

# LSU AgCenter Ornamental Horticulture E-mail Update

November 9, 2009



## **Ornamental Plant of the Week – November 9: ‘Easy Does It’ Rose (from Allen Owings)**



Easy Does It is the All-America Rose Selection winner for 2010. It is the only winner! This variety is a floribunda from Weeks Roses. Flower color is a mango, peach and apricot blend. Petal count is 25-30. Easy Does It performed very well in the AARS display garden at Burden Center this year. In addition, it was named a People’s Choice award winner at the LSU AgCenter’s landscape horticulture field day this year.

## **Get It Growing News Articles for November (from Dan Gill)**

Hedge Plants – November 6

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/You+can+plant+hedges+for+privacy+now.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/You+can+plant+hedges+for+privacy+now.htm)

Categories of Cool Season Bedding Plants – November 13

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Coolseason+bedding+plants+come+in+4+categories.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Coolseason+bedding+plants+come+in+4+categories.htm)

Holiday Decorations from the Garden - November 20

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Gardens+can+provide+holiday+decorations.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Gardens+can+provide+holiday+decorations.htm)

Spring Bulbs in Containers – November 27

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Here+are+some+tips+for+growing+spring+bulbs+in+containers.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Here+are+some+tips+for+growing+spring+bulbs+in+containers.htm)

## **Fire Ant Quarantine Expanded (from Kelli Rodda, NM-Pro Magazine, November 6, 2009 E-News)**

APHIS has issued a revised federal order that establishes quarantined areas in Virginia for the first time and expands the existing quarantine areas in Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas for the imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta* Buren, *S. richteri* Forel and hybrids).

This action is necessary in order to prevent the interstate spread of IFA.

Effective immediately, APHIS is establishing a quarantine for IFA in the following areas: The entire county of Arkansas, in Arkansas; portions of Cannon, Dickson, Davidson, Gibson, Knox, Sevier and Williamson counties and the entire counties of Tipton, Warren, and White in Tennessee; a portion of Lubbock County as well as the entire counties of Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Irion, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shakelford, Starr, Terrell, Throckmorton, Upton, Ward, Wilbarger and Winkler in Texas,

are quarantined for IFA. For the first time, the entire counties of James City and York and the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg in Virginia also are added to the IFA quarantine.

For more information, contact IFA National Program Manager Charles Brown at 301-734-4838

**Louisiana Plant Materials Conference Report (from Johnny Morgan, Dan Gill, and Allen Owings)**

Landscape and nursery professionals heard about the latest plant varieties and LSU AgCenter plant evaluations at a plant materials conference here Oct. 29.

“The conference is held here most years to provide an opportunity for landscape and nursery professionals to come and hear information on new ornamental plants,” said Allen Owings, LSU AgCenter horticulturist at the Hammond Research Station.

Owings said most of the 65 participants were landscape professionals who either install or maintain landscape plantings.

“We also have wholesale growers here who grow woody ornamental plants, bedding plants and greenhouse crops,” he said. “There are also some employees of retail garden centers who came to see what new plants are out there in the industry.”

The conference was hosted by the LSU AgCenter in cooperation with the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association.

The program included presentations on new plants from industry suppliers along with results of plant evaluations conducted at the station.

LSU AgCenter plant breeder Dr. Don LaBonte reviewed new ornamental sweet potatoes. AgCenter horticulturist Dr. Charlie Johnson discussed fruit varieties recommended for Louisiana, and AgCenter commercial fruit and vegetable specialist Dr. Jimmy Boudreaux reported on results of vegetable variety evaluations.

“One thing we’re discussing now is that the ornamental folks need to know about fruits and vegetables because of the renewed interest in those particular crops,” Owings said.

Dan Gill, LSU AgCenter consumer horticulture specialist, discussed how to develop bog gardens with less time, effort and money.

Gill said he’s encouraging people to maintain bog areas as they are “instead of radically trying to change a low, wet area by opening it up and adding drainage. It’s easier and oftentimes more satisfying to find plants that like to grow in those low areas that occasionally are inundated or stay wet for long periods after rains.”

He cited a growing trend in commercial development where developers and landowners are expected to hold water on their property from large parking lots and other hard-surfaced areas so retention ponds and drainage areas are being created

“In a home situation this is not practical,” he said, suggesting a rain garden as an alternative.

“These are gardens where when it rains, the water flows into that area, settles and holds there and then percolates down into the ground,” Gill said. “The more water we hold, the better because that keeps water from flowing into the drainage system and out into our waterways.”

Tom Fennell, owner of Clegg’s Nursery in Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, brought four of his employees to the conference as a refresher course and to see what’s new and exciting in the industry.

“With the economy tight, there is a renewed interest in ‘staycations,’ with more people staying home,” Fennell said. “So now they are redoing their backyards and spending a little more time at home, and they want their outdoor living area to be nice.”

Fennell said the LSU AgCenter has a world of information, and he encourages anyone to visit the Hammond Research Station.

“It’s beautifully maintained and its well worth the trip to come out here and see what they have going on,” he said.

The landscape and nursery industry in Louisiana employs about 56,000 people, and the total economic impact in a typical year is \$2.2 billion, Owings said.

### **Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming**



#### **November 10-11**

AgriSouth Horticulture Expo  
Agricenter International  
Memphis, Tenn.  
[www.agrisouthexpo.com](http://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.  
Contact Marty Pousson at  
[marty\\_p@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:marty_p@ldaf.state.la.us) or Jeff Porter  
at [jporter@lpcra.org](mailto:jporter@lpcra.org) or Karen Nix at  
[knix@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto: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  
[jkuehny@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:jkuehny@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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[dgill@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto: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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**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.  
Contact Allen Owings at  
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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.  
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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**November 18, 2010**

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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  
Tree, 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.