

RETAILERS' Choice Awards



JUDGING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

AWARDS CEREMONY HELD AT THE SOLUTION CENTER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 2:45PM

Calling all retailers!

Take part in a safari to uncover hidden treasures as you scour the Farwest Show floor! Search for unique and innovative products that have the potential to be best sellers in a garden center!



Sponsored by The Garden Center Group; led by Danny Summers, The Garden Center Group and Christina Salwitz, The Personal Garden Coach.

Participating retailers will meet Danny and Christina during the show opening at noon, Wednesday, August 21 at the show registration area, Lobby C (under the Dragon Boat), to receive guidelines and a nominating form. Then you can explore the show floor at your own pace on the hunt to discover YOUR favorite new products. The group will reconvene at 5pm in Room A103 to turn in nominations, compare notes to see what others found, and select the winners.

The awards presentation will recognize groundbreaking products and services of merit — those that show vision, those that retailers plan to carry, and those that reinvent old formulas.

Participating retailers must pre-register. Go to the www.FarwestShow.com, navigate to the "Show Features" webpage to access the Retailers' Choice Awards registration link and enter your information to be a judge.

Seminary



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

EDUCATION SEMINARS, PESTICIDE CLASSES AND FEATURED SPEAKERS

Advance your career by registering for the Farwest Show's industry-focused seminars! We have put together an extraordinary schedule of new and in-demand speakers to share the latest developments and business opportunities for growers, retailers, landscapers and business professionals. Ticket holders will hear directly from the thought leaders in our network who are coming up with creative business innovations, launching new technologies, and sharing their solutions for fixing our most significant business concerns.

Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned veteran of your company, our impressive lineup of speakers will quickly bring you up to date on the state of our industry. Share your thoughts about the discussion topics and immerse yourself in a class of like-minded professionals. You'll leave feeling refreshed, re-energized and ready to tackle the year ahead.

Registration is required.

Show pass packages are flexible so attendees can go to as few or as many seminars as they would like. Ticket options include All Education passes for all three days, one day, or a half day (Friday only), Pesticide Class passes, Spanish-only seminars, and Student/Teacher All Education pass. Rates are online.

Earn credits for pesticide recertification

Register for a pesticide class pass and earn credits towards your pesticide recertification. The three-day pesticide class pass offers six hours of recertification credit and the one-day pass will fulfil two hours of credit. Each pesticide pass holder will also be able to access the Spanish-only seminars.

Go to www.FarwestShow.com and click the "Register" button for rates.

WEDNESDAY Seminary

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8:30-9:30am | Room B110



The Remarkable Cornucopia of Small Trees for Restricted Planting Spaces

Dr. Michael A. Dirr, professor emeritus, University of Georgia

Gardens are becoming smaller. The space for them to spread is limited. Cities/utility companies are trying to reduce pruning and tree maintenance. The demand for trees with less height and width is significant. Customers also want trees with no energy disruptions. The nursery industry, led by J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co., has bred and introduced superior trees that fit the above criteria. In fact, Schmidt has a UtiliTrees™ series for such uses. Breeders, specifically at North Carolina State University, have introduced improved redbud, cherry and dogwood varieties. *Styrax japonicus* has become more popular with the newer, easier-to-grow introductions such as Snow Charm®, Snowcone®, Pristine Spire®, 'Evening Light' and 'Midnight Prince'. Come hear Dr. Dirr delve deeper into the best of the best.



8:30-9:30am | Room B114



Deciphering the Color Code for More Sales!

Christina Salwitz, founder of The Personal Garden Coach

Color options are abundant, but how do we give guidance to help narrow down the choices? Some people live with a patchwork of colors in the landscape for years, knowing that it doesn't feel cohesive. Others play it safe with neutral everything (and wonder why their garden lacks personality). How do we address this in a retail setting when we're supposed to not only be making sales but also be giving design advice in a fast-paced environment with little to no accurate information from customers? Learn how to take cues from your customers and translate that information into sales by understanding how color affects people and their unconscious choices to use this information quickly and efficiently.



