

Invasive Plant Management Symposium
“*Prevention Strategies for Invasive Species*”

Tuesday, March 18th, 2008

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

U.S. National Arboretum
Administration Building Auditorium

As invasive species continue to disrupt our native ecosystems, land managers must create and implement sound prevention strategies as a first line of defense. This symposium will identify current and potential tactics to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Drawing from research and practical in-the-field experience, speakers will detail effective practices that private citizens and institutional land managers can use. Topics include:

- Global Invasive Species Prevention Training Course
- How non-profit organizations can help prevent the spread of invasive species
- Public awareness strategies for the prevention of invasive species
- Utilizing exotic plant management teams to prevent the spread of invasive plant species

A tour of invasive plant work at the National Arboretum will be included in the program.

Symposium speakers:

- Randy Westbrook, Invasive Species Prevention Specialist, U.S. Geological Survey
- Michael Lusk, National Invasive Species Coordinator, National Wildlife Refuge System
- Lee Patrick, Restoration Ecologist and Co-founder, Invasive Plant Control, Inc.,
- Steven Manning, Founder and President, Invasive Plant Control, Inc.
- Meghan Fellows, Invasive Management Area Program Coordinator, Fairfax County Park Authority, and President, Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council.
- Sue Salmons, Liaison, National Capital Region Exotic Plant Management Team, National Park Service
- Dr. Chris Dionigi, Assistant Director, National Invasive Species Council
- Melissa Bravo, Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, Botanist/Weed Scientist, Bureau of Plant Industry

Registration for the symposium and lunch is required and due by March 14. The registration fee is \$55 (\$45 for FONA members). Lunch, morning, and afternoon refreshments are included.

To register, go to <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Education/events.html>. Phone and walk-in registration may be available after March 14th. For more information please call the National Arboretum at 202-245-4521.

The symposium is co-sponsored by the U.S. National Arboretum and Invasive Plant Control, Inc.