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News

- BBIG invites global partners to contribute to the planned focus issue of PhytoFrontiers – **Reclaiming Boxwood from the Blight**. An outline of this focus issue and author instructions are posted on the [BBIG website](#). The deadline for manuscript submission is August 1, 2025.
- Upcoming BBIG Webinar facilitated by AmericanHort on March 11 at 1:00 pm. Dr. Ping Kong, Virginia Tech will present "Prospecting for biocontrol of boxwood blight."
- BBIG Team, including Project Directors, their associates, and Advisory Panel members to meet in the United States National Arboretum, Washington, DC, from May 14 to 15, celebrating what has been accomplished together over the past 5 years and charting strategies forward.

Extension Programs & Presentations

- Daughtrey, M. 2025. Understanding plant diseases. Certified Nursery and Landscape Professionals Training Program, New York State Nursery and Landscape Association, Riverhead, NY. February 02.
- Snover-Clift, K. 2025. Basic Plant Pathology for Master Gardeners, New Master Gardener Training for Saratoga, Fulton & Warren counties, Ithaca, NY, February 03.
- Shishkoff, N. 2025. Cleaning up boxwood blight with a full spectrum of sanitizers. BBIG Boxwood Seminar, tHRIve series of Horticultural Research Institute, February 06.
- Daughtrey, M. 2025. Can we preserve boxwood in our landscapes? Communities in Bloom Spring Gardening Class. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County. February 22.
- Snover-Clift, K. 2025. Identification of Key Pathogens and Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic Sample Submission Tips, February 2025, Master Gardener Workshop for Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Tioga, & Tompkins counties, Ithaca, NY, February 22.
- Snover-Clift, K. and Sandra Jensen. 2025. Develop Your Diagnostic Skills (DYDS); a webinar series aimed at providing the tools needed to identify the cause of plant problems-Module 6- BOLOs-Be On the Look Out for these Significant Pathogens, Ithaca, NY, February 25.
- Daughtrey, M. 2025. Scouting skills for crabapple, maple, and boxwood. Branching Out Webinar, Cornell Cooperative Extension. February 27.
- Snover-Clift, K. 2025. Greenhouse Update-Best Methods for Diagnosing Plant Problems and Most Significant and Commonly Found Plant Pathogens in Greenhouse and Nursery Settings, Cornell University-Pesticide Applicator Training, Ithaca, NY, February 27.

Online Resources

- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Updated list of boxwood cultivars](#) resistant to both boxwood blight and leafminer.
- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.
- [Box tree moth](#).
- [Boxwood leafminer risk model](#) to help time insecticide application.

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 kls13@cornell.edu

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

