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# Notes from CLA President Kim Spencer

March 2024



Happy Spring (at least I think it is spring)!!

What a crazy weather pattern we have been having. They always say “It’s Ohio. If you don’t like the weather today, just wait for tomorrow.”, but this is even a little too much! It’s warm, then it snows, then it’s warm, tornados in February, back to cold, and now it’s warm and allergy season is upon us! So get that box of tissues ready fellow allergy sufferers. It’s going to be a long year I’m afraid!!

On behalf of the CLA, I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making the 2024 Home and Garden Show a great show! The gardens were beautiful this year and I know it takes a lot of time and effort to make that happen. Congratulations to everyone for all their amazing work! Whether you had a garden, a booth, or just came to visit you helped make it possible. I always love the sweet smell of the hyacinths and the beautiful spring colors that really “pop” as you walk around. Whether it is feeling like it outside, while in the building it certainly is spring! Congratulations to Oakland Nursery for winning this year’s People Choice Awards and to Seely’s for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>!

I am sure you all are taking advantage of this beautiful weather we have been having and have been out getting those properties cleaned up for the spring. Without much snow this past winter, it has been nice to get a jumpstart on the spring to get some revenue starting to come in. Have you spent any time training your crews to get them ready? Here at Benchmark we have been training our crews on the different tasks for the season. In fact, as I am sitting here now typing up this letter, all our crew leaders are down the road taking advantage of a spring training class that the OGIA is putting on to help train everyone on the proper techniques for different jobs – truck inspections, plant installs, mowing, spring clean-up, etc.

In early February we had the pleasure to host a class for Columbus State Community College. Approximately sixteen students came to learn about how we manage our seasonal color for the year. We were also able to discuss how our maintenance department operates. It was refreshing to see the students listening intently and asking lots of questions. They are the next generation of landscapers to move up into the working force! They are visiting a few companies throughout central Ohio to get a better understanding of what it is like in the “real world”.

Happy Spring everyone! Make sure to keep your umbrella, flip flops, mittens, sunscreen, winter coat, sunglasses, and hot chocolate ready. It is Ohio after all!!

If you have any topics you would like to hear more about, or ever have any questions for me please email me at [kspencer@benchmarkohio.com](mailto:kspencer@benchmarkohio.com). I look forward to hearing from you and having a great 2024 with everyone!

*Kim Spencer*

President of CLA

***The 2024 Member Directory  
(Traditional Version)***

***is Available Online on the  
CLA Website.***

The directory is located within the Professional Membership Tab.

Thank you to all CLA Members who paid their Membership Dues and may have updated their information.

You will also find forms, membership application and the CLA By Laws in this version.

***New Feature... Provided by  
our web server Wild Apricot.***

The Online Member Directory feature is up and running. ***I have created a Our Members Tab on the Home Page next to the Find a Pro Tab.*** This information comes directly from your membership information and seems to be constantly updating.

Potential clients can look through the listings, select a specific company and with a click have the listing of the services you provide and web site link.

With this feature, it is even more important to have your membership web-site link and services offered information updated.

**2024  
CLA Board**

**Kim Spencer—**  
2024 President  
Benchmark Landscape  
Construction

**Dan McCarthy—**  
Past President  
Quality Yard and Home  
Maintenance

**Ellen Gallucci Purcell -**  
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2025 Home & Garden show  
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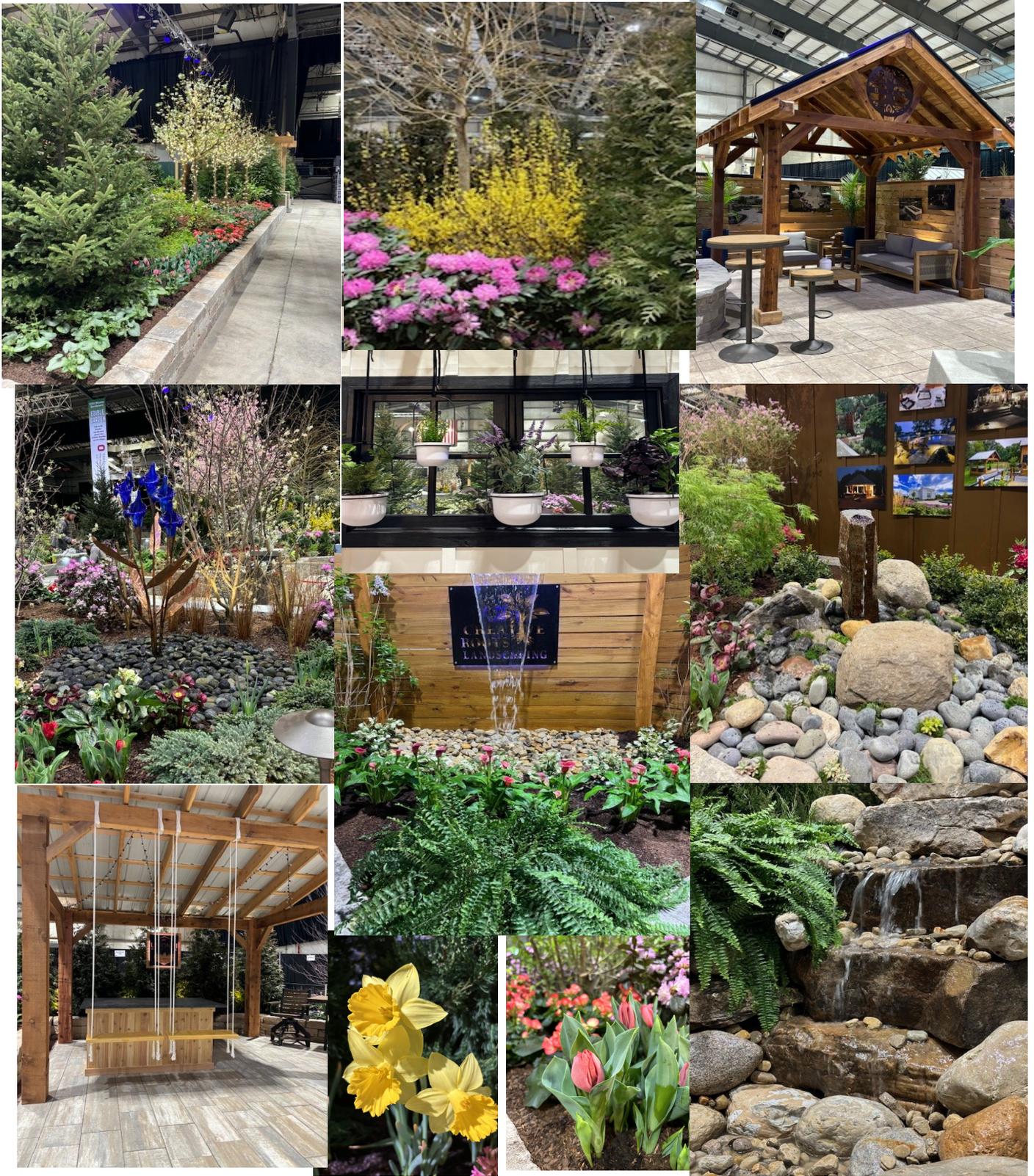
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Cromwell Landscape

