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BBIG News

- BBIG celebrated the 2022 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Partnership Award – Category V: Program Improvement through Global Engagement on October 6, 2022.
- The Extension leadership met with AmericanHort/Horticultural Research Institute on October 5, 2022 about the [BBIG website](#) revamp to help viewers locate information of interest while accommodating increasing contents.

Extension & Outreach Highlight

- Oregon Boxwood Health Workshop held at North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) in Aurora, OR on October 20, 2022 was a great success with 40 growers and nursery crop consultants attending and 7 speakers.
- 5th Boxwood Blight Epidemiology working group met on October 17, 2022 with Drs. Len Coop and Brittany Barker of Oregon State University as invited speakers and attendance from Germany and U.S.
- Shishkoff, N. and Daughtrey, M. 2022. Something wicked this way comes: boxwood blights. Ornamental Workshop on Pests and Diseases. JC Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC. October 19, 2022.

Upcoming Event

- BBIG Leadership team monthly meeting has been rescheduled for November 14, 2022.
- BBIG Project Directors and Associates to meet virtually via Teams on November 16, 2022, discussing project progress over the past 3 months and charting strategies forward.
- BBIG Advisory Panel to meet virtually via Zoom on December 2, 2022, discussing the quarterly project progress and advising on future activities and directions.
- BBIG Team including Project Directors, Associates, and Advisory Panel members to meet at NWREC from Wednesday, February 15 to Thursday, February 16, 2023. Oregon is by far the largest boxwood producing state, accounting for 19.3% of the nation's total boxwood sales according to the latest report by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (2020); and NWREC is at the heart of the boxwood country.

New Resource

- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.

BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to chhong2@vt.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