8:30-9:30am | Room B115



Bringing the Next Big Thing to Market

Lloyd R. Traven, president of Peace Tree Farm LLC

We have all seen a plant that just screams, "That is my million dollar baby — retirement, here we come!" The holy grail of horticulture is "What's new?" or "What changes the market for a genus?" We all obsess about finding that and making a killing, but unfortunately it is not quite that simple. Figuring out the propagation, establishing a solid supply chain, creating a production protocol for success, and extensive trialing all must happen — but there are still steps before even that happens! The plant must be protected, or all the effort gets no reward to finance the NEXT breeding program, plant discovery, or the next plant hunt. Many new introductions often fall short because nobody knows the plant even exists — it was never marketed to anyone. Products in the market have a short shelf life and you cannot afford to get it wrong from the start. Our typical passion to grow stuff is just not enough in a VERY crowded market. How does one do everything necessary to successfully launch a new plant? We'll discuss great examples of success, and a couple epic failures as well.



PESTICIDE CLASS

8:30-9:30am | Room B119



Did You Just Touch That?: Sanitation and the Spread of Pathogens

Colleen Warfield, corporate plant pathologist at Ball Horticultural Company

Understanding how a pathogen spreads is an integral part of any plant disease management program. With an emphasis on viral diseases, this session will look at different modes of transmission and how those may influence sanitation practices in your greenhouse and nursery. Some interesting (and perhaps entertaining) comparisons will be drawn using examples from human behavior and food safety studies.

9:45-10:45am | Room B110



Today's Best Trees for the Urban Forest

Keith Warren, director of product development (retired) at J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co., author

What are today's best choices for urban planting? This seminar will present the current best species and cultivar selections for the urban forest. We will discuss street trees as well as large landscape selections and those suitable for parks and campuses. As new invasive insects and diseases, as well as a changing climate, challenge urban trees like never before, our tree choices must change. The newest cultivars and trends in species selection will be highlighted, and successful old faithfuls will be revered. The speaker will identify the best choices for specific uses and suggest those that may be the trees of the future.

9:45-10:45am | Room B114



New Research Insights on Hemp Agriculture in the Pacific Northwest and Beyond

Dr. Jay S. Noller, professor and head of the Department of Crop and Soil Science at Oregon State University



Come hear Dr. Noller give a comprehensive overview of all the research projects underway on hemp in Oregon and beyond, including views to developing areas of inquiry for this recently added and newly popular crop.



9:45-10:45am | Room B115



Mentoring: Why It Matters and How It Can Benefit You and Your Nursery Staff

Mark Krautmann, co-owner of Heritage Seedlings & Liners Inc.

How do you implement mentoring programs in training and supervision roles? Join Mark and two key employees as they delve into the specific benefits of a mentor relationship. Learn how to facilitate performance, nurture the undiscovered talents among committed employees, and contribute to engaging work and employee loyalty. The synergy between job satisfaction, low turnover rates, collaboration and engagement will be reviewed. After questions from the audience, attendees will leave with literature references, actionable items, and a challenge to apply these principles and benefit in your own workplace.

PESTICIDE CLASS

9:45-10:45am | Room B119



Why Your Program Failed: The Importance of Pest Identification in Bio Control Programs

Kelly Vance, IPM specialist at Beneficial Insectary

Biological control programs can be challenging for some growers to implement and establish. With the number of available control agents growing every year, growers are faced with even more decisions to make regarding which predators, parasitoids or biopesticides to use for their crop pests. Even more critical is the need to identify the pest targeted from the beginning. In this session, Kelly will go over some common mistakes in pest identification, and why the predators you chose may not have worked. We will attempt to explain the preferred diet and climate of our most important control agents and when one's performance is desired over another's.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

11am-12pm | Room C123

FREE



What's On the Economic Horizon for Our Industry?