**Libbie Turk—Trustee**  
Ahlum and Arbor

*The 2024 Home and Garden Show is in the Books.*



**THANK YOU  
THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES IN  
THE 2024 HOME AND GARDEN SHOW**



**Welcome New Members for 2024**



## Member Meetings and Summer Activities Being Planned.

Planning for future Member Meetings are in the works.

- ✦ **July** we will be a tour Seely's Landscape Nursery and Plant Collection.
- ✦ **August** a Field Trip to Willoway Headquarters in Avon is coming together.
- ✦ **This fall** a local field trip. We will be joining the students of CSCC with Dick Ansley.

Future details and registration information will be sent to you in the weekly emails and NewScape Express issues.



Look for dates for the  
**February 2025**

Home and Garden Show

More Details available at

[https://www.dispatchshows.com/  
home-and-garden-show](https://www.dispatchshows.com/home-and-garden-show)

### *Sponsors/ Advertisers Wanted...*

The 2024 calendar for Member events is being planned right now. If you have suppliers who would be interested in becoming a sponsor / advertiser for the Weekly Email, NewScape Express issues or the Member Directory, PLEASE give me a contact name and number. I will reach out to them.



# Gardening for Pollinators

- **Use a wide variety of plants that bloom from early spring into late fall.** Help pollinators find and use them by planting in clumps, rather than single plants. Include plants native to your region. Natives are adapted to your local climate, soil and native pollinators. Do not forget that night-blooming flowers will support moths and bats.
- **Avoid modern hybrid flowers, especially those with "doubled" flowers.** Often plant breeders have unwittingly left the pollen, nectar, and fragrance out of these blossoms while creating the "perfect" blooms for us.
- **Eliminate pesticides whenever possible.** If you must use a pesticide, use the least-toxic material possible. Read labels carefully before purchasing, as many pesticides are especially dangerous for bees. Use the product properly. Spray at night when bees and other pollinators are not active.
- **Include larval host plants in your landscape.** If you want colorful butterflies, grow plants for their caterpillars. They WILL eat them, so place them where unsightly leaf damage can be tolerated. Accept that some host plants are less than ornamental if not outright weeds. A butterfly guide will help you determine the plants you need to include. Plant a [butterfly garden!](#)
- **Create a damp salt lick for butterflies and bees.** Use a dripping hose, drip irrigation line, or place your bird bath on bare soil to create a damp area. Mix a small bit of table salt (sea salt is better!) or wood ashes into the mud.
- **Spare that limb!** By leaving dead trees, or at least an occasional dead limb, you provide essential nesting sites for native bees. Make sure these are not a safety hazard for people walking below. You can also [build a bee condo](#) by drilling holes of varying diameter about 3 to 5 inches deep in a piece of scrap lumber mounted to a post or under eaves.
- **You can add to nectar resources by providing a hummingbird feeder.** To make artificial nectar, use four parts water to one part table sugar. Never use artificial sweeteners, honey, or fruit juices. Place something red on the feeder. Clean your feeder with hot soapy water at least twice a week to keep it free of mold.
- **Butterflies need resources other than nectar.** They are attracted to unsavory foodstuffs, such as moist animal droppings, urine and rotting fruits. Try putting out slices of overripe bananas, oranges and other fruits, or a sponge in a dish of lightly salted water to see which butterflies come to investigate. Sea salt provides a broader range of micronutrients than regular table salt.

**Learn more about pollinators** Get some guidebooks and learn to recognize the pollinators in your neighborhood. Experiment with a pair of close-focusing binoculars for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

[Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden Using Native Plants \(Eastern United States\)](#) (PDF, 3.5 MB) - developed and published by the USDA Forest Service providing a guide to providing habitats for pollinators in the eastern United States.

# Start A Habit - Plan to Recycle in 2024

You can participate in this effort by starting a routine with employees. At the end of an installation or at the end of each day, please remember to sort your containers.

**Recyclables labeled 2, 5 and 6 qualify as well as FLATS, CELLPACKS, and TAGS.**

Containers do not have to be sparkling clean, a little soil is acceptable. Collection of these materials and packaging will begin in July. More details will be available soon. Interested in starting a recycling program?

Contact Amanda Murphy at  
MJDesign 614-873-7333  
[amurphy@mjdesignassociates.com](mailto:amurphy@mjdesignassociates.com)



## Something New -Service Area Maps

In an effort to provide your potential new clients with more information, I am trying to include Service Area Maps to our website and your information pages.

