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GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME BADGE FOR ENTRY

All attendees, exhibitors, speakers and moderators MUST check in at the Conference Registration Desk onsite to pick up their nametag, and prominently display it during the conference. Nametags will be required for entry into all areas, and special designated nametags will be required for entrance into the educational workshops.

FLORICULTURE PEST MANAGEMENT GUIDE

Floriculture Pest Management Guides are available at a special rate for conference attendees! The New England Greenhouse Floriculture Guide: A Management Guide for Insects, Diseases, Weeds and Growth Regulators has been the reference of choice for hundreds of greenhouse growers throughout New England since its inception. The latest edition will be available at this conference at a reduced rate of \$30. Stop by the Conference Registration Desk to purchase your copy onsite. After the conference, it will be available for \$40 each, and can be purchased from the website at www.negreenhouse.org.

PERSONAL SHOPPING GUIDE

New to the show? Our veteran planning committee and board will be on hand to give you one-on-one guidance on how to make the best of your trade show shopping experience. Sign-up is required in advance. Please check the Conference Registration Desk for availability.

PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CREDITS



Pesticide applicator recertification credits will be available at the conference for the six New England states plus New York and Pennsylvania. A total of 12 one-hour presentations (credits vary by state) will be offered; check the program for the symbols. If you want to earn recertification credits, attend the appropriate sessions. Check at the Pesticide Credit Information Table outside the meeting rooms to determine the process you should follow to complete credit submission for your state. **Attention New York and Massachusetts applicators**: please check in at the pesticide credit information table BEFORE you attend a session!

TRADE SHOW

Visit with participating companies in the exhibit hall and discover the newest innovations in our industry, learn about new products and services, network with your professional peers, gather information for future purchases, and order products that will enhance what you currently offer. Be sure to check out state resource and non-profit organizations. These displays offer free and low-cost services to help your business. Non-profit displays will be located in the Courtyard.

SPANISH LANGUAGE TRACK

Wednesday's schedule includes a day-long track of sessions offered in Spanish. The Spanish-Language track will be held in the Seminar room and includes both sessions offered in English at other times and sessions offered only in Spanish.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOOD OPTIONS

Food concessions will be available for purchase each day in the Terrace (across the hall from the entrance to the exhibit hall). The Minute Man Grille also offers convenient restaurant dining adjacent to the hotel lobby.

HARVEST MARKET LUNCH

The Planning Committee worked closely with the Boxboro Regency to develop lunch options showcasing local farms and producers. This will be located in the Courtyard and open from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM Wednesday and Thursday. Stay and shop during lunch and show your support for the local farms & producers!

POST CONFERENCE SURVEY

We value your feedback! Please take a moment to visit www.negreenhouse.org for a link to our online conference evaluation. We'd appreciate your thoughts and comments about your experience at this year's event. Participants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win two NEGC 2020 registration passes and a Floriculture Pest Management Guide. Thank you!

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: CARMEN JOHNSTON

Wednesday, November 7

Social Media and the Future of Gardening 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM // Federal and Colonial Rooms

In the ever-expanding world of digital media, to be successful, growers and retailers alike have to utilize social media. Not only is social media necessary from a business perspective, but it is also dictating the trends in gardening. These days, the ideas clients bring to the table are often those they have found while scrolling through Facebook or Instagram. In this exciting session, Carmen Johnston, nationally renowned garden lifestyle expert, will share the secret to social media success and illustrate how it is forecasting the future of gardening.





PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CREDITS

Pesticide Recertification Credit has been approved for sessions indicated by the insect image. All pesticide credit approved sessions are approved for all states, but the number of credits differ by state. Please pick up the state by state guideline for credits at the pesticide credit information table.

PESTICIDE CREDIT KEY

KEY TO NY LICENSE CATEGORIES

 Ia=Agricultural Plant

 2=Forest

 3a=Ornamental and Turf

 22=Fruit

 24=Greenhouse and Florist

 25=Nursery, Ornamentals and Turf

KEY TO MA/NE LICENSE CATEGORIES 26=Greenhouse (private license) 29=Nursery (private license) 31=Vegetable (private license)

KEY TO PA LICENSE CATEGORIES

PC=Private Category
06=Ornamental and Shade Trees
18=Demonstration and Research
22=Interior Plantscape
23=Part/School Pest Control