Dr. Charlie Hall, professor and Ellison Chair in International Floriculture at Texas A&M University

In this comprehensive presentation, Hall will discuss the performance of the entire green industry in 2019 and will set the stage for the fall season and 2020. The economy and several cross-cutting issues (e.g., labor, demographics, freight costs, housing) are certain to affect every green industry business. He will discuss how these issues will impact green industry firms, and more importantly, how to position your business for the next economic downturn. The impending structural changes will continue to reshape our industry and the competitive advantages that enabled businesses to survive the last recession are not necessarily the ones that will be available through the next cycle.





12:30-1:30pm | Room C123 **FREE**



What's New in the Lab? Research Report Update for Oregon Nurseries

Dr. Jill Calabro of HRI, Dr. Ryan Contreras of OSU, Jerry Weiland of the USDA, Gary McAninch of the ODA

Moderated by Jeff Stone, executive director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries

The research being conducted today is what shapes the industry of tomorrow. Join us for this panel discussion featuring the representatives for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the USDA, American Horticultural Research Institute, and Oregon State University as they report on the latest research and how it's projected to affect your business in the coming years.



12:30-1:30pm | Room B110



Bio-Based Resins and Plastics: The Right Choice for the Environment and the Future of Your Company's Bottom Line

Sarah E. Braun, owner and project manager at SustainEdge Marketing LLC

The lawn and garden and horticultural industries deal with the environment on a daily basis. Yet, these same industries are surrounded by single-use, petroleum-based plastics. The purpose of this seminar is to bring to light and educate companies and individuals on the availability, possibility and cost-effectiveness of bio-based resins and plastics. The beauty and innovation of these technologies have made it easier than ever before to transition your business into a sustainable, green and eco-friendly enterprise. This seminar will lay to rest differing myths about the costs and uses of bioplastics, as well as providing an introduction to a variety of items available to all areas of the lawn and garden and horticulture industries.

12:30-1:30pm | Room B115



The Important Role Mentorship Plays in Helping You Realize Your Full Potential.

Octavio Martinez, operations manager at Heritage Seedlings & Liners Inc. Elizabeth Cryan, landscape designer at PNW Sustainable Designs

A panel of industry professionals will discuss the importance of mentorship while navigating the ever-evolving green industry in the United States. Join Octavio Martinez and Elizabeth Cryan for a lively panel conversation about their personal experiences and the role those positive relationships have had on their careers. The right mentor can save you time, money, and frustration by helping you learn best practices without all the trial and error. We will talk about identifying potential mentors in your workplace and then how to get the most from those relationships, and much more. Come join us!



1:30-2:30pm | Room B114

BIZ

Business Strategies for Entrepreneurs

Kyle Peterson, owner of Pacific Crest Nursery

Maybe you are a budding entrepreneur who wants to start a business and don't know what to do next. Perhaps you manage an established business and want to re-energize and take things to the next level. Either way this will put you on the right path. After reaching the first anniversary for Pacific Crest Nursery, Kyle will share updates on the company and provide detailed insights on successes and failures that he's experienced firsthand. He will also talk about what it takes to overcome obstacles and set yourself up for success.



1:30-2:30pm | Room B119

BIZ

Marketing Practices to Grow On

Ian Doescher, director of creative services at Pivot Group

When it comes to marketing, where should you start? What are the best principles to live by and questions to ask when you establish strategy, consider tactics, write copy, design materials and reach out to your customers? What does your customers' overall experience have to do with it? In this session, we'll walk through the fundamental marketing and branding concepts that help companies large and small tell their stories creatively and effectively. Along the way, we'll cover which tactics are most important when you're starting out, how to brainstorm and much more.



2:30-3:30pm | Room B110



Advances in Hydrangea Breeding, an Introduction: The Best of the New and a View to the Future

Dr. Michael A. Dirr, retired professor at University of Georgia

In the late '90s and early '00s, there was precious little known in the way of credible, garden-worthy introductions of hydrangeas. 'Nikko Blue', among the macrophyllas, was dominant along with the French legacy cultivars such as 'Mme. Emile Mouillere', 'Ami Pasquier', and 'Mariesii'. Paniculatas were still dominated by 'Grandiflora' while *H. quercifolia* favorites were 'Snowflake' and 'Snow Queen'. *H. arborescens* was represented by 'Annabelle'. The sea change occurred with the Endless Summer® series (Original® in 2004), which embodied the reblooming/remontant genes. Soon breeders were at the work bench hoping to compete. Dr. Dirr's 2019 checklist of *H. paniculata* cultivars lists more than 170, including about 50 introduced since 2004. It's an exciting time for hydrangeas as breeders continue to be more innovative. Let's talk!