In the past when someone has called our phone number searching for a Green Industry Professional from our membership, the area of town served can be a factor of who to contact and who to hire.

I have just started on the details and I will be asking you sometime this year to provide a map of the areas of Central Ohio that you serve. I know some of you have limited areas for your work and some of you have most if not all of Central Ohio as your service area. I am just trying to use our website to it fullest potential, help potential new clients and help you as well. I would also like to have a uniform type or style of map to make it as uniform as possible.

- Thank you



Browse our Web site : Call [740-983-8873](tel:740-983-8873) to order or email us for more information at [colturf@columbus-turf.com](mailto:colturf@columbus-turf.com)



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## Articles Appreciated

I am always looking for articles and additional information to share with CLA Members Send info. and Articles to

[info@columbuslandscape.org](mailto:info@columbuslandscape.org)

Share Company Good News  
Equipment for Sale  
Have Safety Tips

Share Employee Accomplishments  
Hosting CEU classes  
Learn Any New Techniques

Have professional articles and tips you want to share with members.

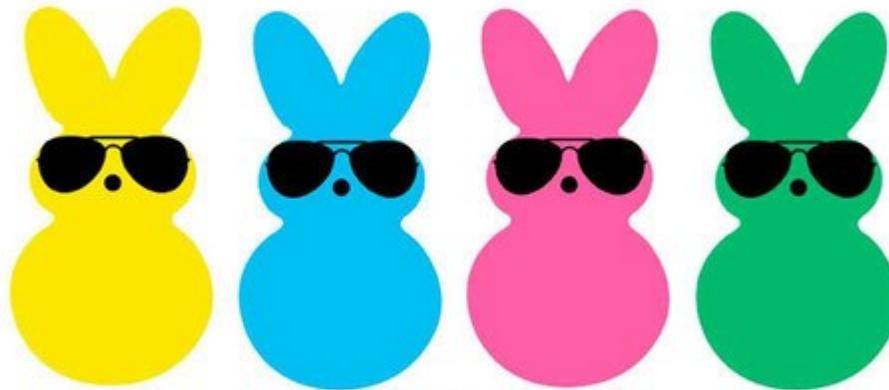
## Support the Future Stars the Green Industry.

The Columbus State Community College Landscape Design and Management program is actively seeking donation to help support students throughout the academic year. Donations accepted anytime for any amount.

Contact **Richard K. Ansley**, Professor / Program Coordinator

Phone: 614-287-5031 or Email: [ransley@csc.edu](mailto:ransley@csc.edu)

Many CLA Members have employees who have been part of this program or have been involved themselves. Continue and encourage students to join the Green Industry. Also, offer to do your part. Be a speaker, be a mentor, support interns.



### Member Meetings Ideas for 2024, 25, 26 ?

- ✦ Got ideas or suggestions for future CLA Member Meetings?
- ✦ Know of any great speakers you would like to hear address the members?
- ✦ Have you found a location that members just have to see?
- ✦ Ideas for topics that will qualify for CEU's?

Please share them. Send your ideas / suggestions to:

[Info@columbuslandscape.org](mailto:Info@columbuslandscape.org)

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## March

- March 24th – Palm Sunday
- March 25th – Full Worm Moon
- March 29th -Good Friday
- March 31st – Easter Sunday



**March 18-April 8th- Most school districts observe a WEEK of Spring Break during this time. Check for dates of your district.**

Here are some “**Just for Fun**” days to celebrate in March:

- March 23rd -World Meteorological Day
- March 31st - World Backup Day

## April

- April 1st. April Fools Day
- April 8th. Solar Eclipse (get eclipse glasses at your local Columbus Library) Many school are out for this event.

How about some “**Just for Fun**” days to celebrate in April:

- April 22 -Earth Day.
- April 28 -National Arbor Day. .

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**Springtime Safety for Outdoor Workers**

- #1. Use Personal Protective Equipment
- #2. Watch The Forecast
- #3. Wipe Mud Off Of Gloves And Boots
- #4. Don't Forget Sunscreen
- #5. Stay Hydrated

# 2023 USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map

## How should I use the map when growing plants?

All Plant Hardiness Zone Maps (PHZM) should serve as general guides for growing perennial plants. They are based on the average lowest temperatures, not the lowest ever. Zones in this edition of the USDA PHZM are based on 1991-2020 weather data. This does not represent the coldest it has ever been or ever will be in an area, but it simply is the average lowest winter temperatures for a given location for this 30-year span (1991-2020).

Consequently, growing plants at the extreme range of the coldest zone where they are adapted means that they could experience a year with a rare, extreme cold snap that lasts just a day or two, and plants that have thrived happily for several years could be lost. Gardeners need to keep that in mind and understand that past weather records cannot provide a guaranteed forecast for future variations in weather. They should consult with other knowledgeable producers and gardeners (e.g., established nurseries or Master Gardeners) or extension services (see the links on the homepage) with extensive expertise with conditions at their locales.

