1. Pruning cuts should be made:

- a) Approximately one-quarter inch above the bud
- b) Approximately one inch above the bud
- c) Approximately three or four inches above the bud
- d) Just below a bud

2. Spring flowering plants should be pruned during the winter or dormant season.

- a) True
- b) False

3. A brown patch in an otherwise green lawn is caused by:

- a) Insect damage
- b) Fertilizer burn
- c) Disease or drought
- d) Could be caused by a number of things

4. Many native Utah plants survive with less water than

traditional landscape plants. They are able to do this by:

- a) Growing leaves with fuzzy surfaces that transpire less
- b) Growing tap roots that reach deeper water resources
- c) Having silver or gray foliage that reflects the sun's heat
- d) Growing small, needle-shape leaves that lose less water
- e) All of the above

5. Signs of spider mite infestation in houseplants include:

- a) lighter colored stippled areas on leaves
- b) tiny "webs" between leaves
- c) fuzzy white material at leafstalk joints
- d) sticky surface on leaves
- e) all of the above
- f) b and d

6. Newly planted trees should be watered about how often during the first summer after planting?

- a) It depends on the type of soil and other environmental factors
- b) Three times per day
- c) Once every two weeks
- d) Whenever the lawn sprinkler runs

7. Utah soil is naturally low in organic matter content. The best soil amendment to increase organic matter content is:

- a) peat moss
- b) mature compost
- c) gypsum
- d) wood chips
- e) steer manure

8. Plant form contributes greatly to landscape design. Which of the following is NOT a term that characterizes the form of a shrub?

- a) low-spreading
- b) spring-blooming
- c) columnar
- d) globe-shaped

9. Characteristics of a sandy soil include all the following EXCEPT:

- a) rapid water infiltration
- b) warms up quickly in spring
- c) high nutrient holding capacity
- d) easier to dig

10. A properly designed landscape and irrigation system with an automatic clock should be programmed in the spring and should not need to be changed for the rest of the season.

- a) True
- b) False

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Utah FFA members have the opportunity to learn and develop skills through twenty-six competitive events. These events cover everything from job skills to mechanics, and floral design to sales. Some events allow students to compete individually, while others allow them to compete in teams.



The UNLA had the opportunity to be a sponsor for this year's Nursery & Landscape Utah State Career development competition hosted on by Dave Wilson, FFA Advisor Uintah High School on May 5th. The top 10 teams in the state competed. Competitors competed in propagation, potting, landscape estimating, a written landscape principles test, responding to a customer request in writing and with identification of over 70 landscape plants, equipment/supplies, pests/disorders beneficial insects, physiological problems and weeds



The 2021 FFA Nursery & Landscape Utah State Results:

1st Place Team: Uintah High School

2nd Place: Delta High School

3rd Place Team: Sky View High School

1st High Individual: Jimmie McGuire, Uintah

2nd High Individual: Sara Hurley, Green Canyon

3rd High Individual: Alayna Murray, Uintah

The winning team will go on to compete at the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana October 27-30, 2021.



2021 Lagoon Update

The UNLA will not be hosting a 2021 Lagoon Day but will be offering a discount code for members to purchase Single Day Passports to Lagoon ONLINE ONLY for \$51.95 + tax, plus an online service fee of \$1.00 per passport. Passports may be purchased online at www.lagoonpark.com for the discounted rate using your exclusive promo code. The promo code information will be emailed out in the *Littleleaf Enewsletter* or contact utgreen2@aol.com for details.



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October

26, 28 **2021 Virtual Southern Utah Green Conference** Tuesday October 26 (Tree and Pesticide Track) and Thursday October 28 (Irrigation and Landscape Track)

November

TBA **2021 Southern Utah Green Conference In Person Event:** St George