

**LSU AgCenter**  
**Ornamental Horticulture E-mail Update**  
*December 7, 2009*



**Ornamental Plant of the Week – December 7th: ‘Emerald Snow’ Loropetalum**  
*(from Allen Owings)*



The loropetalum, also called Chinese witch hazel, craze continues with the release of a dwarf, green foliage, white flowering variety – Emerald Snow. Most of the new loropetalums the past few years have focused on pink and fuschia flower colors with more intense purple to burgundy foliage colors. Emerald Snow is in the Southern Living Plant Collection and has a mature height of 4 feet with a 4 foot spread. White flowers appear

in the spring and will occur again to some degree in the late summer and fall months. Older foliage is dense, glossy green with light green new growth. Fertilize when new growth commences in the spring. Plants need minimum pruning due to a tight, layered growth habit. A great substitute for Indian hawthorn in the landscape.

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

Christmas Trees Need Proper Care – December 4

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Christmas-trees-need-proper-care.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Christmas-trees-need-proper-care.htm)

Plant Pecan Trees in Winter – December 11

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Plant-pecan-trees-in-winter.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Plant-pecan-trees-in-winter.htm)

Moth Orchids – December 18

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Moth-orchids-make-a-good-first-orchid.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Moth-orchids-make-a-good-first-orchid.htm)

Not Many Plants Strong as Oaks – December 25

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get\\_it\\_growing/read\\_more/Not-many-plants-are-as-strong-as-an-oak.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/get_it_growing/read_more/Not-many-plants-are-as-strong-as-an-oak.htm)

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

Avoid Landscape Practices that Encourage Termites – December 4

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline\\_news/Avoid-landscaping-practices-that-may-encourage-termites-.htm](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Avoid-landscaping-practices-that-may-encourage-termites-.htm)

## **Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming**

### **December 13, 2009**

Azalea Soc. of America – La Chapter  
Christmas Party  
Margie Jenkins' Home  
Amite, La.  
Contact Allen Owings at  
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### **January 7, 2010**

La Turfgrass Association Annual  
Conference  
Lawton Room, LSU Campus  
Baton Rouge, La.  
Contact Ron Strahan at  
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### **January 13, 2010**

Louisiana State Horticulture Society  
Annual Conference  
Calcasieu Parish LSU AgCenter Office  
Lake Charles, La.  
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### **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 18, 2010**

LA Irrigation Association Re-  
certification  
LSU AgCenter, Avoyelles Parish Office  
Mansura, La.  
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### **February 23, 2010**

Landscape Pest Management Workshop  
Hammond Research Station  
Hammond, 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  
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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.  
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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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**February 26, 2011**

NW La Nursery Association Tour  
SFA Arboretum  
Nacogdoches, Texas  
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**Arborist Workshops – 2010**

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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, 2010 – 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

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**LNLA Board Meetings**

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January 23, 2010 – Mobile, Ala.