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Who Will Tend Our Crops?

Kerry Scott, program manager at MAS Labor H-2A

In today's economy, with virtually full employment, seasonal agricultural and horticultural employers are experiencing record labor shortages. The one viable, legal solution is the federal government's H-2A guest worker visa program. Nationwide, use of the program doubled between 2014 and 2017 and continues to grow by more than 20 percent each year. Use of the program by Oregon growers is also increasing, though not as quickly. This is in part due to the perception that Oregon is a difficult state in which to utilize the program. Whether or not that is true, with the help of a good, experienced H-2A agent, using H-2A in Oregon is not only possible, but almost certainly successful. This seminar will show growers how.



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| 10:00am | Harness the POWER of Garden Coaching! Christina Salwitz | 'Good' Isn't Good Enough: Breeding Plants in a Crowded Market David Roberts | Time for CRISPR? A Look at the Options for Creating Novel Ornamentals with Gene Editing and Engineering Techniques Dr. Steve Strauss and Dr. Ryan Contreras | PESTICIDE CLASS: Weed Management in Ornamental Crops Dr. Marcelo L. Moretti |
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Build a More Shoppable Space!

Dr. Bridget K. Behe, professor of horticultural marketing, Michigan State University

From recent eye-tracking research findings in her consumer studies, Dr. Behe will explain how to create a more compelling retail space. Merchandising, signs, and plant guarantees all play a role as does the product itself. This session will help you improve your marketing strategy by incorporating research-based information on consumer preferences.



8:30-9:30am | Room: B114



Behind the Scenes at the Oregon Garden

Ty Boland, manager of horticulture and botanical curator, The Oregon Garden

Ty will briefly discuss the history of the Oregon Garden as well as the partnerships that exist today. He will lay out the challenges regarding maintaining the original design aesthetics, infrastructure, as well as discuss the plant collection and current accessions program. Ty will express the value of perseverance in the face of many challenges facing the Garden and he will discuss work he is doing for it to thrive in the future.



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Landscape Luminosity: Creating Gardens with Brilliance, Sparkle and Glow

Lisa Port, FAPLD, certified landscape designer, fellow, and owner of Banyon Tree Design Studio LLC

Gardeners in the Pacific Northwest struggle with diminished light and downright darkness for more than nine months of the year. It rains. A lot. Skies are blanketed with clouds and we live under some of the largest trees on the planet. How is it even possible to create a garden that positively glows from within? Bringing luminosity to a garden doesn't have to be hard. You just need to incorporate a few techniques to get the job done. By utilizing designer techniques, maximizing seasonal attributes, and (of course) exploiting brilliant plant material, Lisa will demonstrate the art of creating a truly luminous garden.



Arborists



Breeders



Business Practices



Designers



Growers



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A Systematic Approach to Implementing Biocontrols

Lloyd R. Traven, president, Peace Tree Farm LLC

Growers are avidly looking at biocontrols, biorationals and biopesticides as an alternative to harsher chemicals that are fast becoming ineffective and often unavailable. Additionally, there is a strong stigma against many systemic treatments and their effects on pollinators. Using biological controls offers not only excellent efficacy, but sends a message to consumers and producers that resonates as a better way to grow. Implementation is a method, one that demands a different mindset, attitude, and expectation for growers, retailers and consumers, and takes some time and diligence and commitment to make it work. Peace Tree Farm is widely known for being able to create a complex ecosystem of organisms that gives them superior control across an extremely wide range of genera, from propagation through to finished material, year-round, and virtually without chemical intervention. Come see how it happens!



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Harness the POWER of Garden Coaching!

