

## Ornamental Horticulture E-mail Update

November 16, 2009 and November 23, 2009 (combined issue)



### **Ornamental Plant of the Week – November 16: Big Leaf Tibouchina (from Allen Owings)**

Large leaf princess flower (*Tibouchina grandifolia*), also known as big leaf tibouchina and glory flower, is a great underutilized plant for Louisiana. It has much larger foliage and larger flowers than the other princess flower commonly grown. Considered a tropical or tender perennial, the plant is winter hardy most years in USDA hardiness zones 9A and south. Purple flowers start in late summer and continue through the fall months. Plants can be easily rooted via softwood cuttings. A few garden centers in Louisiana sell this plant – needs to be used more. Impact sales potential.

### **Ornamental Plant of the Week – November 23: ‘Diamonds Blue’ Delphinium (from Allen Owings)**



‘Diamonds Blue’ delphinium is a new seed propagated *Delphinium chinensis* from PanAmerican Seed. It was one of the best performers in the LSU AgCenter’s cool season bedding plant landscape evaluation trials at the Hammond Research Station this past year. Considered a first year flowering perennial (treat as annual). Plant in full sun in the fall for great flowering performance from February – May. Space plants 12-14 inches apart. Height of 18 inches with a 10-12 inch spread.

### **Poinsettia Trial and Consumer Survey Results – 2008 (from Jeff Kuehny)**

The LSU AgCenter poinsettia trial in 2008 included an evaluation of 45 varieties. See this website for photos of each and grower evaluations. In addition, consumer survey results for 22 of the varieties are included. The 2009 poinsettia open house is scheduled for Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> at Burden Center, Baton Rouge.

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn\\_garden/commercial\\_horticulture/floriculture/poinsettias/2008+Poinsettias.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/commercial_horticulture/floriculture/poinsettias/2008+Poinsettias.htm)

## Caladium Landscape Trial Results (from Yan Chen)

A total of 38 caladium varieties were evaluated at the LSU AgCenter's Hammond Research Station during the summer of 2009 for their landscape performance, including foliage color, fullness, and plant uniformity. The top 10 performers are pictured here. (*Caladium tubers were donated by Classic Caladiums and Happiness Farms, Inc.*)

Photos can be better viewed at:

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn\\_garden/commercial\\_horticulture/ornamentals/Top+10+Caladiums+Rated+from+2009+Caladium+Variety+Trial.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/commercial_horticulture/ornamentals/Top+10+Caladiums+Rated+from+2009+Caladium+Variety+Trial.htm)



**Moonlight**



**Raspberry Moon**



**White Delight**



**Candyland**



**Red Ruffle**



**Pink Gem**



**White Ruffle**



**Lance Whorton**



**Mt. Everest**



**Florida Sweetheart**

## **Strawberry Rootworm Symposium**

# **STRAWBERRY ROOTWORM SYMPOSIUM FOR GROWERS AND RESEARCHERS December 8, 2009**

**USDA-ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory  
Poplarville, Mississippi**

### **Objectives of the Strawberry Rootworm Symposium**

- To discuss the impact of the strawberry rootworm on container-grown evergreen azalea production and other container grown ornamental plants in Gulf Coast nurseries.
- A “roundtable” discussion will include:
  - 1) the direction of future research on the control of the SRW
  - 2) the role that industry will play in obtaining funding to support that research.
- To listen to and participate in presentations on what is currently known and unknown about this pest. (USDA and Cooperative Extension research partners will present information on biology, monitoring techniques and methods of control.)
- To discuss current industry control practices and the perceived effectiveness of those practices.

**9:00 a.m. Registration (no fee)**

**9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Program**

**Lunch sponsored by Alabama Nursery and Landscape Association**

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**The Alabama Nursery and Landscape Association**  
334-821-5148 or [info@alnla.org](mailto:info@alnla.org)

## **Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming**

### **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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**November 19**

NW LA Nursery Association Meeting  
American Rose Center  
Shreveport, La.  
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**December 4, 2009**

Poinsettia Open House  
Burden Center  
Baton Rouge, La.  
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**December 8, 2009**

Strawberry Rootworm Symposium  
USDA – ARS  
Poplarville, Ms.  
Contact Grant Kirker at [grant.kirker@ars.usda.gov](mailto:grant.kirker@ars.usda.gov)

**December 13, 2009**

Azalea Soc. of America – La Chapter  
Christmas Party  
Margie Jenkins' Home  
Amite, La.  
Contact Allen Owings at [aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:aowings@agcenter.lsu.edu)

**January 13, 2010**

Louisiana State Horticulture Society  
Annual Conference  
Calcasieu Parish LSU AgCenter Office  
Lake Charles, La.  
Contact Robert Turley at [rturley@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:rturley@agcenter.lsu.edu)



**January 21-23, 2010**

Gulf States Horticultural Expo  
Arthur Outlaw Convention Center  
Mobile, Ala.  
[www.gshe.org](http://www.gshe.org)

**February 10-11, 2010**

Southern Nursery Assoc. Trade Show  
and Research Conference  
Cobb Galleria  
Atlanta, Ga.  
[www.sna.org](http://www.sna.org)

**February TBA, 2010**

O and T Pesticide Re-Certification  
Hammond Research Station  
Hammond, La.  
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**February 18, 2010**

LA Irrigation Association Re-  
certification  
LSU AgCenter, Avoyelles Parish Office  
Mansura, La.  
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**March 11-12, 2010**

Certified Nursery Professional Training  
Burden Center  
Baton Rouge, La.  
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**March 14-17, 2010**

Azalea Society of America  
National Convention  
New Orleans, La  
Contact Regina Bracy at [rbracy@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:rbracy@agcenter.lsu.edu)

**March 25, 2010**

NW La Nursery Association Meeting  
Keeling Irrigation  
Shreveport, La.  
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**May 25-27, 2010**

La State Horticulture Society Tour  
Lower Miss./Mobile, Ala./Milton, Fla.  
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**June 17-18, 2010**

Certified Nursery Professional Training  
ULL Horticulture Center  
Lafayette, La.  
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**September 2, 2010**

NW La Nursery Association Meeting  
ArkLaTex Gardens  
Shreveport, La.  
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**September 16-17, 2010**

Certified Nursery Professional Training  
City Park Botanical Garden  
New Orleans, La.  
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**November 18, 2010**

NW La Nursery Association Meeting  
Location TBA  
Shreveport, La.  
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**Arborist Workshops – 2010**

Contact Hallie Dozier at  
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January 22, 2010 – Shreveport  
First Aid and CPR

April 16, 2010 – Shreveport  
Aerial Lift Safety

May 7, 2010 – Farmerville  
Hazard/Danger Tree Cutting and Felling

July 30, 2010 – New Orleans  
Bringing Business Your Way

August 6 – Shreveport  
Tree Roots: Structures and Remediation

September 10, 2010 – Hammond  
High Angle and Emergency Response

October 1, 2010 – New Orleans  
Tree Climbing, Fall Protection

November 12, 2010 – Pollock  
Tree Detectives

January 14, 2011 – Baton Rouge  
Trees, People and the Law

**New Orleans Horticulture Society Meetings**

Contact Stacy Cobb at 504-834-3094

November 12, December 17

**LNLA Board Meetings**

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December 3 – Lafayette  
January 23, 2010 – Mobile, Ala.