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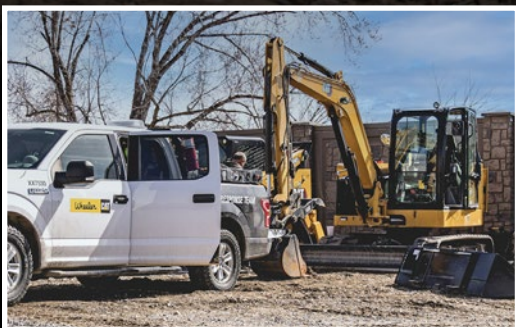
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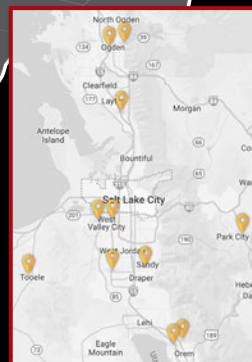
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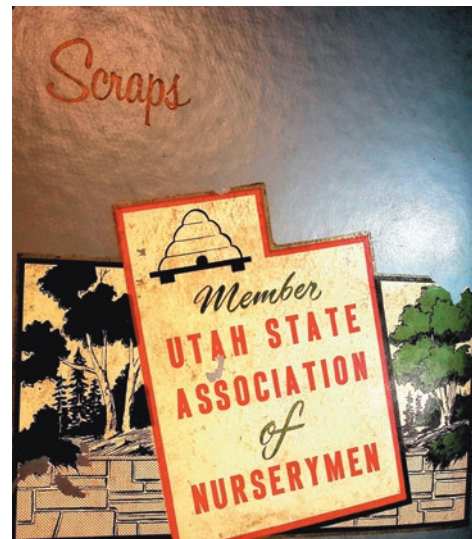
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Celebrating 75 Years of Excellence: The History of UNLA

The Utah Nursery and Landscape Association (UNLA), originally known as the Utah Association of Nurserymen, has a rich history that spans several decades. The association's scrapbooks, dating back to the 1960s, provide a fascinating glimpse into its evolution and the broader horticultural landscape in Utah.

The UNLA was established to support and promote the interests of nurserymen and landscapers in Utah. The association's early years were marked by efforts to standardize practices, share knowledge, and advocate for the industry.



The scrapbooks maintained by the UNLA are invaluable historical resources. They contain newspaper clippings, letters, invitations, schedules to conferences, advertisements, pictures, and much more.

The list of past presidents is mostly complete, except for the 1990s. We have

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History

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a history of presidents from 1937 to 2025! These leaders played crucial roles in guiding the association through different eras, adapting to changes in the industry, and ensuring the continued growth and relevance of the UNLA. If you have information regarding the presidents of the UNLA during the 90s, please email Hayley at memberservices@utahgreen.org.

Over the years, the UNLA has evolved to meet the changing needs of its members and the industry. It has expanded its focus to include landscape professionals, reflecting the broader scope of horticultural practices. The association continues to be a vital resource for education, networking, and advocacy, contributing significantly to the development of the nursery and landscape industry in Utah.

If you would like more detailed information on the UNLA's history, be sure to pay attention to our blog at <https://www.utahgreen.org/news/> throughout this year with more information to be shared.



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Growing Future Leaders: The 4-H Gardening Program

Salt Lake County 4-H Garden Program

4-H is the nation's largest Positive Youth Development Program, inspiring the next generation of leaders, inventors, entrepreneurs, and problem solvers. Through hands-on experiences, 4-H helps youth develop confidence, leadership, and critical life skills. Programs span a wide range of interests—from livestock and sewing to robotics and leadership development.

Salt Lake County 4-H is the youth division of Utah State University (USU) Extension in Salt Lake County. Our mission is to help young people discover their passions ("sparks") and turn them into strengths that benefit both themselves and their communities.