Christina Salwitz, founder, The Personal Garden Coach

Whether you own a garden center, own your own landscape business or are simply looking for ways to capitalize on your hort industry experience in fast-paced and lucrative ways, garden coaching might be exactly what you need to level up your business for the new age in horticulture. Learn the top tips and techniques for finding new clients, cultivating existing customers to become garden coaching clients and transform those clients into long-term relationships that bring you more consistent business. Step by step, you will understand what it takes to build a garden coaching business that works well in lean times as well as abundance.



9:45-10:45am | Room: B114



'Good' Isn't Good Enough: Breeding Plants in a Crowded Market

David Roberts, general manager, Bailey Innovations

Whether working independently or for a major corporation, plant breeders face intense scrutiny when trying to bring a new plant to market. Large corporations introduce dozens of new cultivars every year, leaving little room for subpar plants. Plant breeders often utilize modern innovations and perform extensive trials to ensure their plants stand out in an otherwise crowded field. Join David as he discusses the many facets of plant breeding and trialing for Bailey, the company responsible for internationally acclaimed plant brands like First Editions® and Endless Summer® Hydrangeas.



9:45-10:45am | Room: B115



Time for CRISPR? A Look at the Options for Creating Novel Ornamentals with Gene Editing and Engineering Techniques

Dr. Steve Strauss, distinguished professor at Oregon State University and Dr. Ryan Contreras, assistant professor at Oregon State University

Gene editing methods, including CRISPR, have been in the news of late. They and associated genetic engineering methods provide a more direct way to produce some of the traits our industry has historically sought, such as sterility, variation in leaf and flower color, modifications to canopy and leaf form, and pest resistance. They can also avoid regulation by the feds in some cases, lowering costs in development. The goal of this session is to review where we are at with the technology and what the obstacles are. We can discuss whether our industry wishes to come together and start to put these techniques to work to produce new varieties, while promoting public education and dialog.



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9:45-10:45am | Room: B119



Weed Management in Ornamental Crops

Dr. Marcelo L. Moretti, assistant professor and weed science specialist at Oregon State University

Dr. Moretti's presentation will cover principles and methods of weed management in ornamental crops. Methods will include chemical and non-chemical practices for controlling weeds, and options for reducing herbicide use in or reducing the risk of herbicide resistance selection.



11:00am-Noon | Room: B115

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Leadership in Today's Tight Labor Market: Retaining and Recruiting High Productivity Employees

Dr. Bill Conerly, economic consultant at Conerly Consulting, LLC



The tight labor market is the biggest headache for many businesses. Back in 2006, Dr. Conerly predicted the labor shortage was a decade away. He started collecting articles about how to improve employee retention and recruitment. He also asked his consulting clients about their successes and failures. This seminar will first explain why the tight labor market will continue for another decade. He will then provide managers with a process for developing high employee retention, engagement and productivity along with success in recruiting new workers.



12:30-1:30pm | Room: B110



The Art and Science of Pricing Plants

Dr. Bridget K. Behe, professor of horticultural marketing, Michigan State University

There is more to pricing than simply calculating costs. Dr. Behe will discuss some pricing concepts and share some research-based findings on how consumers react to pricing in communications. For growers, wholesalers and retailers, pricing remains an important part of the marketing mix. Costs and markup formulas are just the beginning!



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12:30-1:30pm | Room: B115



Implementing Biological Control in Nurseries and Greenhouses

Dr. Luisa Santamaria, associate professor and extension plant pathologist at Oregon State University

This presentation will provide an update on the current biological products available for managing pests and diseases in nurseries and greenhouses. Participants will learn about the types of beneficial organisms and insects used in greenhouse production and relevant aspects to consider when using biological control. They will also learn about the use of biological control as part of a total integrated pest management (IPM) program, which incorporates scouting, disease-resistant plants, and good cultural practices. The instructor will provide some case studies where biological control has been successfully implemented.