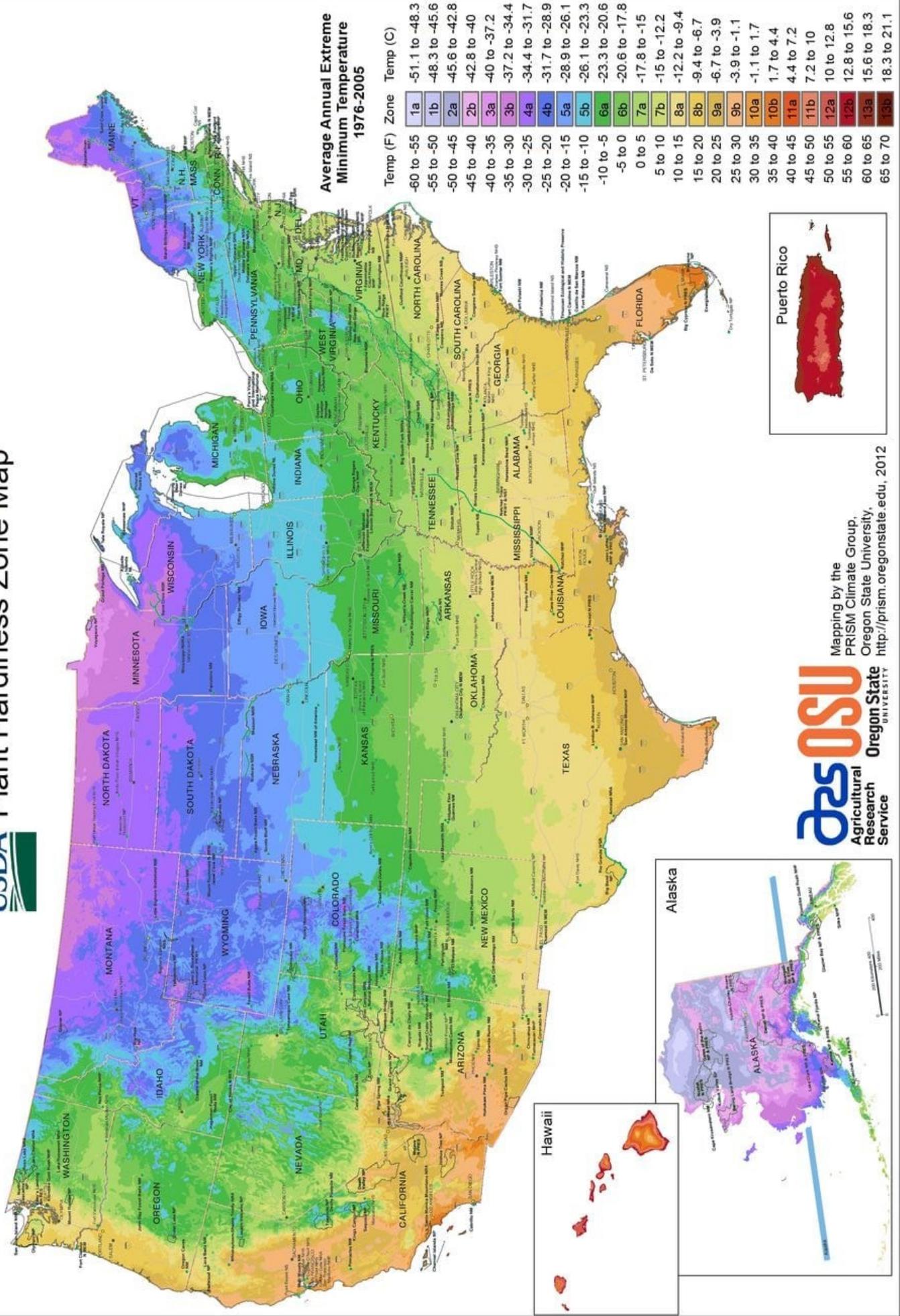
Furthermore, gardeners should recognize that many other environmental factors, in addition to hardiness zones, contribute to the success or failure of plants. Wind, soil type, soil moisture, humidity, pollution, snow, and winter sunshine can greatly affect the survival of plants. Warm season heat and moisture balance are particularly important in this regard. The way plants are placed in the landscape, how they are planted, and their size and health can also influence their survival.

- **Light:** To thrive, plants need to be planted where they will receive the proper amount of light. For example, plants that require partial shade that are at the limits of hardiness in your area might be injured by too much sun during the winter because it might cause rapid changes in the plant's internal temperature.
- **Soil moisture:** Plants have different requirements for soil moisture, and this might vary seasonally. Plants that might otherwise be hardy in your zone might be injured if soil moisture is too dry in late autumn, and they enter dormancy while suffering moisture stress.
- **Temperature:** Plants grow best within a range of optimal temperatures, both cold and hot. That range may be wide for some varieties and species but narrow for others.
- **Duration of exposure to cold:** Many plants that can survive a short period of exposure to cold may not tolerate longer periods of cold weather.
- **Humidity:** High relative humidity limits cold damage by reducing moisture loss from leaves, branches, and buds. Cold injury can be more severe if the humidity is low, especially for evergreens.

Gardeners or nursery growers interested in more detailed information, or examples for how the PHZM could be applied as a decision-making tool for planting, can consult a publication developed for the 2012 version of the PHZM:

Widrechner, M.P., C. Daly, M. Keller, and K. Kaplan. 2012. Horticultural Applications of a Newly Revised USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. HortTechnology, 22: 6-19. Available at <https://dr.lib.iastate.edu/entities/publication/d476e893-64d9-457c-91da-2eb3818fa961>

# USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map



Mapping by the  
**OSU** PRISM Climate Group,  
 Agricultural Research Service  
 Oregon State University  
<http://prism.oregonstate.edu>, 2012



# Columbus Landscape Association

The Columbus Landscape Association was organized in 1926 by a small group of landscapers and nurserymen in the Columbus. Now our association includes nearly one hundred members from the Central Ohio area.

**Green Industry Professionals. Become** a part of the decision-making process that will affect your business and the industry as a whole. Become better informed through our educational programs and become part of the CLA family. Above all, present your organization as one committed to the highest standards landscaping.

## Membership Benefits include:

- ◆ The opportunity to participate in the Central Ohio Home & Garden Show (Spring and/or Fall) and annual Outdoor Living and Landscape Tour
- ◆ Member meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month throughout the year. Members are notified of meeting time and location through email.
- ◆ Educational and networking opportunities, such as CLA-sponsored seminars and educational speakers at CLA meetings.
- ◆ Inclusion in the Member Directory and the Find A Pro page on the CLA website.
- ◆ Access to the CLA's bimonthly newsletter, *CLA NewScapes Express*, which contains association and industry information.
- ◆ Committee and Board participation opportunities.
- ◆ Become involved in community activities, including support of the Chadwick Arboretum, education of the public on planting and watering techniques, promotion of local landscaping laws and participation in Arbor Day activities. These are just a few of the activities of the CLA.