Garden Programs: Growing Leaders & Junior Master Gardeners

Salt Lake County 4-H offers two main garden-focused programs:

- **Growing Leaders:** This program empowers teens who are passionate about gardening to become leaders. These youth lead workshops, run summer camps, and support field trips, teaching urban youth about agriculture and gardening.
- **Junior Master Gardener (JMG):** Open to all Salt Lake County youth in grades 3–12, this program uses the Texas A&M Extension JMG curriculum to teach gardening from planting to harvesting. While open to all, special outreach is made to military-connected youth through our partnership with the Utah National Guard.

Environmental Education: Utah Envirothon

In addition to gardening, Salt Lake County 4-H offers programs for youth

interested in environmental science. One key opportunity is the **Utah Envirothon**, a hands-on environmental and natural resource competition for high school students (grades 9–12, ages 14–19). The program integrates STEM education with outdoor experiences and challenges students to solve real-world conservation problems. Participants gain leadership skills and a deeper commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Salt Lake County 4-H will coach an Envirothon team during the 2025 school year and is currently seeking **coaches, mentors, and financial sponsors** to



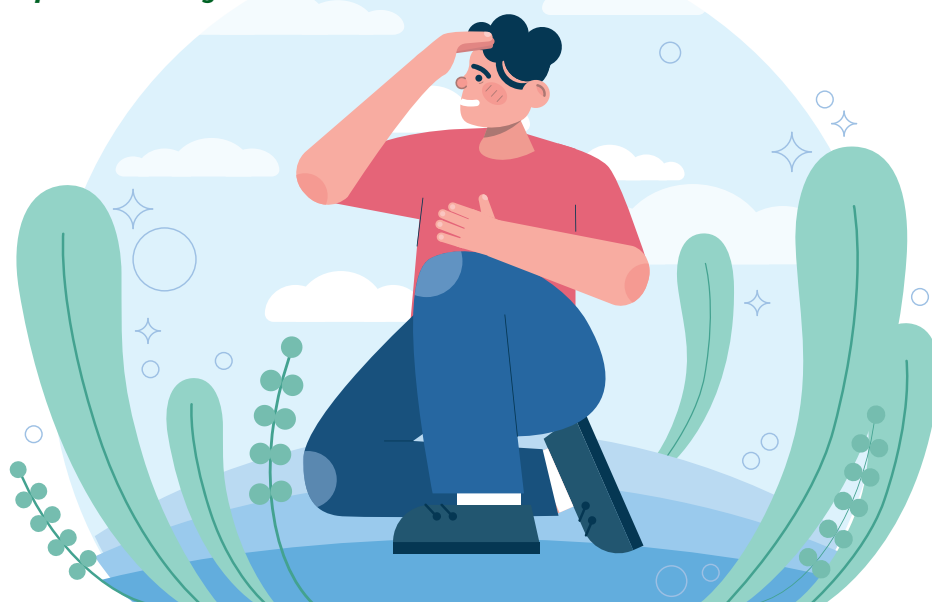
help the team prepare and travel to competitions.

Get Involved

Salt Lake County 4-H welcomes community support! We are always looking for:

- Donations of plants, garden supplies, and financial contributions
- Volunteers to serve as garden helpers, contest/fair judges, youth mentors, presenters, club assistants, and club leaders

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Unlocking Potential: **Student Connections Program** with Granite School District

As part of our Student Connections Program, the UNLA is working with the Granite School District Career and Technical Education department to find internship opportunities and jobs for students who are looking for work-based learning opportunities. Members can either send job/internship postings (internships do not need to be paid) or join their advisory board. The Granite School District includes the following high schools:

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Kearns High School
Cyprus High School
Olympus High School
Granger High School
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Hunter High School
Taylorsville High School

If you are interested in participating or supporting this program, please fill out the Business Partners Form. Any questions, please contact Meeja Fortie
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Now Accepting Nominations: UNLA Awards 2025

The UNLA Industry Awards Program seeks to honor and highlight green industry individuals and companies who have made significant contributions



to their fields. We would like to recognize their accomplishments and outstanding work. **Remember, you can nominate others or yourself.**

Nominations will close on **October 10th**, 2025, and award winners will be notified by the UNLA in November 2025. All award winners will be recognized at our awards reception to be held on January 5, 2026 during the 2026 Utah Green Conference, as well as in the 2026 Vol 1 Trunkline magazine, and promoted through the UNLA website and social media.