1:30-2:30pm | Room: B114



Lean Shipping: Better All the Time

Rick Peters, president, and Elizabeth Peters, vice president, The Peters Company

This case study looks at how Robinson Nursery Inc., a grower of bareroot shade and ornamental trees and shrubs, improved productivity and flow in pulling and preparing trees for shipping. Through a series of highly focused rapid improvement activities, the company was able to create standard work that cut their lead time in half, eliminated 30 percent of product touches, reduced the crew size from 11 to five, and engaged and motivated their employees. Prior to this Lean activity, it took three days to process a full truck order (about 3,200 trees). That same order can now be done in about a day and a half with greater accuracy and less strain on the team.



1:30-2:30pm | Room: B119



Sustainability and Environmental Enrichment: A Neglected Tool to Balance Our Lives in the XXI Century

Elizabeth Cryan, landscape designer at PNW Sustainable Designs

How can we incorporate sustainability and environmental enrichment to capitalize on the benefits that nature provides to us? This talk will help the audience connect the dots. We will explore the ways that small and subtle changes can net outsized benefits and all the ways that those benefits can have an economic impact on our lives and our communities. After this talk we will be ready to embrace our green spaces in a way that we have never before.



2:30-3:30pm | Room: B110



How to Build Bee-Friendly Gardens: Research from the OSU Garden Ecology Lab

Dr. Gail Langellotto, professor of horticulture at Oregon State University

This talk will review the garden plants and practices that have been shown to promote native bee abundance and diversity in Western Oregon home gardens. We will also highlight the importance of urban and suburban gardens to bee conservation efforts, and small changes that any gardener can make to benefit bees.



2:30-3:30pm | Room: B115



Mighty Mycorrhizae: Using Friendly Fungi to Improve Ornamental Production!

Jozsef Racsko, technology manager, Mycorrhizal Applications LLC

Mycorrhizae is a symbiotic association between plants and fungi. This presentation will discuss the benefits of using mycorrhizal fungi in ornamental production. Attendees will learn about why mycorrhizae are important for ornamental plant vitality, and how this symbiotic relationship can benefit plant nutrient uptake and utilization, increase nutrient availability, and even buffer the effects of over-fertilization. You will also learn how industry professionals can utilize this natural, organic, sustainable technology in their own professional operations, discuss the frequently asked questions and concerns, and how plant producers can adjust their fertility regimens to maximize the mycorrhizal benefits and return on investment.



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| <p>Sensor-Based Irrigation Management Dr. Lloyd Nackley</p> <p>B110</p> | <p>Biochar: Bringing Profitability to Growers and Sustainability to Landscapes Andrea Melnychenko</p> <p>B114</p> | <p>PESTICIDE CLASS: To Mix or Not to Mix: Compatibility of Biological Products for Plant Protection Dr. Carlos E. Bográn</p> <p>B119</p> |



8:30–9:30am | Room: B110



Hot Off the Press!: New Releases from Oregon State University Plant Breeding

Dr. Ryan Contreras, associate professor, Oregon State University

The Ornamental Plant Breeding Program at Oregon State University targets traits that make plants easier for producers to grow and that yield better results in the landscape. Come learn about recent releases and how they can fit into a production line, professional designs or home gardens. These plants are immediately available for licensing, so get 'em while they are hot!



8:30–9:30am | Room: B114



Case Study: Receiving Product the Lean Way

Rick Peters, president, and Elizabeth Peters, vice president, The Peters Company

This interactive presentation looks at the transformation of receiving product at Al's Garden & Home. Before Lean was applied, the team had to physically touch each product 11 times. Employees had to stop to make corrections or ask for help. Products were processed inefficiently, in batches, due to seasonality. No standard work procedures were in place. Learn how one of the region's top garden retailers applied Lean principles to cut days off their time to receive product and slashed their labor cost per unit by 30 percent. In doing so, the company gave its employees the ability to work creatively as a team to improve the business. Join this seminar to improve your workflows and teamwork, ask question and get inspired!



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SPANISH INTERPRETATION



The Importance of Cultivar Testing for Boxwood Blight

Dr. Jill Calabro, science and research programs director, AmericanHort/Horticultural Research Institute

How tolerant are cultivars to boxwood blight? Does it matter? 2018 saw a record number of boxwood blight diagnoses, including reports in new locations. At the same time, AmericanHort's Horticultural Research Institute (HRI) started a new initiative to better understand the range of tolerance and susceptibility of cultivars common in U.S. production. Come learn about the research underway as well new developments, including the latest on box tree moth.