**The Columbus Landscape Association gives strength, effectiveness and identity to Central Ohio's Green Industry.**

*"The mission of the Columbus Landscape Association (CLA) is to serve its members by providing them with technical and professional education, by providing them with quality services, by representing their professional interests in central Ohio and by promoting the 'Green Industry'".*

## To Join Go to the CLA website:

[info@columbuslandscape.org](mailto:info@columbuslandscape.org)

Professional Membership Pulldown  
Join Tab.

Follow instructions.

Columbus Landscape Association

PO Box 963

Columbus, OH 43216-0963

Phone: 614-450-0430

Fax: 614-876-4862

[info@columbuslandscape.org](mailto:info@columbuslandscape.org)

[www.columbuslandscape.org](http://www.columbuslandscape.org)

[Facebook.com/columbuslandscape](https://www.facebook.com/columbuslandscape)

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# Columbus Landscape Association Membership Application

\* Required Information

Hard Copy Application

\*Organization  
/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(for Text Alerts)

\*Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_

\*State \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Website URL \_\_\_\_\_

\*Licenses/Certificates ( (Check all that apply)

CERTIFIED ARBORIST ON STAFF

CERTIFIED IRRIGATION AUDITOR ON STAFF

CERTIFIED IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR ON STAFF

CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL ON STAFF

CERTIFIED LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN ON STAFF

EDUCATOR

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR ON STAFF

NURSERY (DEALER, GROWER OR STOCK INSPECTION)

OCNT ON STAFF

OCNT - MASTER ON STAFF

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSE ON STAFF

SPECIALTY ITEMS/MATERIALS

Continue on Next Page

\*SERVICES/PRODUCTS PROVIDED (select all that apply)

AQUATICS/WATER GARDENS/FOUNTAINS

ARBORIST

COMPOST/MULCH/TOPSOIL

EDUCATION

GARDEN CENTER - RETAIL

HORTICULTURE CONSULTANT

INTERIORSCAPES

IRRIGATION INSTALLATION

IRRIGATION SUPPLIES

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

LANDSCAPE PLANTING

LAWN MAINTENANCE

MOWING COMMERCIAL

MOWING RESIDENTIAL

PESTICIDE APPLICATION

PUBLIC GARDEN

SEED/LAWN INSTALLATION

SNOW REMOVAL COMMERCIAL

SNOW REMOVAL RESIDENTIAL

SOD/TURFGRASS

STONE/PAVER SUPPLIER

STONE/PAVER/CONCRETE INSTALLATION

WHOLESALE PLANT MATERIAL

EQUIPMENT DEALER/SALES/RENTAL

OTHER=GOODS/SERVICES NOT LISTED

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Return Completed application and Membership Payment to:

***Columbus Landscape Association***  
***PO Box 963, Columbus, Ohio 43216***  
***Phone- 614-741-5449***  
***[Info@columbuslandscape.org](mailto:Info@columbuslandscape.org)***

# A Member Perk to Share...

Just contact me and I will give you the passcode information. [cla.columbus@gmail.com](mailto:cla.columbus@gmail.com)



**Congratulations!** CZ Affiliate Columbus Landscape Association has signed up for wild savings on admission tickets to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium/Zoombezi Bay. Getting your deeply discounted tickets is easy and convenient! Just use the CZ Affiliate Columbus Landscape Association ticket shop link to purchase and print your tickets at home. Then, bring your tickets with you when you visit and go straight to our ticket turnstiles.

Don't waste time, start your adventure today and explore the wonders of wildlife from around the world at the Zoo or splash into the wildest water park in central Ohio, Zoombezi Bay.

**TO ACCESS YOUR SPECIAL TICKETS**, click the link below, then log into the site with the username and password provided.

## Program Benefits

- Best year-round savings!
- FREE for companies to sign up
- No deposit or down payment required by your organization
- Easy to administer without time consuming paperwork or the handling of tickets
- Payment is made by employees or members directly to us by using a credit card at the time of purchase
- Tickets are good any day during the 1 regular operating season
- Your account will automatically update for the 2 season
- Offers convenience of tickets in-hand for immediate entrance upon arrival
- Promotional materials readily available for internal use

Single Day Tickets	Price per ticket
Zoo General Admission	\$15 (reg. \$21.99)
Zoo Ages 3-9/Senior 60+	\$10 (reg. \$16.99)
Zoombezi Bay General Admission <i>Includes admission to the Zoo</i>	\$32.99 (reg. \$42.99)
Zoombezi Bay Ages 3-9/Senior 60+ <i>Includes admission to the Zoo</i>	\$29.99 (reg. \$36.99)
Parking Passes	\$10

\*Prices subject to change

Membership/Season Pass 2022	Franklin County	Non-Franklin County
Individual	\$54 (reg. \$69)	\$64 (reg. \$69)
Individual Plus	\$84 (reg. \$89)	\$104 (reg. \$109)
Family	\$124 (reg. \$129)	\$164 (reg. \$169)
Family Plus	\$174 (reg. \$179)	\$224 (reg. \$229)
Gold Individual	\$164 (reg. \$169)	\$174 (reg. \$179)
Zoombezi Bay	\$119.99	\$119.99
Zoombezi Bay Child (3-9)	\$95.99	\$95.99

\*Prices subject to change

Prices are being updates and have increased slightly



## SPONSORSHIP / ADVERTISEMENT FORM

The Columbus Landscape Association offers many opportunities for member firms to promote their business. If you are interested in placing an advertisement in our newsletter, ***News-capes Express***, in our member directory, on our website, our Landscape Tour Directory or provide sponsorship for our Member Meetings, please complete and return the form below.