PESTICIDE CREDIT APPROVED SESSIONS

APPROVED SESSIONS - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 - 9:50 AM	Diseases of Bacteria and Viruses in the Greenhouse - Beware! NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,24; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Diseases Caused by Fungi in the Greenhouse - Watch Out! NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,24; MA: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Identificación y monitoreo de plagas (Identification and Monitoring of Insects and Mites) NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,3a,24,25; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23
1:30 - 2:20 PM	I.D. of Key Insects and Mites NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,24; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23

PESTICIDE CREDIT APPROVED SESSIONS

APPROVED SESSIONS - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (CONTINUED)			
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Making the most of Biopesticides in Your Crop Production System NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,24; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Application de Agroquimicos (Pesticide Applications) NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,3a,24,25; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
APPROVED SE	SSIONS - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8		
9:00 – 9:50 AM	Big Bo and The Mildews Say "Resist" NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,3a,24,25; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Insecticide and Miticide Resistance : Basic and Advanced Principles NY: .75 credits categories 1a,3a,24,25; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Evaluating Biological Control Recommendations NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,24; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Next Generation Biological Control Coming Soon to a Greenhouse Near You? NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,24; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Biocontrol in Perennials for Indoor and Outdoor Production NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,3a,24,25; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		
3:30 - 4:20 PM	Successfully Implementing BCA's in a Pest Management Program NY: .75 credits, categories 1a,3a,24; MA/NE: 1 credit, categories 26,29,31; PA: 2 credits, categories PC,06,18,22,23		



SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, November 6

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Exhibitor Set-Up & Registration	Parade Room
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Reception for Early Arrivals <i>Light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.</i>	Minuteman Grille

Wednesday, November 7

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7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration & Information Desk Open	Courtyard
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See page 12 for details
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors	Parade Room
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Trade Show Open	Parade Room
10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See pages 12-13 for details
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Harvest Market Lunch Stay and shop during lunch and show your support for the local farms and producers! Lunch available for delivery to trade show booths with advance order.	Courtyard
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See pages 13-14 for details
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See pages 14-15 for details
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM	Keynote Presentation: Social Media and the Future of Gardening Carmen Johnston, Carmen Johnston Gardens	Federal and Colonial Rooms
5:15PM - 7:15 PM	Northeast Greenhouse Conference Welcome Reception (All Invited to Attend) Sponsored by: Ball Seed/S.B. Machinerie	Courtyard

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, November 8

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7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Registration & Information Desk Open	Courtyard
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Trade Show Open	Parade Room
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See pages 15-16 for details
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors	Parade Room
10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See page 16 for details
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Harvest Market Lunch Stay and shop during lunch and show your support for the local farms and producers! Lunch available for delivery to trade show booths with advance order.	Courtyard
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See page 17 for details
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See pages 17-18 for details
3:00 PM	Trade Show Closes	
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	Concurrent Educational Sessions	See page 18 for details

Thank You to Our Session Moderators

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EDUCATIONAL SESSION GRID - WEDNESDAY

ROOM	FEDERAL	COLONIAL	COTILLION	DIRECTORS	SEMINAR
TRACK	Plant Disease Management	Basic Production Skills	Strategies to Reach More People	Allied Trade Sponsored Sessions	Taller de Producción Agrícola
9:00 - 9:50 AM	Diseases Caused By Bacteria and Viruses in the Greenhouse - Beware!	Managing the Greenhouse Environment: Light, Temperature, Carbon Dioxide, and Humidity	Transforming the Way Food is Grown	Growing Media – Today and Tomorrow	Entrenando Empleados con Resultados en Mente Espacio limitado, requiere preinscripción.
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Diseases Caused By Fungi in the Greenhouse— Watch Out!	The Art and Science of Watering	Consumer Success with Growing Plants is One of the Best Ways to Sell More Plants	Why Should You Consider Using Mycorrhizae?	Identificacion y Monitoreo de Plagas Espacio limitado, requiere preinscripción.
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TRACK 1	Advanced Biocontrol	Basic Production Skills	Business and Marketing	Starting Hydroponic Leafy Green Production	Taller de Producción Agrícola
	Advanced	Production	Business and	Hydroponic Leafy Green	Taller de Producción

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EDUCATIONAL SESSION GRID - THURSDAY