Award Categories include the Distinguished Contribution Award, Public Service Award, Women in the Green Industry Award, Outstanding Merit Award, Com-



mercial Landscape Installation Excellence Award, Residential Landscape Installation Excellence Award, and Landscape Management & Maintenance Award.

See our website for more information about the award categories and to make nominations at <https://www.utahgreen.org/events/2026-unla-awards>



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Keynote Speaker Ryan Stream



Ryan Stream

Ryan Stream is a renowned motivational speaker, musician, and advocate for resilience and overcoming

We are excited to announce that Ryan Stream will be the keynote speaker at the 2025 Southern Utah Green Conference.

ing adversity. His inspiring journey from homelessness to success has touched many lives and made him a sought-after speaker across the country.

Ryan's keynote address, titled **"Planting Seeds of Resilience: Overcoming Life's Droughts,"** will focus on the importance of resilience in both personal and professional life. He will share his powerful story and provide actionable in-

sights on how to navigate challenges and thrive in the face of adversity. Additionally, the following Continued Education Units (CEU's) will be provided in conjunction with his presentation: 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP

Join us on **October 28, 2025**, at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George, Utah, to hear Ryan's compelling message.



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REGISTRATION opens at 7:00 am

7:00 - 7:30 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, Ballroom

7:30 - 8:35 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ryan Stream, Ryan Stream LLC
“Planting Seeds of Resilience: Overcoming Life’s Droughts and Growing Stronger” 1 DOPL-PRO, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP

	Tree Care Sunbrook A	Irrigation & Landscape Sunbrook B	Pesticide Sunbrook C
8:50 - 9:40 am	“Anthracnose in Sycamores” Andrew Lathrop Rivendell Trees Experts 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP	“Crevice Gardens: Nature-Inspired Designs for Water-Efficient Landscapes” Kenton Smith Paintbrush Gardens 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP	“Managing Invasive Insects & Diseases of Landscape Trees” Mair Murray USU 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
9:55 - 10:45 am	“Preserving Trees After Turf Removal” Miles Becker USU 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP	“2-Wire Intro: What it is, and How it Differs From Conventional Systems, and Important Installation Instructions” Craig Borland Irrigation Association 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 IA, 1 UCNP	“Herbicide Mode of Actions and Herbicide Resistance - Importance of Rotating Modes of Action” Corey Ransom USU 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
11:00 - 11:50 am	“Trees & Utilities: Right Tree, Right Place” Dan Bridenstine Tree and Line, LLC 1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP	“Blue Stakes Safety Training & Updated State Law Information” Spense Felsted Blue Stakes of Utah 1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 UCP	“Understanding Label Language for Pesticides” Michael Wierda USU 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 UCNP
11:50 am - 12:50 pm LUNCH - Garden Room			
1:00 - 1:50 pm	“Turf and Tree Aeration: Correcting Major Soil Problems” Shane Richards USU 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP	“System Troubleshooting” (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced) Craig Borland Irrigation Association 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 IA, 1 UCNP	“Regulating Pesticides: Policies for a Safer Environment” Henry Nahalewski UDAF 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 UCNP
2:00 – 2:50 pm	“Air Spading” Jeremiah Elder Certified Arborists Solutions 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP	“Irrigation Scheduling” Doug Bennett WCWCD 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 IA, 1 UCNP	“Pesticide Record Keeping: Staying Organized and Compliant” Henry Nahalewski UDAF 1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 UCNP
3:00 – 3:50 pm	“To Shear or Not to Shear, That is the Question” Max Darrington Darrington Tree Experts 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA 1 UCNP	“Aqua Star: A New Standard for Waterwise Landscaping” Joseph Rawlinson Ivin’s City 1 DOPL-Core, 1 QWEL, 1 IA, 1 UCNP	“Noxious Weeds: Identification, Impact, and Management” Brad Winder & Ben Scow Washington County 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP

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