

LSU AgCenter
Ornamental Horticulture E-mail Update
October 19, 2009



**Ornamental Plant of the Week – October 19: ‘Redbor’
Ornamental Kale (from Allen Owings)**

‘Redbor’ ornamental kale is incredible. It seems to be in short availability and many folks are not aware of this great variety. It was a Mississippi Medallion winning plant in 2005 and has performed great in LSU AgCenter landscape trials the past two years. It is one of the most vigorous growing and heat tolerant ornamental kales on the market. Extremely curly foliage, early foliage color and a spring height of 3 feet is characteristic of this plant. A great cool season bedding plant for Louisiana.

Sustainable Landscape News Articles (from Dan Gill, John Young and Allen Owings)

Debris Spots in the Yard – October 2nd

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Poststorm+dead+pots+in+lawns+require+replanting.htm

Petunias – October 9th

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Petunias+remain+popular+bedding+plants.htm

Fall Planting of Azaleas – October 16th

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Plant+azaleas+in+fall+for+best+success.htm

Louisiana Plant Materials Conference (from Allen Owings)

The 13th Louisiana Plant Materials Conference is scheduled for Oct. 29 at the LSU AgCenter’s Hammond Research Station.

Co-sponsored by the LSU AgCenter and the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, the event is an educational program for nursery and landscape professionals.

“The meeting will showcase new landscape and ornamental plants. In addition, with renewed interest in fruit and vegetable crops in the past year, we will have several presentations covering those topics” reports Allen Owings, horticulture professor.

Michele Andre from Ball Horticulture and Buddy Lee from Plant Development Services Inc. will be featured speakers.

“Andre will provide information on new plants from Ball Horticulture for 2009 and 2010,” Owings said. “In addition, she will cover sustainable program ideas that growers,

retailers and landscapers can implement. Lee will address the Southern Living plants program.”

Five LSU AgCenter horticulturists also will be on the program:

Plant breeder Don LaBonte will discuss new ornamental sweet potatoes, and Dan Gill will discuss plants for bog gardens and retention areas. Charlie Johnson will review recommended fruit varieties for Louisiana, and Jimmy Boudreaux will present information on tomato varieties. Owings will review results of LSU AgCenter landscape plant trial results.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$25, and advance registration is required.

More detailed program information and a registration form are available by contacting Owings at (985) 543-4125 or aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu

The Hammond Research Station is located at 21549 Old Covington Highway in Hammond.

Encore Azaleas (from Allen Owings)

Encore azaleas are the most widely known of the multi-seasonal blooming varieties. These plants were developed by Robert “Buddy” Lee of Independence, LA and are marketed by Plant Development Services, Inc., Loxley, AL. We have several wholesale nursery growers of Encore azaleas in Louisiana. These plants are marketed as “the azalea that knows no season”. They are reliable for spring, summer and fall bloom in Louisiana. Bloom time each year can vary from 3-4 months up to 8 months. The newest Encore azalea is ‘Autumn Lilac’, debuting in 2010. All Encore azaleas are on display in the Margie Jenkins Azalea Garden at the LSU AgCenter’s Hammond Research Station. They are being evaluated for growth habit, flowering, lace bug resistance, and overall landscape performance.

- Autumn Amethyst – dark pink to purple; 4 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Angel – pure white; 3 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Belle – pale pink; 5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Carnation – medium pink; 4.5 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Carnival – medium pink; 3 foot height; slow growth rate
- Autumn Cheer – medium pink; 3 foot height; slow growth rate
- Autumn Chiffon – light pink with a dark pink center; 2.5 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Coral – soft coral pink with fuchsia center; 2.5 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Debutante – light pink; 4 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Embers – deep orange red; 3 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Empress – medium pink; 4 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Lilac – lavender; 4 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Monarch – dark orange pink with red freckles; 5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Moonlight – white with yellow throat; 5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Princess – salmon pink; 3.5 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Rouge – deep red-pink; 4.5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Royalty – dark purple; 4.5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Ruby – ruby red; 2.5 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Sangria – ark pink; 4.5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Starlight – white with pink flecks; 3.5 foot height; rapid growth rate
- Autumn Sundance – deep pink; 3.5 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Sunset – vivid orange-red; 4 foot height; medium growth rate
- Autumn Sweetheart – soft pink to white with lavender freckles; 4 foot height; slow growth rate
- Autumn Twist – white with purple stripes; 4.5 foot height; rapid growth rate

Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming

October 22-23 (CANCELLED)

Southern Nursery Assoc. Trade Show
Cobb County Galleria
Atlanta, Ga.
www.sna.org

October 23

Arborist CEU Workshop
Camp Grant Walker
Pollock, La.
Contact Hallie Dozier at
hdozier@agcenter.lsu.edu

October 24-28

IPPS- Southern Region
Biloxi, Miss.
<http://www.ipps.org/SouthernNA/index.htm>

October 29

George County Nursery Field Day
Lucedale, Miss.
Contact Rudolph Hall at
rh323@bellsouth.net

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Louisiana Plant Materials Conference
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
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November 10-11

AgriSouth Horticulture Expo
Agricenter International
Memphis, Tenn.
www.agrisouthexpo.com

November 10

SW La Nursery Association Meeting
LSU AgCenter Calcasieu Parish Office
Lake Charles, La.

November 17-18

Multi-State Cut Flower Workshop
Hilton Hotel
Memphis, Tenn.
Contact Allen Owings at
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November 18

O and T Pesticide Re-certification
Radisson Hotel
Kenner, La.
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marty_p@ldaf.state.la.us or Jeff Porter
at jporter@lpcra.org or Karen Nix at
knix@agcenter.lsu.edu

November 19

NW LA Nursery Association Meeting
American Rose Center
Shreveport, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
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December 4, 2009

Poinsettia Open House
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact Jeff Kuehny at
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January 13, 2010

Louisiana State Horticulture Society
Annual Conference
Calcasieu Parish LSU AgCenter Office
Lake Charles, La.
Contact Robert Turley at
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January 22, 2010

Arborist CEU Workshop
NW Louisiana Chapter Red Cross
Shreveport, La.
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January 21-23, 2010

Gulf States Horticultural Expo
Arthur Outlaw Convention Center
Mobile, Ala.
www.gshe.org

February 10-12, 2010

Southern Nursery Assoc. Trade Show
and Research Conference
Cobb Galleria
Atlanta, Ga.
www.sna.org

February TBA, 2010

O and T Pesticide Re-Certification
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
Contact Allen Owings at
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February 18, 2010

LA Irrigation Association Re-
certification
LSU AgCenter, Avoyelles Parish Office
Mansura, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
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March 11-12, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, LA
Contact Severn Doughty at
scd357@cmaaccess.com or Dan Gill at
dgill@agcenter.lsu.edu

March 14-17, 2010

Azalea Society of America
National Convention
New Orleans, La
Contact Regina Bracy at
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June 17-18, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
ULL Horticulture Center
Lafayette, LA
Contact Severn Doughty at
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September 16-17, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
City Park Botanical Garden
New Orleans, LA
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scd357@cmaaccess.com or Dan Gill at
dgill@agcenter.lsu.edu

**New Orleans Horticulture Society
Meetings**

Contact Stacy Cobb at 504.834.3094

October 22, November 12, December 17

LNLA Board Meetings

Contact Severn Doughty at
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December 3 – Lafayette
January 23, 2010 – Mobile, AL