ROOM	FEDERAL	COLONIAL	COTILLION	DIRECTORS	SEMINAR
TRACK	Proper Use of Fungicides and Pesticides	Greenhouse Technology	Growing Vegetables in the Greenhouse	Hands-On Training Sessions	Perennial Production
9:00 - 9:50 AM	Big Bo and the Mildews Say "Resist!"	Lighting Decisions for Greenhouse Production	Choosing Varieties for Greenhouse Leafy Greens and Vegetables	Best E-marketing Practices for Successful Businesses Pre-registration and \$10 fee required.	Propagating Perennials
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Insecticide and Miticide Resistance: Basic and Advanced Principles	Opportunities to Grow Plants Under Sole Source Electric Lighting in Warehouses, Plant Factories, Vertical Farms and Containers	Maximize Vine Crop Production with Proper Environmental Control	Using Low-Cost Environmental Sensors Pre-registration and \$10 fee required.	Natives, A Growers Perspective
TRACK	Advanced Biocontrol	Business	Advanced Hydroponic Veg. Production	Business	Perennial Production
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Evaluating Biological Control Rec.	You Already Have the Most Profitable Tool You'll Ever Ownbut it didn't come with a %\$#!@ manual	Greenhouse Strawberry Production - Physiologies and Technologies for High Quality Fruit Production	Writing Tips for the Green Industry	Nutrient Management With Herbaceous Perennials
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Next Generation Biological Control - Coming Soon to a Greenhouse Near You?	Human Resource Basics to Plan for Success	Benefits and Risks of a Closed- Loop Irrigation	Allied Trade Sponsored Session Getting the Most Out of Your Fertilizer Investment	Biocontrol in Perennials for Indoor and Outdoor Production
3:30 - 4:20 PM		Keys to Business Success(ion)	Successfully Implementing		Deer Resistant Plants and

Wednesday, November 7 • 9:00 - 9:50 AM

TRACK: Plant Disease Management // ROOM: Federal

Diseases Caused By Bacteria and Viruses in the Greenhouse - Beware!

Margery Daughtrey, Cornell University

Margery will cover the basics for diagnosis and treatment as well as some recent research about the different Xanthomonas bacteria that affect begonias, geraniums, or ivy. She'll also cover the latest problems due to Ralstonia and Pseudomonas species. Speaking of hard-to-control diseases, she will also teach the symptoms of tospoviruses (INSV and TSWV) and their kin showing up in flower crops. Knowing what plants to throw out can save you a world of trouble later.

TRACK: Basic Production Skills // ROOM: Colonial

Managing the Greenhouse Environment: Light, Temperature, Carbon Dioxide, and Humidity

Christopher J. Currey, Iowa State University

The greenhouse environment has a large effect on plant growth and development. Light (daily light integral and day length), temperature (average daily temperature, DIF, and extremes), carbon dioxide, and humidity all impact how our crops grow. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to manage and manipulate these factors as well. This session will focus on how the greenhouse environment affects growth and how you can control it to get the results you want.

TRACK: Strategies to Reach More People // ROOM: Cotillion

Transforming the Way Food is Grown

Paul Sellew, Little Leaf Farms

Meet Little Leaf Farms — We grow our nutrient-packed lettuces year-round in a pristine, state-of-the-art New England greenhouse using Mother Nature's best ingredients (fresh air, sunlight, filtered water) and nothing else—no pesticides, no herbicides, no chlorine baths. And because we service local New England markets, we can get our greens onto your grocer's shelf the same day it's harvested, and at a reasonable price.

TRACK: Emerging Technologies & Trends (ALLIED TRADE SPONSORED) // ROOM: Directors Growing Media – Today and Tomorrow



Hugh Poole, Oldcastle

There's a revolution occurring in the world of substrates. It's being driven by sustainability, availability, transportation, and most importantly, cost. Although growers have more choices of components and amendments, pressure to reduce production costs limit which options will provide good value. We will explore the options for components and amendments. The components include peat, bark, coir, wood fiber, wood chips and cow fiber. We will also discuss many popular amendments, including biologicals (biofungicides, mycorrhizae, etc.), polymers, fertilizers and "exotics". We will briefly discuss organic and hydroponic options. Tomorrow's substrates will be similar but probably very different from today's in many ways. It's time to join the revolution.

TRACK: Taller de Producción Agrícola // ROOM: Seminar

Entrenando Empleados con Resultados en Mente

Javier E. Lopez, Altman Plants

En esta presentación discutiremos los beneficios de entrenamiento continuo. La educación continua de empleados es esencial para la seguridad del empleado, la calidad de las plantas, y la sostenibilidad de una empresa. (Espacio limitado, requiere preinscripción)

Wednesday, November 7 • 10:30 - 11:20 AM

TRACK: Plant Disease Management // ROOM: Federal

Diseases Caused By Fungi in the Greenhouse-Watch Out!

