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The 116th Plant Science Day

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 • 10am-4pm

— Free Admission —

OPEN HOUSE

THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

LOCKWOOD FARM - 890 EVERGREEN AVENUE, HAMDEN, CT

THE SAMUEL W. JOHNSON LECTURE • PRESENTATIONS ON RESEARCH • BARN EXHIBITS • PESTICIDE CREDITS
FIELD EXPERIMENTS • TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATIONS • CENTURY FARM AWARD • PASSPORT FOR CHILDREN

Growing a Continuous Vegetable Garden
Charlie Nardozzi

What if you could grow a vegetable, herb and fruit garden that is less work, more productive, less costly and provides a constant supply of fresh food for 8 months of the year? That's the Continuous Vegetable Garden. In this talk, based on my book, I'll describe how we can grow edible plants more in tune with Nature by using no dig or lasagna gardening, planting perennial vegetables and herbs, growing self sowing vegetables herbs and flowers and growing hardy, dwarf fruits that are self pollinating. We can make our garden produce "continuously" by using techniques, such as succession planting, interplanting and companion planting, to grow more food in less space, using less time, and not getting caught in the "boom and bust" cycle of gardening.

Charlie Nardozzi is a Regional Emmy® award winning, nationally recognized garden writer, speaker, on-line, radio, and television personality. He has worked for more than 30 years bringing expert gardening information to home gardeners through radio, television, talks, tours, on-line, and the printed page. Charlie delights in making gardening information simple, easy, fun and accessible to everyone. Charlie has authored 8 gardening books including his latest, the Continuous Vegetable Garden. He has two radio shows in Vermont and a TV segment on the CBS affiliate in Vermont. He's the former host of the Connecticut Garden Journal on Connecticut Public. Charlie speaks around North America on a variety of gardening topics at venues such as Master Gardener conferences, Garden Club meetings and Flower Shows. His website, gardeningwithcharlie.com, has hundreds of articles, podcasts and videos, plus webinars for sale and information about his international garden tours.

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DIRECTIONS: FROM INTERSTATE 91 TRAVELING NORTH: Take Exit 10. Follow the Route 40 connector for 3.1 miles. Turn right onto Whitney Avenue (Route 10) and go north for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Evergreen Avenue at the traffic light; go 0.1 mile and turn right onto Kenwood Avenue. The farm is on the left; enter the 2nd driveway.

TRAVELING SOUTH: Take Exit 10. Follow the Route 40 connector for 3.0 miles. Turn right onto Whitney Avenue (Route 10) and go north for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Evergreen Avenue at the traffic light; go 0.1 mile and turn right onto Kenwood Avenue. The farm is on the left; enter the 2nd driveway.

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NO PETS, PLEASE.
SERVICE
ANIMALS ONLY.
RAIN OR SHINE
FREE ADMIISSION

Gates open at 9:30 am
Programs begins at 10:00 am • Event 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **PAVILION**
MORNING GREETING AND OPENING REMARKS
Jason C. White, Ph.D., Director
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **PAVILION**
Jeremiah R. Foley IV, Ph.D., Assistant Agricultural Scientist II,
Department of Environmental Science and Forestry
Ripples of Invasion: Spread and Management of Hydrilla in Connecticut Waterways

10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION TENT
(20-minute demonstration, repeated twice during the day, 10:15 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.)
Felicia Millett, Agricultural Research Technician I,
Department of Plant Pathology & Ecology
Summer Problems of Lilac

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION TENT
(20-minute demonstration, repeated twice during the day, 10:40 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.)
Paula Wolf, Agricultural Research Technician I,
Department of Entomology
Understanding Honey Bee Swarms and How to Manage Them

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **PAVILION**
CENTURY FARM AWARD
Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC.
South Glastonbury, CT

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. **PAVILION**
EXPERIMENT STATION ASSOCIATES
Cheryl Cappiali, President

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 noon **PAVILION**
THE SAMUEL W. JOHNSON MEMORIAL LECTURE
Charlie Nardozzi, Regional Emmy award-winning garden writer, speaker,
and media personality
Growing a Continuous Vegetable Garden

12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. **LUNCH on your own**

1:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. **PAVILION**
Washington Luís da Silva, Ph.D., Associate Agricultural Scientist,
Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology
Vaccinating Crops Against Viruses: A New Way to Protect Plants

1:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. **PAVILION**
Nathaniel Westrick, Ph.D., Assistant Agricultural Scientist II,
Valley Laboratory
More than Blight: How Fungal Pathogens Shape Farms, Forests, and the Natural World

2:15 p.m. **PAVILION**
Adjourn Main Talks

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION TENT
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3:15 p.m.-3:35 p.m.
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TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION TENT
Adjourn Technical Demonstrations

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **SIGN-OUT**
Attendees can pick up their Pesticide Credit forms at the registration table (R).

BARN EXHIBITS (BARN B)

Valley Laboratory Renovation and Hundred-Year History
Department: Valley Laboratory
Investigator: Michelle Salvas

How Microplastics Affect Contaminant Uptake by Plants
Department: Analytical Chemistry
Investigator : Nubia Zuverza-Mena, Ph.D.; Co-Investigator: Jason White, Ph.D. assisted by Mandeep Kaur, Ph.D.

Biocontrol of Spotted-Wing Drosophila in Connecticut
Department: Entomology
Investigator: Claire Rutledge, Ph.D.; Co-Investigator: Richard Cowles, Ph.D. assisted by Oliver Kelsey and James Guerrieri

Linking Soil Moisture, Microbes, and Carbon Cycling in Soils
Department: Environmental Science and Forestry
Investigator: Blaire Steven, Ph.D.; Co-investigator: Itamar Shabtai Ph.D.

Biocontrol Bacteria in Connecticut: Local Solutions for Managing Plant-Parasitic Nematodes
Department: Plant Pathology and Ecology
Investigator: Raquel Rocha, Ph.D.; Co-investigator: Lindsay Triplett, Ph.D., assisted by Ravikumar Patel, Saikumar Rudra, Neuzivette Abecassis, and Juliana Milagres

Gourmet Mushrooms, Wine-Cap and Morel Cultivation as Intercrops of Christmas Tree Production
Department: Valley Laboratory
Investigator: DeWei Li, Ph.D., assisted by David Yih, Ph.D., Ethan Paine, and James Preste

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS
(Plot 19)
Staff members in the "questions and answers" tent are prepared to give information on identification of insects, plant disorders, soils and their management, and other problems of growers and gardeners.

KIDS' KORNER
(Plot 21)
Come to the Kids' Korner to pick up your child's passport and a gift.

SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITY
(Plot 21)
For all children, including Girl Scouts

CONNECTICUT PESTICIDE CREDITS
(Registration, R)
Connecticut pesticide credits will be offered.
All categories and private applicator (PA) category/2.50 total credit hours.