October 26-27th 2015

CWEL faculty Larry Rupp and Kelly Kopp were among the instructors of a Qualified Water Efficient Landscapers (QWEL) course taught to a record number of attendees at the Conservation Garden Park. QWEL is an EPA WaterSense recognized training program for landscape professionals including landscape designers, landscape contractors, irrigation specialists, and landscape maintenance teams.

Through the Qualified Water-Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) Program, local landscape professionals learn how to become water efficient in landscape design, maintenance, and operation, to make a positive impact in reducing landscape water demand.

QWEL provides an educational foundation based on principals of proper plant selection for the local climate, irrigation system design and maintenance, and irrigation system programming and operation. Graduates of the program are then certified by the Utah Nursery and Landscape Association and can list their certification on the QWEL website hosted by the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

The QWEL Utah program is a partnership between the USU’s Center for Water Efficient Landscaping, the Utah Nursery and Landscape Association (UNLA), Iron County Water Conservancy District (ICWCD) and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD). The QWEL program was originally developed by the California Landscape Contractors Association, Sonoma County Water Agency, City of Santa Rosa, Marin Municipal Water District and the colleges of Santa Rosa and Marin. Utah QWEL is fully recognized as an EPA WaterSense program.

For more information about QWEL training, please visit Qualified Water-Efficient Landscaper.