Cheryl Smith, University of New Hampshire

Cheryl will cover the essentials on recognition and management for many of the fungal and water mold diseases that continually challenge growers. Growers of bedding plants or flowering potted crops will learn about the kinds of fungi that can be your crop's nemesis: powdery mildews, Botrytis, Thielaviopsis, Phytophthora, Pythium, and Rhizoctonia will all be featured in this rogue's gallery of fungal pathogens.

TRACK: Basic Production Skills // ROOM: Colonial

The Art and Science of Watering

Rosa E. Raudales, University of Connecticut

Training employees how to water crops is an important and difficult task. Inadequate watering leads to crop loss caused by excessive or insufficient water in the container. In this presentation, we will discuss the importance of tracking moisture in the media and understanding the water needs of the crop species at different stages.

TRACK: Strategies to Reach More People // ROOM: Cotillion

Consumer Success with Growing Plants is One of the Best Ways to Sell More Plants

Janeen Wright, Greenhouse Grower Magazine

Every year breeders introduce hundreds of new plants to the market. With so many choices, it can be difficult to separate the top-performers from the flops. Plant performance in real-world conditions is often the dividing line. This presentation will highlight some of the new, top-performing plant intros for 2018, based on field trial results from the Northeast region. It will cover plant performance, breeder feedback, and ways to position the plants in the market.

TRACK: Emerging Technologies & Trends (ALLIED TRADE SPONSORED) // ROOM: Directors

Why Should You Consider Using Mycorrhizae?

Blair Busenbark, Mycorrhizal Applications

Learn how beneficial symbiotic soil fungi, known as mycorrhizae, can benefit your professional growing operation and, ultimately, your business' bottom line. The benefits of mycorrhizae are vast and long-term: expanded plant root mass, increased soil nutrient efficiency and improved water acquisition and storage. These primary benefits transform to improved shelf life, drought tolerance, improved fruiting and flowering, enhanced transplant success and landscape survivability. Whether you are a skeptic, a believer, or not sure where you stand, this seminar will help you to better understand this cutting edge greenhouse, nursery and landscape technology. Blair will explain the science behind these beneficial microbes, as well as give recommendations on their usage in your greenhouse, nursery or landscape.

TRACK: Taller de Producción Agrícola // ROOM: Seminar

Identificacion y Monitoreo de Plagas

Ana Legrand, University of Connecticut

Esta charla cubrirá los fundamentos de monitoreo de plagas del grupo llamado artrópodos. Los participantes aprenderán a monitorear e identificar plagas importantes en los invernaderos. (Espacio limitado, requiere preinscripción)

Wednesday, November 7 • 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM

TRACK: Advanced Biocontrol // ROOM: Federal

ID of Key Insects and Mites

Suzanne Wainwright-Evans, Buglady Consulting

To run a successful biological control program you must know what pests you are dealing with. This class will cover the basics of insect ID as well as detailed ID information on common greenhouse pests.

TRACK: Basic Production Skills // ROOM: Colonial

Nutrition: Fertilizers and Substrates

Ryan Dickson, University of Arkansas

Join us as we cover advanced fertilizer strategies to control substrate pH and nutrients in container crops, and how to prevent and correct nutritional problems. We will also discuss new substrate components and how they impact your fertility program.

TRACK: Business and Marketing // ROOM: Cotillion

Savvy Marketing Tips to Help Your Business Grow

Dustyn Nelson, Franks Landscape Construction; Maggie Bridge, Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, LLC; and Sue Adams, Adams Greenhouses

Fill your marketing tool kit with information and ideas that will take your business to the next level. Walk with us through the front doors of businesses and check out the do's and don'ts of merchandising. Get the skinny on digital marketing tools you may not be using like geofencing, video pre-rolls and hear why you should be on Instagram. Think outside the window box and increase traffic and sales during challenging seasons like fall.