**CLA WEBSITE.** Market your firm on our website, [www.columbuslandscape.org](http://www.columbuslandscape.org). Your logo in full color will be prominently displayed with your firm's contact information and link to your website on our sponsor page. Your ad will run for one year.

**Website Sponsorship 1 year .... \$200.00 (please provide Company Logo)**

**Member Directory.** Provided in print to all members. Released March of even years, Updated provided digitally on uneven years.

**Meeting Sponsor:** Be recognized for your contribution to support Food, Refreshments and / or Materials to a Member Meeting. Please circle your selection. You will be contacted for details.

**Sponsor: \$ 250.00      Sponsor: \$ 500.00      Open Sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the next meeting**

**NEWSCAPES EXPRESS.** Published 8 times per year. Prices are per Advertisement. Circle your selection.

Size	1X	4X	8X
Full Page	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
½ Page	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
¼ Page	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$15.00
Business Card	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00

Please Run my ad in the following issues: please circle your choice

All Eight Issues	January	February-March	April
July	August-September	October	November-December

Please Complete the Following Information Below:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Website, Member Directory, NewScape Express Ads, Outdoor Living Tour, Member Meeting Sponsorship)

My Check or Money Order is enclosed, Made Payable to : Columbus Landscape Association

Please bill my Credit Card for the total amount due: Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa / MC number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this completed form and payment to:  
 Columbus Landscape Association PO Box 963, Columbus, Ohio 43216  
 Phone: 614-450-0430 or [info@columbuslandscape.org](mailto:info@columbuslandscape.org)

# COLUMBUS LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

## CODE OF REGULATIONS

REVISED 01/12/2010

### Article 1—Organization Name and Mission

**Section 1. Organization name**—The name of the Organization shall be The Columbus Landscape Association. It was organized in 1926, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as a Non-Profit Organization (501(c)(6)) and is located in Columbus, Ohio.

**Section 2. Mission**—The purposes of the Organization are to:

- Foster greater knowledge and appreciation of landscape plants and their appropriate use in a formally adequate, aesthetically pleasing environment;
- Promote and improve the practice of professional landscape horticulture;
- Stimulate greater public interest in the planting, preservation, and proper use of shade trees and landscape plants;
- Encourage and support investigation of problems with horticulture and related disciplines;
- Bring together persons and/or firms engaged in the various phases of the horticulture profession for a free exchange of information;
- Uphold a Code of Ethics established to maintain a high standard of ethical conduct of practice by those in horticulture professions; and
- Increase public awareness of the value of the professional landscape industry.

### Article II-Meetings

**Section 1. Annual Meeting of Members**— The annual meeting of members shall be held on the second Tuesday in November of each year, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Trustees, at the hour designated on the notice therefore, one of the purposes of which shall be the election of members of the Board of Trustees and Officers.

**Section 2. Monthly Meeting of Members**-Monthly meetings of members shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Trustees.

**Section 3. Special Meetings of Members**-Special meetings of members may be held at any time upon call of the President or a majority of the Board of Trustees. At least 10 days prior to the date fixed for the holding of any special meeting of members, written notice of the time, place, and purposes of such meeting will be sent by the Secretary, or person designated by the Secretary, to each Active member. No business not mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

**Section 4. Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees**-Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time determine or upon the call of the President.

**Section 5. Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees**-Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President at any time by means of such notice as the President, at his or her discretion, shall deem sufficient. The President shall call a special meeting if requested in writing, signed by not less than three (3) active members, or not less than two (2) trustees.

**Section 2. Number, Term, and Qualifications of Trustees**-The number of Trustees shall be nine, all of whom shall be voting Trustees. The Trustees shall be President, President-elect, immediate past president of the Organization, a Secretary and Treasurer, together with four other persons elected by the membership, who are active or individual members of the Organization. Trustees shall be elected from those persons nominated, as provided in Article XI, Section 7. Only one person from a firm may serve on the board at any one point in time.

Three Trustees shall be elected each year by the members of the Organization at the annual meeting. The term of each Trustee shall commence on the first day of January following his or her election.

Each Trustee shall serve for a term of three years, except that the past-president's term shall end one year after his or her presidential term ended.

Each year, up to two of the three terms that commence will automatically be filled by the incoming President, President-elect, or past-president, whenever one or two of these Trustees will be starting the first year of his or her term. A new Trustee needs to be elected to fill each new trustee term that is not filled automatically.

Each Trustee shall hold office for the term for which he or she is elected and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Except as otherwise provided herein, no Trustee shall be compensated.

**Section 3. Vacancies**-Vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Trustees. Each person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain a Trustee until his successor has been elected by the members, who may make such election at their next annual meeting or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose and held prior thereto.

**Section 4. Action by Unanimous Written Consent**-If and when the Trustees shall severally or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the Organization, such action shall be valid as though it has been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Section 5. Power to Make Rules, Policies, and Procedures**-The Board of Trustees shall have power to make and alter any rules, policies, and procedures contained in documents separate from this Code of Regulations that define how the Board of Trustees, Officers, and any assistants, contractors, or employees manage the affairs of the Organization, provided that the Board shall not make or alter any rule, policy or procedure to contradict this Code of Regulations.

## **Article VI—Officers**

**Section 1. Officers**-The officers of the Organization shall be the President and the President-elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be active members.

**Section 2. President and President-elect**-The President-elect shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. No person shall serve two consecutive terms as President-elect. The President-elect shall serve as President during the year following his or her term as President-elect.

