

LSU AgCenter's
Ornamental Horticulture
E-Mail Update
June 28, 2010



*topics and events of nursery, landscape and floriculture
interest to Louisiana's green industry*

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for
June 28, 2010 – 'Calico' Ornamental
Pepper (from Allen Owings)**

One of the best performing ornamental peppers (*Capsicum annuum*) in LSU AgCenter landscape trials the past couple years has been the 'Calico' cultivar. It has a mounding, upright growth habit. Space 12-14 inches apart. Heights of 10-12 inches with a spread of 14-16 inches. Foliage is strongly variegated with blends of purple, cream and green. Plant in full sun. Drought tolerant. Fruit is glossy black and extremely hot so consumption is not recommended.



**Sustainable Landscape News Articles (from Kyle Huffstickler, Allen
Owings and Dan Gill)**

Be Careful Gardening in Summer Heat - June 25

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/news_archive/2010/june/news_you_can_use/Be-careful-gardening-in-summer-heat.htm



**Lantana Lace Bugs (from Dale
Pollet and Allen Owings)**

Here is some repeated information on lantana lace bugs from our August 31 email update from 2009. Lantana lace bugs are out in big numbers currently. We have had major populations of these insects on our lantana plantings at the Hammond Research Station this summer. This lace bug species infests deciduous plants. This

means that it overwinters as an adult in the leaf litter under and around the base of the plant. Good management strategy is to clean up under and around the plant during winter to help the environment manage some of the pest population. Like their counterparts (found on azaleas), they have a piercing, sucking mouthpart. Eggs are deposited on the stems and foliage in the spring as the plants begin to grow. The hatching nymphs resemble the nymphs of other species except for color. Their feeding causes the leaf tissue to become stippled and discolored, and with heavy feeding eventually turn a bronzy gray color. Heavy damage can cause early defoliation and reduced bloom. Management can be completed with Merit, cyfluthrin or other pyrethroid or Orthene.

What Happened to Late Spring Bloom on ‘Knock Out’ Roses (from Allen Owings)

‘Knock Out’ roses went through a very significant non-blooming time this spring. Initial bloom on the ‘Knock Out’ varieties of roses was very significant and impressive this spring. Normally ‘Knock Out’ roses almost immediately transition from the end of one blooming cycle to the beginning of the next blooming cycle. This year there was a four week period after the initial bloom prior to the commencement of the second bloom cycle. This was due to the fact that cold temperatures this winter prevented ‘Knock Out’ roses from blooming during the winter months. In most winters, especially in south Louisiana, these popular roses continue to bloom to a small degree. We had very little bloom on ‘Knock Out’ roses this winter and we had the best ever initial spring bloom. This “better than ever” first spring bloom resulted in a significant non-blooming period in May and June. Plants around the state are now blooming again. Normally, ‘Knock Out’ roses, as well as many other shrub type roses, have 5-7 bloom cycles between April and November.

Celcius – A New Herbicide (from Ron Strahan)

Bayer has launched a new herbicide, Celcius, this spring. It is a mixture of three active ingredients – iodosulfuron, thien carbazon and dicamba. This herbicide has a lot of promise because it provides broadleaf weed control as well as suppression of several grass species, such as dallisgrass and large crabgrass. Another outstanding characteristic of Celcius is how easy it is on St. Augustinegrass in the hot weather. The rate range is 2.5-7.4 ounces per acre. Virginia buttonweed is on the product label. At least two applications at the high rate will be necessary to achieve an acceptable level of buttonweed management.

Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming

The LSU AgCenter and affiliated groups offer numerous educational opportunities for green industry professionals. In addition, many garden shows and related events for home gardeners are offered continually throughout the year. Some educational programs having multi-state impact and attendance are also listed. Be sure to check with the contact person listed for more specific information on each event.

July 2, 2010

Nursery and Landscape Golf Shootout
LSU Golf Course
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact Allen Owings at
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July 21-22, 2010

Mid South Green Industry Conference
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Miss.
www.msnla.org

July 28-29, 2010

Louisiana Irrigation Association
Irrigation Re-Certification/Certification
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
scd357@cmaaccess.com

August 19-22, 2010

Nursery/Landscape Expo
San Antonio, Texas
www.txnla.org

September 2, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
ArkLaTex Gardens
Shreveport, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
scd357@cmaaccess.com

September 16-17, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
City Park Botanical Garden
New Orleans, La.
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October 6, 2010

La. Irrigation Association Annual Meeting
Location TBA
Contact Severn Doughty at
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October 6, 2010

La. Irrigation Association Re-Certification
Meeting
Location TBA
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October 6-7, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Lafayette, La.
www.lpca.org

October 8, 2010

SELNA Trade Show
Castine Center
Mandeville, La.
Contact Annie Coco at
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October 9-13, 2010-06-14

IPPS-Southern Region Conference
Raleigh, North Car.
www.ipps.org/SouthernNA/

October 20, 2010

Rose Research Open House
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact Allen Owings at
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November 5-6, 2010

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

November 17-18, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Kenner, La.
www.lpca.org

November 18, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
American Rose Center
Shreveport, La.
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January 12, 2011

Louisiana State Horticulture Society
Annual Conference
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
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January 19-21, 2011

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

February 26, 2011

NW La Nursery Association Tour
SFA Arboretum
Nacogdoches, Texas
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**Spring / Fall Garden Shows and Related
Consumer Events – 2010****October 2-3, 2010**

PlantFest! At Hilltop Arboretum
Baton Rouge, La.
www.lsu.edu/hilltop

October 15-16, 2010

Fall Flower & Garden Fest
Truck Crops Experiment Station
Crystal Springs, Miss.
<http://msucares.com/fallfest>
Contact Rick Snyder at
ricks@ra.msstate.edu

October 15-16, 2010

Southern Garden Symposium
St. Francisville, La.
www.southerngardensymposium.org

October 16-17, 2010

Fall Garden Festival
City Park Botanical Gardens
New Orleans, La.
Contact Brent Jeansonne at
bjeansonne@agcenter.lsu.edu

**Reflections in the Garden Held at Burden
Center**

www.burdenhorticulturesociety.com

July 5 – Easy Landscape Irrigation
Bob Souvestre

August 2 – Gingers
Jeff Kuehny

September 13 – Fall Landscape Planning
Dan Gill

October 4 – Sweet Potatoes
Don LaBonte

November 1 – Strawberries
Charlie Johnson

December 6 – Holiday Decorating
Barbara Quirk and Jeanne Clements

**LA House Lunch and Learn Horticulture
Held at LaHouse in Baton Rouge**

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July 9 – Cool Season Veggies
Kathryn Fontenot

August 13 - Home Citrus Production
Speaker TBA

September 10 – Environmentally Friendly
Weed Control
Ron Strahan

October 8 – Cool Season Annuals and
Herbs
Kyle Huffstickler

November 12 – Fruit Trees Culture in the
Home Orchard
Charlie Johnson

Arborist Workshops – 2010

Contact Hallie Dozier at
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July 30, 2010 – New Orleans
Bringing Business Your Way

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