TRACK: Starting Hydroponic Leafy Green Production // ROOM: Directors

Production Systems for Leafy Greens and Herbs

Neil S. Mattson, Cornell University

Many factors play into selection of your hydroponic system: cost, maintenance, ease of use, and automation. Learn the pros and cons of the two most common systems for growing leafy greens and herbs: deep water culture (DWC) and nutrient film technique (NFT). We will show common commercial systems and example do-it-yourself setups. The basics of using each system and care and management will be discussed. (Space is limited, requires pre-registration)

TRACK: Taller de Producción Agrícola // ROOM: Seminar

Riego: Arte y Ciencia

Rosa E. Raudales, University of Connecticut

Uno de las tareas más difíciles y más importantes de aprender es como regar los cultivos a un nivel óptimo. El riego inadecuado resulta en perdida de plantas a causa de mucha o poca agua. En esta presentación vamos a discutir la importancia de monitorear la humedad en el sustrato y entender las necesidades de cada cultivo. (Espacio limitado, requiere preinscripción)

Wednesday, November 7 • 2:30 - 3:20 PM

TRACK: Advanced Biocontrol // ROOM: Federal

Making the Most of Biopesticides in Your Crop Production System

Michael Brownbridge, Vineland Research and Innovation Centre

Historically, the greenhouse industry has relied on synthetic insecticides to meet its pest control needs. However, growers are increasingly faced with the loss or failure of pest control products, declining access to new chemistries, stricter environmental/health and safety regulations, and satisfying the needs of a retail/consumer driven market. Integrated crop production systems are the 'new normal', where microbial biopesticides can play a critical supporting role.

TRACK: Basic Production Skills // ROOM: Colonial

Controlling Height: Chemical, Cultural, and Environmental Approaches

Christopher J. Currey, Iowa State University

One of the biggest challenges with containerized crops is controlling growth. This session will discuss a range of approaches to controlling growth, including scheduling and cultivar selection, modifying fertilization and irrigation, manipulating temperature and light, and applying plant growth regulators.

TRACK: Business and Marketing // ROOM: Cotillion

E-commerce and E-marketing in the Green Industry

Ariana Torres, Purdue University

The green industry has been historically one of the fastest growing sectors of the U.S. economy, but recent reports show that some segments have become stagnant or declined. As technologies evolve and become more accessible, green industry operations can use e-commerce (online sales) and e-marketing (online marketing campaigns) to boost sales, build new partnerships, and pursue up- and down-stream integration strategies. This presentation will address the impact of e-commerce and e-marketing on green industry businesses and will characterize drivers and barriers to adopting technology in the Amazon era.

TRACK: Starting Hydroponic Leafy Green Production // ROOM: Directors

Nutrient Solution and pH Management for Hydroponic Crops

Ryan Dickson, University of Arkansas

Learn how to manage nutrient solutions and pH for leafy greens, herbs, and vine crops. Discuss common tips and pitfalls when designing nutrient solution recipes and optimizing nutrient management practices. (Space is limited, requires pre-registration)

TRACK: Taller de Producción Agrícola // ROOM: Seminar

Aplicación de Agroquímicos

Javier E. Lopez, Altman Plants

En esta presentación discutiremos el uso seguro y efectivo de pesticidas. También discutiremos como las cosas han cambiado ahora que no podemos usar neonicotinoides. (Espacio limitado, requiere preinscripción)

Thursday, November 8 • 9:00 - 9:50 AM

TRACK: Proper Use of Fungicides and Pesticides // ROOM: Federal

Big Bo and the Mildews Say "Resist!"

Margery Daughtrey, Cornell University

Resistance management for diseases is especially important when the pathogens, like you, are ace propagators. . . making lots and lots of spores. The most notorious examples are Botrytis cinerea and the downy and powdery mildews. There are documented cases of fungicide resistance to each of these, so your IPM programs should always emphasize rotation when these are the plant enemies you care about. Learn about instances of resistance development in these pathogens, and how to use FRAC group information to outwit them. And don't forget that bacteria, too, say "Resist!"—so your management strategy for bacterial diseases also needs to incorporate resistance management.

TRACK: Greenhouse Technology // ROOM: Colonial

Lighting Decisions for Greenhouse Production

Neil S. Mattson, Cornell University

While lighting can be among the most expensive greenhouse costs, supplemental lights can help you produce higher quality crops with shorter crop cycles and may actually make you money. This session will discuss what to look for when purchasing new lights for flower or vegetable production. Examples will be presented of upfront cost and operating cost comparing LEDs to traditional HID fixtures.

TRACK: Growing Vegetables in the Greenhouse // ROOM: Cotillion

Choosing Varieties for Greenhouse Leafy Greens and Vegetables

Andrew Mefferd, Growing for Market Magazine

Using the right varieties can make a big difference in greenhouse vegetable production. The first step is choosing crops that will be profitable in a greenhouse. For this reason, most of the breeding, and our focus, will be on tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, greens, peppers, eggplant, and basil. We will discuss what criteria to use to evaluate varieties of these crops for greenhouse production.

