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Two (2) Additional Members of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc.

Earn Organic Land Care Professional Accreditation

February 24, 2011 -- The Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Organic Land Care Program recently announced that two (2) additional members of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. of Gales Ferry, CT have earned the title of Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals. Kristin Grivois, Staff Assistant, and Bill Beaman, Lawn Care Division Manager, join three (3) other Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. members with Organic Land Care Professional Accreditations. Receiving this accreditation consists of attending the intense 5-day course in organic landscaping, passing the rigorous NOFA Accreditation Exam, as well as pledging to provide organic land care according to the NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care and committed to maintain continuing education by attending a minimum of 4 hours of organic landscape education annually.

“The most important value our company holds is the commitment to being stewards of the environment; using organic products and methods is a large part of accomplishing that. Having more of our team members NOFA certified means that we can stay on the cutting edge of organic products and processes” said Linda K. Lillie, President and Senior Landscape Designer of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc.

By applying NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care, Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. has been adapting the principles and methods of organic farming to the care of lawns and landscapes, focusing on building healthy soil filled with a diversity of living micro-organisms all while not using synthetic pesticides or fertilizers. This approach reduces the risk to children and pets from pesticides, uses fertilizers that will not pollute water by releasing nutrients slowly, costs less money in the long run because healthy soils reduce the need for watering, and produces healthier plants.

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. is owned and operated by Linda and Bill Lillie and is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, having served Southeastern Connecticut since 1997. They offer a full range of landscape design, installation and maintenance services specializing in environmentally-friendly, low maintenance, naturalistic landscapes. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. also provides professional tree care services including removals, pruning, fertilization, aeration, disease & insect control and cabling & bracing. Furthermore, Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. provides a full range of organic lawn care services as well as mowing and trimming. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. also provides irrigation services, rainwater management services and stonewall, stone patio and walkway construction. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. was awarded with the **Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Distinction Award** as part of the 2010 Environmental Improvement Awards Program for a complete landscape design and installation project in East Lyme. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. has also been named **2008 Landscaper of the Year, National Finalist** by *Total Landscape Care* magazine and was chosen for **ABC-TVs the Extreme Makeover Home Edition**, Landscape and Tree Removal Teams for the Girard Project in December 2008. They have been featured on **CNN** and in **FORTUNE** magazine.

Kristin and Bill Beaman join the three other Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals at Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. Courtney Kolakowski, Landscape Division Manager, earned her Organic Land Care Professional Accreditation in March 2010 alongside Sprigs & Twigs owners Linda and Bill Lillie. In addition to being an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional, Linda has more than 30 years of landscape design experience and holds a Bachelor's degree in Botany from Connecticut College. She is also a graduate of the University of Connecticut Master Gardener Program. Bill, in addition to being an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional, is a Landscape Industry Certified Manager, and has a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering. His specialties include project management, rainwater management and landscape installation.

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. is a member of the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), NOFA Organic Land Care Program, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) - Connecticut, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, Ecological Landscaping Association (ELA), American Horticultural Society (AHS), Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association (CNLA), Connecticut Tree Protective Association (CTPA) and Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD).

More information about Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. can be found at: www.SprigsandTwigs.net

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