



-Desert Green 2026

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30 Years and Growing

Tuesday, September 29 & Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Sponsored By: Nevada Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, Nevada Shade Tree Council, Southern Nevada Arborist Group, Southern Nevada Golf Course Superintendents Association, Southern Nevada Irrigation Association, Southern Nevada Water Authority, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

6:30am	Registration Opens				
7:00-7:45	Early Bird: Donald Moore, Star Nursery – Watering Broadly Rather Than Deeply: Irrigation Management for Mature Tree in the Southwest Urban Environment				
7:45-8:00	Welcome				
8:00-9:00	Helen Stone* – Desert Green through the decades (Memorial Tribute)				
9:00-10:00	Norm Shilling* – What 40 Years of Playing with Plants has Taught Me				
10:00-10:30	Morning Break				
10:30-11:30	Stan Southwick* – Evolution of Landscape Architecture in Southern Nevada				
11:30-12:30	KEYNOTE: Mark Patton-Hall: Finding Opportunity Under the Desert Sun; Yonema "Bill" Tomiyasu's Story				
	SPANISH	IRRIGATION	PLANTS	ARBORICULTURE	PESTICIDE I
1:30-2:30	Danial Echeverria – Seguridad Operacional en la Industria Verde	Jim Borneman – Turf Irrigation to Drip Conversions Secrets to Success	Paul Chambers & Dani Osborne – An Introduction to the Australian Outback Plantation	Molly Sinnott – The Sharpest Tool in Your Truck Should Be Your Knowledge: Staying Current, Staying Professional	Dr. Joanie King – Ornamental and Landscape Insect Pest Management
2:30-3:30	Wister Dorta – Salud de coníferas contra barrenadores y sequia	Angela Salas & Toby Bickmore – Smart Irrigation Rebates for Irrigation Controllers	Danise Coon – Landscaping with Ornamental Chilies	Russ Thompson* – Do Your Trees Have Flare; The Buried Truth	Dr. Leslie Beck – Weed Management in Turf and Tree Landscapes
3:30-4:30	Frank Saldana y Cristian Garcia-Arcos – Seguridad de los trabajadores forestales: Principales actualizaciones de la norma ANSI Z133-2026	Patrick Watson* – Exploring the Use of Hydro-zones	Amy Zeldenrust – Selecting Great Plants for Desert Extremes	John Smith* – Turf Conversions Las Vegas Style	Dr. Phillip Lujan – Landscape Tree and Plant Diseases: Current and Future Outlook
4:30-6:00	INDUSTRY GAME NIGHT Stay and Play – Includes 1 Free Drink				

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

6:30am	Registration Opens				
7:00-7:45	Early Bird: Shawn Cox, Arizona Wholesale Growers - Choosing Plants That Actually Perform				
	TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT	IRRIGATION	LANDSCAPE DESIGN	ARBORICULTURE	PESTICIDE II
8:00-9:00	Bill Rohret* – Spray it Forward: Lessons from the Past, Tips for Today	Jim Borneman – Scheduling Drip in the Southwest for Mature Trees and Shrubs	Danny Ortega* – AI-Augmented Site Intelligence: Translating Visual Data into Landscape Architecture Studio Workflows	Lisa Ortega* – Bridging Consulting and Nonprofit: Insights for Sustainable Impact	Bryant Mc Dowell – Statewide Survey Programs and Emerging Threats
9:00-10:00	Doug Clark – Managing Resistance Issues in Turfgrass	Doug Donahue – Practical Ways to Deal with Less Water	Nick Shipley – Designing for Density: Predictable, Compact Plants for the Built Environment	Dennis Swartzell* – From the Nursery to Landscape Establishment – Part 1	Joel Castelan – Noxious Weeds in the Nursery
10:00-10:30	Break with tabletop exhibits				
10:30-11:30	Dale Hahn* – Power of Repetition	Andy Belingeri – Get a Grip on Drip: Inline vs Point Source	M.L. Robinson* – What the Desert can Teach Us	Dennis Swartzell* – From the Nursery to Landscape Establishment – Part 2	Kirsten Hutchinson – Integrated Pest Management
11:30-12:30	Patrick Parkins – Capillary Flow: Building of the Hydroponics Tee Box at TPC Las Vegas	Dale Devitt* – Irrigating based on Evapotranspiration	David Farley – The Future of Construction: Emerging Technologies Transforming Design and Building	Pete Duncombe* – Public v. Private: Applying Best Practices in the Green Industry	Chuck Moses – Advisory vs Mandatory Pesticide Label Statements
12:30-2:00	Awards Luncheon and RAFFLE				
2:00-3:00	Kai Umeda – Evolution of Turf Weed Problems and the Development of New Solutions	Neil Bailey – Water Use Compliance	Matthew Parker – Flying Plastic! Designing Landscapes to Reduce Trash Collection	Eddie Rodriguez – Planting for 2050: Selecting Climate-Adapted Trees for A Hotter Future	Rick Cronkite – Laws & Regulations
3:00-4:00	Jared Rosequist – Alternative Groundcover	Scott Sutton* – Irrigation Scheduling: Best Practices for Efficient Water Management	John Murgel – Xeriscape Practices: Evidence and Opinion	Kathy Kosta* – Tree Diseases in the Arid Southwest	Dr. Angela O’Callaghan* – Unknown Pesticide Adjuvants

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One-Day Registration (\$175/\$205 after Sept 15)

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			CONTACT: SUZANNE SCHUBA SPONSOR / EXHIBIT COORDINATOR Telephone registration: 559.784.8734

Trade Show Hours:

Tuesday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Set up on Monday 9/28/2026 after noon

GREEN INDUSTRY GAME NIGHT!

Tuesday, September 29th, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Beverages, Food, No-Host Cocktails

Free to ALL Green Industry Professionals! Conference registration not required. Invite your clients! Conference attendees each receive a complimentary drink ticket.

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