TRACK: Hands-On Training // ROOM: Directors

Best E-marketing Practices for Successful Businesses

Ariana Torres, Purdue University

This hands-on workshop will provide businesses with the best practices to start and plan your social media marketing strategies. The workshop will also provide participants with applications of key marketing concepts and how to use them to draw customers and increase sales. (space is limited, \$10 pre-registration required)

TRACK: Perennial Production // ROOM: Seminar

Propagating Perennials

Stephanie Burnett, University of Maine

Perennials can be both challenging and rewarding to propagate. In this session, you will learn about a variety of techniques for vegetatively and reproductively propagating popular perennials for spring forcing. You'll also understand how to manage light and substrate moisture in the propagation environment in order to improve rooting.

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TRACK: Proper Use of Fungicides and Pesticides // ROOM: Federal

Insecticide and Miticide Resistance: Basic and Advanced Principles

Richard S. Cowles, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

The development of insecticide resistance is a straightforward example of evolutionary principles in action: intensive selection combined with genetic variability in pest susceptibility leads to our pest populations becoming unmanageable with insecticides. There have been several methods suggested for managing resistant pest populations,

TRACK: Greenhouse Technology // ROOM: Colonial

Opportunities to Grow Plants Under Sole Source Electric Lighting in Warehouses, Plant Factories, Vertical Farms and Containers

Chieri Kubota, The Ohio State University

Controlled environment agriculture (CEA) using sole-source electric lighting has been emerging as a new type of crop production independently from climate conditions. Warehouse-based crop production began in the U.S. decades ago, but recent advancement of efficient lighting technology made this type of production system more efficient in a small footprint. This presentation will review current technologies in these systems and research areas needed to increase efficiency and profitability.

TRACK: Growing Vegetables in the Greenhouse // ROOM: Cotillion

Maximize Vine Crop Production with Proper Environmental Control

Richard McAvoy, University of Connecticut

This talk will focus on management of the plant growth environment in order to optimize crop production with a focus on greenhouse tomatoes. Crop management factors that the grower can control to influence plant response include light, temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide, water, nutrition as well as crop scheduling and pruning.

TRACK: Hands-On Training // ROOM: Directors

Using Low-Cost Environmental Sensors

Ryan Dickson, University of Arkansas

Join us as we discuss how to monitor and control environmental factors (light, temperature, CO2, and relative humidity) and improve irrigation practices using a variety of low-cost sensor technology. (space is limited, \$10 pre-registration required)

TRACK: Perennial Production // ROOM: Seminar

Natives, A Growers Perspective

Peter van Berkum, Van Berkum Nursery LLC

With 30 years of experience growing natives, Peter will help define what a native is (not as simple as we all thought), and talk about some of the challenges of growing them.

Thursday, November 8 • 1:30 - 2:20 PM

TRACK: Advanced Biocontrol // ROOM: Federal

Evaluating Biological Control Recommendations

Suzanne Wainwright-Evans, Buglady Consulting

Learn how to think critically about proposed biological control programs, to see if they are really going to work for you.

TRACK: Business // ROOM: Colonial

You Already Have the Most Profitable Tool You'll Ever Own...

but it didn't come with a %\$#!@ manual

Erin Pirro, Farm Credit East



Join Erin as she discusses why financial benchmarking is critical for long-term success, and provides tips for how you can start benchmarking in your business today.

TRACK: Advanced Hydroponic Vegetable Production // ROOM: Cotillion

Greenhouse Strawberry Production - Physiologies and Technologies for High Quality Fruit Production *Chieri Kubota, The Ohio State University*

This presentation will review key physiologies (e.g., photoperiodic response for flowering and photosynthesis for production), and technologies that enable off-season or year-round production of strawberries under controlled environment.

TRACK: Business // ROOM: Directors

Writing Tips for the Green Industry

C.L. Fornari & Rochelle Greayer, GWA

Whether you're writing for a company blog, newsletter, or marketing, there are specific ways you can improve your communications in order to sell the excitement about plants and gardening. Learn how to quickly connect with your customers, capture the attention of the public, and convey your message clearly. Discover how to use the power of storytelling, easily edit your work and overcome writers block. Hear how in the digital age writing skills that compliment your visuals are vital to the promotion of plants and horticulture.