A. The duties of the President shall be:

- Preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and of members;
- Convene the Board of Trustees whenever the affairs of the Organization demand or when two or more members of the Board of Trustees petition him/her in writing;
- Be an ex-officio member of all standing committees and to supervise such committees and ensure fulfillment of committee responsibilities; and
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

B. The duties of the President-elect shall be:

- Assist the President in the performance of his/her duties, and to officiate for him/her in his/her absence, or in his/her incapacity as determined by a vote of seven (7) or more members of the Board of Trustees;
- Appoint for the ensuing year, all committees as specified in Article XI; and
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned him/her by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

**Section 3. Secretary**-The Secretary shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The term of appointment of the Secretary may be extended by vote of the members of the Board of Trustees.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- Provide reports on the performance and progress of the Organization;
- Keep and maintain a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, a copy of this Code of Regulations, and a full set of minutes of all board member meetings;
- Record all minutes of all meetings of members and the Board of Trustees;
- Publish the minutes of all meetings of members and send to all members;
- Keep all reports, correspondence, and other documents of the Organization and hold these open for inspection by any active member in good standing who wishes to review same for proper purposes;
- Notify members of all annual, monthly, and special meetings, and make necessary arrangements for such meetings;
- Notify Trustees of all Board of Trustees' meetings, and make necessary arrangements for such meetings;
- Keep an authentic record of the Organization membership and applicants for membership;
- Prepare and publish a correct membership list and committee list at the beginning of each year;
- Receive applications for membership and submit same to the Board of Trustees, and inform applicants of membership status;
- Attend to correspondence;
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned him/her by the Board of Trustees or as is inherent and pertinent to the duties of his/her office; and
- Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees may hire outside assistants to aid in the performance of his or her duties.

**Section 4. Treasurer**-The Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The term of the appointment of the Treasurer may be extended by a vote of the members of the Board of Trustees.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- Have custody of all corporate funds and securities and keep in books belonging to the Organization full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. Such corporate records shall undergo the following procedures: a review every year as directed by the Board of Trustees, and an examination every three years by an accounting firm selected by the Board of Trustees and such firm shall present a written report to the Board of Trustees;
- Deposit all monies, securities, and other valuable effects in the name of the Organization in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Board of Trustees;
- Disburse the funds of the Organization as may be ordered by the Board of Trustees, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements;

- Prepare and send annual dues statements to be received by members on or before November 1 each year;
- Render to the President and Trustees at the regular meetings of the Board whenever requested by them, an account of all his/her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Organization;
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees or as are inherent in and pertain to the duties of his/her office; and
- Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees may hire outside assistants to aid in the performance of his or her duties.

**Section 5. Election of Officers**-Officers shall be elected from those persons nominated for each office, as provided in Article XI, Section 7. An election shall be held at the annual meeting of the members each year. The term of each office shall commence on the first day of January following his/her election. Each officer shall hold office for a term of one year and until his successor is elected and qualified. No person other than a member of the Board of Trustees shall qualify and be elected as President or President-elect.

**Section 6. Power to Appoint Other Officers and Agents**-The Board of Trustees shall have power to appoint such other officers and agents as the Board may deem necessary for transaction of the business of the Organization.

**Section 7. Removal of Officers and Agents**-Any officer or agent may be removed by the Board of Trustees whenever, in the judgment of the Trustees, the best interest of the Organization will be served thereby. Removal of President or President-elect shall require a vote of seven (7) or more Trustees.

**Section 8. Power to Fill Vacancies**-The Board of Trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy in any office occurring from any reason whatsoever. The nominating committee shall provide a nominee to the Board of Trustees for any vacancy in the office of President or President-elect.

**Section 9. Delegation of Powers**-For any reason deemed sufficient by the Board of Trustees, whether occasioned by absence or otherwise, the Board may delegate all of any of the powers and duties of any officer to any other officer or trustee, but no officer or trustee shall execute, acknowledge, or verify any written instrument in more than one capacity.

## **Article VII—Membership**

**Section 1. Classification**-Persons who shall qualify as otherwise provided in this Code of Regulations shall be eligible for membership. There shall be six (6) classes of members, viz. active, individual, senior, honorary, life and student.

**Section 2. Active Members**- Businesses (firms) that are presently engaged in providing green industry services and / or products, including but not limited to landscape firms, nurseries, garden centers, tree service firms, golf courses, landscape architectural firms, and horticultural supply firms shall be eligible for active membership. Each active member firm shall designate and pay dues for one primary representative who shall be eligible to hold office and to vote. Each active member firm may also designate and pay dues for one or more secondary representative(s) who shall be eligible to hold office and to vote only in the absence of the primary representative. Representatives shall be employees, proprietors, partners, or corporate officers.

**Section 3. Individual Members**-An employee, proprietor, partner or corporate officer of a green industry firm, as defined in Section 2 above, shall be eligible for individual membership if the firm is not an active member. Individual members shall be eligible to hold office and to vote. If there is more than one individual member from a firm, then one shall be designated as primary, and the others are secondary with the right to vote only in the absence of the primary member.

**Section 4. Senior Members**-Senior membership shall be granted to retired active members who request such classification. Senior members shall be entitled to the benefits of membership other than the right to vote and to hold elective office within the Organization. Senior members pay no annual dues, but shall pay for meals at all meetings attended.

**Section 5. Honorary Members**-Honorary membership may be awarded by majority vote of the Board of Trustees to individuals, including employees of non-profit organizations, not otherwise qualified for membership, who have demonstrated outstanding interest in the objectives and welfare of the Organization. Honorary members shall be entitled to the benefits of membership other than the right to vote and to hold elective office within the Organization. Honorary members pay no annual dues, but shall pay for meals at all meetings attended.

**Section 6. Life Membership**-Life membership may be awarded by majority vote of the Board of Trustees to active and senior members who have made significant contributions through their service and leadership to the Organization and to the industry. Life members shall be entitled to the benefits of membership other than the right to vote and to hold elective office within the Organization. Life members pay no annual dues and are entitled to free meals at annual meetings and regular monthly member meetings.

