



NTNGA – SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2006 at Vital Earth Resources in Big Sandy. It will be a joint meeting with TNLA. Don Wilkerson, Texas A&M, will be the speaker. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. They are located at 7940 US Hwy 80. !!!!!!! RSVP to (903) 245-2163 by September 22nd !!!!!!! Please be courteous and RSVP ASAP.

Don't forget.....Bring your brochures or plant listings as to what you have available to the monthly meetings....a table will be set up to display the information on to help promote member services.

A big Thank You to Doug and Sue Ann Arnold for sponsoring the July meeting and to Gary and the crew for the informative visit to Trees USA Sand Flat location. Following the tour the group moved to the Last Country Store and Café' in Tyler to conduct the meeting and enjoy a tasty catfish dinner. There were 13 present representing 8 Growers, 2 Allied, 2 Guests and 1 Lifetime Member.



If you are having crape myrtle aphid problems, please let Scott Ludwig of Texas A&M Extension Center Overton know. He needs to find an opportunity to test a new product. He can be reached at (903) 834-6191. Also, Karl Steddum will start helping with the TCE Newsletter and soon an e-mail version will be available. If there are any items or issues you would like to see in the newsletter, please let Scott know.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 12, 2006 - NTNGA meeting @ Tawakoni Plant Farm

October 26, 2006 - TNLA meeting @ Powell Plant Farm

Have you checked out the new website? www.ntnga.com

Please contact me for your log on and a password to make changes to your info in the buyers guide section. 903.509.8803 or 888.878.1166.

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Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential to take time off and to make sure that your most important decision in the day simply consists of choosing which color to slide down on the rainbow.
~Douglas Pagels, *These Are the Gifts I'd Like to Give to You*

East Texas Nursery and Greenhouse Conference

I would like to invite the ornamental producers of Northeast Texas to attend the East Texas Nursery and Greenhouse Conference on October 31, 2006. This years meeting will be held at Harvey Convention Center in Tyler. This years meeting will have a nursery and greenhouse track. Dr. Bogran will also be conducting an IPM Workshop for Hispanic Workers. Registration prior to the meeting is \$20 a person and \$25 at the door. Four TDA CEU's will be available for attending the greenhouse track and five will be available for the nursery track. Topics this year include:

Keynote Presentations

- **Managing Root Rots in Ornamentals**
Dr. Mike Benson, Professor of Plant Pathology, NC State University
- **Marketing Ornamental Plants in Today's Changing Market**
Dr. Marco Palma, Extension Economist, Texas Cooperative Extension
- **Insect Management Update**
Dr. Scott Ludwig, Extension Program Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension

Nursery Track

- **Weed Control Basics**
Dr. Charles Gilliam, Professor of Horticulture, Auburn University
Mr. Carey Simpson, County Extension Agent- Hort., Texas Cooperative Extension
- **Ten Ways to Improve Your Weed Control Program**
Dr. Charles Gilliam & Mr. Carey Simpson
- **Which Herbicides for Effective Weed Control**
Dr. Charles Gilliam & Mr. Carey Simpson

Greenhouse Track

- **Plant Disease Management in Floriculture Crops**
Dr. Mike Benson, Professor of Plant Pathology, NC State University
- **New Color Plants**
Dr. Brent Pemberton, Professor of Horticulture, Texas Agriculture Experiment Station
- **Diagnosing Plant Diseases**
Dr. Karl Steddom, Extension Plant Pathologist, Texas Cooperative Extension

IPM Workshop for Hispanic Workers

Dr. Carlos Bográn (Extension Entomologist and Plant Pathologist) will present this program in Spanish for workers interested in broadening their knowledge of plant production. The day long training session will provide basic information on IPM concepts and approaches. It is designed to increase knowledge and skills on common pest/disease detection, identification and monitoring, and the integration of available control tactics.

A meeting brochure will be mailed to all NTNGA members by the end of August. For more information on the meeting visit the East Texas IPM web page at <http://etipm.tamu.edu>, or contact call Kim Cushman at 903-834-6191 or kccushman@ag.tamu.edu.

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Happy Labor Day!