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**Ledyard / Gales Ferry, CT – March 9, 2010** – Sprigs & Twigs Inc. announced today that they are offering a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Ledyard High School student interested in the Horticulture field, e.g., Landscape Design, Landscape Architecture, Nursery Management, Greenhouse Management, Conservation, Plant Science, Botany, Environmental Studies, Arboriculture, or Sustainability.

“Over the years, we have had a strong relationship with students from Ledyard High School. We would like to offer our encouragement to a promising student to get involved in the horticultural field and help make a difference our industry and the environment”, said Linda K. Lillie, President of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc.

Interested students must complete a Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. Application for Scholarship, provide an official copy of their school transcript, provide two letters of recommendation and write a 500 word essay on one of the topics listed:

- A local environmental issue that concerns them,
- An improvement in practices, methods, or services offered by Sprigs & Twigs, Inc, based on their research,
- An interesting project that they have worked on during high school that is relevant to the scholarship,
- New environmental friendly techniques a landscape company, nursery, or arborist might use to make their job easier and better for the environment.

More information about the Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. Scholarship can be found at the Ledyard High School Career Center.

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc is owned and operated by Linda and Bill Lillie and has served Southeastern Connecticut since 1997. They offer a full range of landscape design, installation and maintenance services specializing in organic, environmentally-friendly low maintenance, naturalistic landscapes. Sprigs & Twigs Tree Service provides professional tree care services including, removals, pruning, fertilization, aeration and cabling/bracing. Sprigs & Twigs Lawn Care Service provides a full range of organic lawn care services as well as mowing and trimming. Sprigs & Twigs also provides irrigation services, rainwater

management services and stonewall, stone patio and walkway construction. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc was 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.

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, a Certified Landscape Professional (CLP), has a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering; his specialties include project management, rainwater management and landscape installation. Linda and Bill, along with two other Sprigs & Twigs employees are Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA).

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).

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