**Section 7. Student Members**-College or university students, who are not yet eligible for active or honorary membership, shall be eligible for student membership while pursuing a degree program. Student members may apply for active or honorary membership when eligible. Student members shall be entitled to the benefits of membership other than the right to vote and to hold elective office within the Organization.

#### **Article VIII-Admission to Membership**

Application for membership shall be made in such manner as prescribed by Article XI, Section 6. A prospective member who may qualify for active, individual, honorary, or student membership shall complete a written application for membership as prescribed by the Board of Trustees. The completed application, plus a check for the appropriate dues amount, payable to the Columbus Landscape Association, shall be mailed to the official association address or presented to the Secretary or the person designated by the Secretary. Any person who meets the membership qualifications prescribed by Article VII may be elected to membership by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. New members shall be recognized and welcomed during a monthly meeting and in the association newsletter.

#### **Article IX-Termination of Membership**

Any member may be removed from membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting of the members called for that purpose, for conduct deemed prejudicial to this Organization, including violation of the Code of Ethics, provided that such member shall have first been served with written notice of the accusations against him/her, and shall have been given an opportunity to produce witnesses on his/her behalf, if any, and to be heard at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

#### **Article X. Dues**

**Section 1. Annual Dues**-The Board of Trustees may determine from time to time the amount of annual dues payable to the organization by active or individual – primary, active or individual – secondary, and student members, subject to the approval of the membership. Secondary dues shall be less than primary dues. Primary dues shall be the same for both active and individual members; the same holds for secondary dues. Members shall be notified of any proposal to change dues at least thirty (30) days before the meeting when such action is to take place.

**Section 2. Payment of Dues**-Dues shall be payable on the first day of November and shall be due no later than December 31 each year. Dues payment in this manner shall entitle elected members to the rights of membership during the following calendar year. Dues of a new member shall be prorated as directed by the Board of Trustees. Dues of a new member shall be paid when his/her membership application is presented to the Secretary or the person designated by the Secretary.

**Section 3. Default and Termination of Membership**-Whenever the Treasurer is not in receipt of a member's dues by the January meeting of members, such member is in default in the payment of dues and his/her membership may be terminated by the Board of Trustees by notice in writing to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Organization. Any such member in default shall lose his/her membership privileges. Memberships in default may be reinstated by payment of annual dues plus payment of a reinstatement fee, as determined by the Board of Trustees.

## **Article XI-Committees**

**Section 1. Appointment of Committees**-The President-elect shall, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appoint all standing committees as hereinafter provided, and such other standing or special committees of such size as the President-elect or Board of Trustees may deem necessary to properly carry on the activities and carry out the objectives and purposes of the Organization during the following year as President. Any member thereof may be removed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, whenever the best interests of the Organization are deemed served by such removal. A limit of one committee member per firm shall apply to all committees.

**Section 2. Term of Office**-Each member of a committee shall continue as such during the term of the President-elect appointing him/her and until his/her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member is removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

**Section 3. Chairperson**-The President-elect shall appoint one (1) member of each committee as chairperson.

**Section 4. Vacancies**-Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of original appointments.

**Section 5. Finance Committee**-The committee shall be comprised of three (3) members. The President, President-elect and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members. It shall serve as advisor to the Board of Trustees on all financial matters, shall make recommendations regarding dues and special assessments, and shall prepare and submit each year to the Board of Trustees a recommended budget for consideration at the January meeting of members.

**Section 6. Membership Committee**-The committee shall be comprised of the President-elect, who shall serve as chairperson, two members and the Secretary, who shall serve as an ex-officio member. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive and review written applications for membership and to recommend action to the Board of Trustees.

**Section 7. Nominating Committee**-The committee shall be comprised of a chairperson who shall be a member of the Board of Trustees, preferably the immediate past president, and two or more members of the Organization. The nominating committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Trustees as it shall at its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies to be filled. The committee shall also make at least one nomination, as it shall, at its discretion determine, for election of the President-elect of the Organization. The committee shall also make at least one nomination, as it shall at its discretion determine, for election of Secretary, and for the election of Treasurer, unless the Board of Trustees has voted to extend by appointment the term of Secretary or Treasurer for the following year. All such nominations shall be reported to the members at their meeting in October each year. Nominations may also be made from the floor at such meeting.

**Section 8. Garden Show Committee**-The committee shall be comprised of the Secretary who shall be an ex-officio member, a chairperson, an assistant chairperson, the immediate past chairperson, three members proposed by the current chair, and three members proposed by the President, subject to final selection and approval by the Board of Trustees in January, approximately thirteen (13) months prior to each garden show. The Chairperson shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees during their tenure as Home and Garden Show Chair. The committee shall serve from the closing of each garden show through the completion of the show for which the committee has

**Section 9. Program and Entertainment Committee**-The committee shall be comprised of a member of the Board of Trustees and two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for such educational and social activities as will best promote the interests and welfare of the Organization.

**Section 10. Garden Tour Committee**-The Board of Trustees shall appoint as many members to the committee as needed, including a chairperson and an assistant chairperson. The committee shall be appointed the month after each tour and shall serve until tour is completed. The committee shall submit a budget for each tour to the Board of Trustees for approval, and shall submit a final accounting after the completion of each tour. The committee shall have responsibility for planning and supervising the tour and shall be accountable to the Board of Trustees.

**Section 11. Past President's Committee**-The committee shall be comprised of the five immediate past presidents of the Organization who retain membership in the Organization as active members. It shall be the function of this committee to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees and to initiate subjects for consideration by the Board of Trustees. The members of this committee shall select its chairperson. The committee shall hold such meetings as are called by the chairperson or by a majority of the members of the committee. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.



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