9:45–10:45am | Room: B110



Sensor-Based Irrigation Management

Dr. Lloyd Nackley, professor at Oregon State University

The traditional feel-and-appearance approach used to determine irrigation scheduling works when there are enough people to check plants regularly and determine when to turn the water on. The catch is, it does a poor job of determining when to turn the water off! Soil moisture sensors are promoted as a method for automating irrigation management, at least in part. This seminar will discuss the findings from a recent project that evaluated the performance, consistency, accuracy and affordability of commercially available soil moisture sensors deployed in field and container nursery systems.



9:45–10:45am | Room: B114



Biochar: Bringing Profitability to Growers and Sustainability to Landscapes

Andrea Melnychenko, account manager at Cool Planet

Biochar is gaining popularity across horticulture, agriculture and landscape industry segments. Learn about biochar, its history and its production. Explore applications and case studies in nursery, landscape, and urban green sectors. This session will focus on how biochar products such as Cool Terra Organic can be used in soilless media to provide structure to container soils, promote improved rooting and improve microbial habitat. We will discuss the areas and use cases where biochar is an economically viable option for growers, as well as how it benefits plant growth and promotes water and nutrient retention in media. Scaling up, we will look at examples of use in large- and small-scale landscape installations, urban reforestation and stormwater management systems.

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To Mix or Not to Mix: Compatibility of Biological Products for Plant Protection

Dr. Carlos E. Bográn, technical manager at OHP Inc.

Biological products for plant protection include insecticides and fungicides derived from naturally occurring substances (biochemical products) and microorganisms (microbial products) that control pests and diseases. Current market trends and the increased availability of biological products have created an often overwhelming number of choices and possible combinations for growers. This has led to many unanswered questions regarding the compatibility of biological products with each other and with conventional chemistries. This presentation will focus on the biological bases for compatibility among biological products particularly microbial insecticides and fungicides.

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El Manejo de Malezas en Cultivos Ornamentales

Dr. Marcelo L. Moretti, profesor adjunto de Oregon State University y especialista en el manejo de malezas



La presentación del Dr. Moretti cubrirá principios y métodos para el manejo de malezas en los cultivos ornamentales. Los métodos incluirán prácticas químicas y no químicas para controlar las malezas y opciones para reducir el uso de herbicidas o reducir el riesgo de una selección resistente a herbicidas.

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12:30-1:30pm | Salón: B115

Implementación de Controles Biológicos en Viveros e Invernaderos

Dr. Luisa Santamaría, profesora adjunta de Oregon State University y patóloga de plantas de los Servicios de extensión



Esta presentación proporcionará información actualizada sobre los productos biológicos disponibles actualmente para controlar plagas y enfermedades en viveros e invernaderos. Los participantes aprenderán sobre los tipos de organismos e insectos beneficiosos que se usan en las producciones en invernaderos y los aspectos relevantes que deben considerar al usar agentes de control biológico. También aprenderán sobre el uso de agentes de control biológico como parte de un programa completo para el manejo integrado de plagas (IPM, por sus siglas en inglés), el cual incluye realizar una exploración, usar plantas resistentes a enfermedades y buenas prácticas culturales.

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VIERNES 23 DE AGOSTO

8:30-9:30am | Salón: B119

La Importancia de Examinar los Cultivares para Detectar el Tizón de Boxwood

Dr. Jill Calabro, directora de programas de ciencias e investigación del Instituto de Investigaciones Hortícolas AmericanHort.



¿Qué tan tolerantes son los cultivares al tizón de boxwood? ¿Tiene importancia? En el 2018 se vio un número record de diagnósticos de tizón de boxwood, incluyendo reportes en nuevos lugares. Al mismo tiempo, el Instituto de Investigaciones Hortícolas AmericanHort (HRI, por sus siglas en inglés) dio comienzo a una nueva iniciativa para entender mejor el margen de tolerancia y susceptibilidad de los cultivares comunes en la producción de los Estados Unidos. Venga a informarse sobre los estudios en marcha y los nuevos avances, incluyendo la más reciente información sobre la polilla del boj.