TRACK: Perennial Production // ROOM: Seminar

Nutrient Management With Herbaceous Perennials

Sinclair Adam, Penn State Extension

Herbaceous perennials are a diverse group of plant species and cultivars. Some commercial growers of perennials list over 500 varieties in their offerings. A fertilization plan in such operations can be a tricky management puzzle. The grower works to deliver the optimum rate of nutrients to the diverse species and cultivars being produced.

Thursday, November 8 • 2:30 - 3:20 PM

TRACK: Advanced Biocontrol // ROOM: Federal

Next Generation Biological Control - Coming Soon to a Greenhouse Near You?

Michael Brownbridge, Vineland Research and Innovation Centre

Innovations in formulation and delivery methods for various natural enemies continue to evolve to allow biocontrol agents to be applied in crop settings where traditionally they have had limited impact. Practitioners now have (or soon will have!) new options that will allow them to expand their biocontrol programs. See some of those coming to a greenhouse near you soon!

TRACK: Business // ROOM: Colonial

Human Resource Basics to Plan for Success

Rebecca Adams, Adams Fairacres Farms

This session will discuss some basic HR functions that you are already doing and find out how to do them better, as well as discussing ways to keep your business out of trouble. Topics include recruitment and selection, harassment, terminations, laws that affect your business, and worker's compensation.

TRACK: Advanced Hydroponic Vegetable Production // ROOM: Cotillion

Benefits and Risks of a Closed-Loop Irrigation

Rosa E. Raudales, University of Connecticut

Water quality for irrigation is determined by chemical, biological, and physical parameters that affect plant health and irrigation efficiency. These parameters individually or in combination affect nutrient availability, and the incidence and severity of plant diseases and clogging of irrigation emitters in fresh water and recirculated nutrient solutions. In this presentation, we will discuss how to monitor and manage water quality and recirculated nutrient solutions in hydroponics.

TRACK: Basic Production Skills (ALLIED TRADE SPONSORED) // ROOM: Directors

Getting the Most Out of Your Fertilizer Investment



Fred Hulme, ICL\Specialty Fertilizers

Discussion will focus on strategies to save money and resources, growing better plants and creating more valuable crops employing water soluble fertilizers, wetting agents and controlled release fertilizers. Topics will include fertilizer selection, best management practices, optimizing water use, decreasing shrinkage in the retail environment and offering a better performing plant at the consumer level. Please attend to hear useful tips to improve your nutrient management program. Note: attendees to this talk will be entered into a drawing to win a free audit of their fertilizer program by ICL Technical Service. Winner will receive a comprehensive report and some free product samples to try based on this report.

TRACK: Perennial Production // ROOM: Seminar

Biocontrol in Perennials for Indoor and Outdoor Production

Roger McGaughey, Pioneer Gardens, Inc.

Roger will discuss how to start and maintain a biological control program for indoor and outdoor production of perennial plants. He will talk about Pioneer Garden's lessons and innovations to monitor and apply beneficial insects.

Thursday, November 8 • 3:30 - 4:20 PM

TRACK: Business // ROOM: Colonial

Keys to Business Success(ion)

Erin Pirro, Farm Credit East



Succession planning is a lot more than just a retirement plan. Erin will discuss why having a strong Succession Plan is a key component of business profitability, and what you need to know about creating a Succession Plan for your business.

TRACK: Advanced Hydroponic Vegetable Production // ROOM: Cotillion Successfully Implementing BCA's in a Pest Management Program

Ronald Valentin, Bioline Agrosciences Inc

In this session, Ronald will focus on the keys to successfully implementing BCA's into a pest management program. Timing, choice of BCA's and how to introduce them, planning the program, and the question 'what can I still spray?' will be discussed.

TRACK: Perennial Production // ROOM: Seminar

Deer Resistant Plants and Cultivars

Sinclair Adam, Penn State Extension

This presentation will cover the plants that deer generally don't browse, plants they browse some of the time, and plants deer browse frequently, with emphasis on the plants that the deer generally don't eat. Learn which plants to grow successfully in heavily deer encumbered areas so as to minimize damage to a landscape by deer.

