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***Five (5) Members of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc  
Earn Organic Land Care Professional Accreditation***

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**March 1, 2010** -- The NOFA Organic Land Care Program recently announced that five (5) members of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc of Gales Ferry, CT have earned the title of Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals. Owners, Linda and Bill Lillie, Landscape Supervisor, Courtney Kolakowski, Lawn Care Supervisor, Mike McNabney and Robin Franklin have taken the Northeast Organic Farming Association's (NOFA's) rigorous 5-day course in organic landscaping, passed the NOFA Accreditation Exam, pledged 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.

“We are extremely proud that five (5) key members of our company have earned the Organic Land Care Professional Accreditation. This prestigious accreditation is consistent with the Sprigs & Twigs, Inc mission that we will be stewards of our environment and supports our business of offering low-maintenance, naturalistic landscaping,” said Linda K. Lillie, owner of Sprigs & Twigs, Inc.

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

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 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.

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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