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9:45-10:45am | Salón: B119

Mezclar o No Mezclar: La Compatibilidad de Productos Biológicos para la Protección de Plantas

Dr. Carlos E. Bográn, administrador técnico de OHP Inc.



Los productos biológicos para la protección de plantas incluyen insecticidas y fungicidas derivados de sustancias que ocurren de forma natural (productos bioquímicos) y microorganismos (productos microbianos) que controlan plagas y enfermedades. Las tendencias actuales del mercado y la mayor disponibilidad de productos biológicos han creado una cantidad de opciones y posibles combinaciones para los cultivadores que muchas veces es abrumadora. Esta presentación se enfocará en las bases biológicas para la compatibilidad entre los productos biológicos, particularmente los insecticidas y fungicidas.

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MIÉRCOLES 21 DE AGOSTO

8:30-9:30am | Salón: B119



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¿Acaba de Tocar eso? El Saneamiento y la Propagación de Patógenos

Colleen Warfield, patóloga de plantas corporativa de la empresa Ball Horticultural Company



Entender cómo se propaga un patógeno es parte integral de cualquier programa para controlar las enfermedades en las plantas. En esta sesión examinaremos diferentes modos de transmisión y cómo pueden influir en las prácticas de saneamiento en los invernaderos y viveros, con un énfasis en las enfermedades virales. Haremos algunas comparaciones interesantes usando ejemplos de estudios sobre el comportamiento humano y la salud alimentaria.

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Por Qué Falló Su Programa: La Importancia de Identificar la Plaga para los Programas de Control Biológico

Kelly Vance, especialista de Beneficial Insectary en el manejo integrado de plagas (IPM por sus siglas en inglés)



Con el creciente número de agentes de control disponibles cada año, los cultivadores enfrentan más opciones al tratar de decidir qué depredadores, parasitoides o pesticidas biológicos usar para las plagas de sus cultivos. En esta sesión, Kelly hablará sobre algunos de los errores más comunes en la identificación de plagas, y por qué tal vez no funcionaron los depredadores que usted escogió. Trataremos de explicar cual es la dieta y el clima preferidos de nuestros agentes de control más importantes y cuándo es mejor usar uno en vez de otro.

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La Importancia de Pedir Ayuda a un Mentor para Alcanzar Nuestras Metas.

Octavio Martinez, director de operaciones de Heritage Seedlings & Liners Inc. Elizabeth Cryan, diseñadora de jardines de PNW Sustainable Designs



Lo invitamos a escuchar una charla con nuestro panel de profesionales en el que se hablará de varias experiencias trabajando en Estados Unidos y el cambio de vida cuando se llega a encontrar a un mentor que nos ayuda a navegar una cultura y lenguaje diferente. Es increíble el impacto que puede tener un mentor en nuestra vida especialmente en el trabajo cuando estamos sumergidos en otra cultura, lengua y reglas culturales.

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JUEVES 22 DE AGOSTO

8:30-9:30am | Salón: B119



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Un Método Sistemático para Implementar Controles Biológicos

Lloyd R. Traven, presidente de Peace Tree Farm LLC



Los cultivadores están entusiasmados considerando agentes de controles biológicos, biorracionales y biopesticidas como alternativa a los productos químicos fuertes que se están volviendo cada vez menos eficaces y a menudo no están disponibles. Además, existe una fuerte estigmatización en contra de muchos tratamientos sistémicos y los efectos que tienen sobre los polinizadores. Usar controles biológicos no solamente ofrece una eficacia excelente, sino que también envía un mensaje a los consumidores y productores que resuena como una mejor manera de cultivar. Su implementación es un método que exige que los cultivadores, vendedores minoristas y consumidores tengan una mentalidad, actitud y expectativa diferentes, y toma un poco de tiempo, diligencia y compromiso lograr que funcione.



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