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Sinclair has received a BS from the Univ. of Wyoming in Plant and Soil Science 1983, and a MS from the Univ. of Vermont in Plant and Soil Science 1988. He is an Extension Educator in Floriculture with Penn State Extension, based in Lebanon County PA, and Flower Trial Director since 2013. He has been in education at Univ. of Vermont (Adjunct) 2013, Temple University (Adjunct & Senior Lecturer) 2000-2006, & Temple University Research Fellow 2002-2006. Sinclair has published research on The Penn State Flower Trials, as well as on plant propagation, nitrogen nutrition of perennial plants, stock plant management, germplasm releases from 1990-2013 in ASHS proceedings, Journal of Environ Hort, HortScience, Perennial Plant Assn. Journal, Daylily journal, IPPS proceedings, and American Nurseryman. Holder of 15 plant patents, Sinclair has developed Tiarella, Chrysanthemum, and Phlox selections for industry, and is a member of ASHS, PPA, Pi Alpha Xi, & the Hardy Plant Society. Sinclair has been an invited speaker at numerous venues including IPPS, The Millersville Native Plant Conference, The Northeast Greenhouse Conference, The Perennial Plant Symposium, Western PA Greenhouse Conference, Greenhouse Grower's Day, The Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Conference, Vermont Flower Show, and other PSU Extension events.

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Dr. Rich Cowles obtained his degrees in entomology from Cornell and Michigan State Universities. He worked for four years at the University of California, Riverside, where he was the statewide research and extension entomology specialist for ornamentals entomology. For the past 24 years, he has worked as a scientist at the Valley Laboratory of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, where he is given the freedom to try to find practical and environmentally responsible solutions to nursery, forestry, small fruit, and Christmas tree pest problems.

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Rochelle has designed many gardens. There was the one for the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show (Bronze Medal, 2003) and the RHS Chelsea Flower Show (accepted by RHS, a someday project - that is forever seeking sponsorship). Also, a large handful of hotels and hospitality properties around the world and countless private gardens in the UK, Middle East, and USA. But she most enjoys teaching and encouraging others to find their own creative inspiration. And coaching them, so that they can build something that is uniquely theirs.

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Looking at Garden Lifestyle Expert Carmen Johnston's roots, it's easy to figure out where she developed her affection for gardening. Her Austrian dad passed on his love of flora and fauna through the charming window boxes accenting her Georgia childhood home. Although she's earned two bachelor's degrees, it took meeting the love of her life, a greenhouse grower and flower farmer, before she really found her way back to her life's passion – decorating, entertaining and creating lifestyle solutions straight from the garden! Owner of Carmen Johnston Gardens, a nationally renowned commercial, residential and wedding flower and garden design business, Carmen's work and effortless entertaining style gained national attention from the best in the business. Carmen currently serves as a garden lifestyle expert for Southern Living and the popular Southern Living* Plant Collection. When she isn't traveling across the country for public appearances, she is getting her hands dirty designing the perfect garden for her clients.

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Hugh has a varied background both academically and in the private sector. He received his BS and MS in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Florida and his Ph. D. from Cornell University. His academic interests included plant pathology, tropical soils and international agricultural development. He served on the faculty of The Ohio State University, stationed at the Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center with Research/Extension appointments for Commercial Floriculture and Greenhouse Energy Management programs. Hugh's employment includes managing an independent analytical lab and consulting service for horticultural crops in Florida, consulting activities in the Caribbean and Latin America covering cutting production, cut flowers, cut foliage and other horticultural crops. Hugh has a good understanding of the production practices of a wide range of crops as well as the economics and efficiencies of producing those crops. He has consulted for commercial growers and institutional organizations in over 20 countries. He has taught training classes for Extension personnel and growers in both English and Spanish. His strengths lie within a systems approach to production programs that include all inputs (crop, soil, water quality, nutrition, environmental factors, labor efficiency, crop selection, plant growth regulation and post-harvest care and handling of the crop). He is a keen and patient observer, who tries to keep recommendations practical and simple. Hugh works with a handful of clients predominantly in the area of horticultural substrates, organic fertilizers, crop lighting and sustainable cultural practices. Hugh consults with Oldcastle Lawn & Garden.

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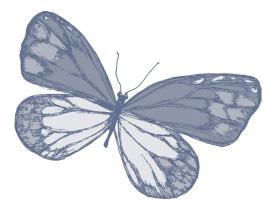
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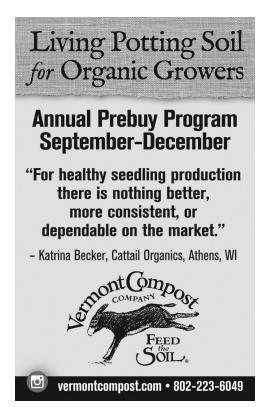
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