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Research Update

- Behe, B.K., Huddleston, P.T., and Hall, C.R. 2022. Gardening motivations of U.S plant purchasers during COVID-19 pandemic. Journal of Environmental Horticulture. [Click here to access publication](#)
- Hong, C. X., Daughtrey, M., Howle, M., Schirmer, S., Kosta, K., Kong, P., Likins, M., and Suslow, K. Rapid Decline of *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* Soil Population in Selected Gardens across the United States. Plant Disease. [Click here to access publication](#)
- Kodati S., Cowles R., and LaMondia, J. 2022. Survival of conidia of the boxwood blight pathogen *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* under different relative humidity condition. Plant Health Progress. [Click here to access publication](#)
- Weiland, J.E., Ohkura, M., Scagel, C.F., Davis, E.A., and Beck, B.R. 2022. Cool temperatures favor growth of Oregon isolates of *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* and increase severity of boxwood blight on two *Buxus* cultivars. Plant Disease. [Click here to access publication](#)

Extension & Outreach Highlight

- Project Newsletter Vol 3, Issue 2: [Click to access Newsletter](#)
- Boxwood feature in New York Times' by Margaret Roach will be published on the June 1 (online NYT), and in the Sunday paper June 5. Bennett Saunders, ABS President Andrea Filippone, and Margery Daughtrey were interviewed for the article. Lynn Batdorf helped immensely to get boxwood facts straight.
- A new landing page for gardeners at the BBIG website was quickly created to serve New York Times readers and others visiting the site. This was done with assistance from Jennifer Gray and the inimitable Nicolas Leas of The AmericanHort. Visit <https://www.boxwoodhealth.org/boxwood-gardening>

Upcoming Event

- **June 2, 2022.** Saunders Brothers host 'Boxwood Boot Camp'. Growers were called to register ahead for a fee of \$250 by May 20. Contact info@newgenboxwood.com with questions
- **June 23, 2022.** Boxwood International Seminar on Biology and Management of Boxwood Volutella Blight by Prof. Tom Hsiang, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Registration Link: [Click here to register](#)
- **July 16-19, 2022.** BBIG 'On-Demand Session' at Cultivate'22, an annual educational event hosted by The AmericanHort at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio

List of Presentation Titles and Speakers to Look out for at Cultivate'22:

- Observations about boxwood blight in nursery industry – Dr. Jerry Weiland, USDA ARS in Corvallis, Oregon
- Effect of sanitizers on *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* causal agent of boxwood blight – Dr. Fulya Baysal-Gurel, Tennessee State University
- Pesticide coverage of boxwood plants with nursery sprayers – Dr. Jay Pscheidt, Oregon State University
- Tools for training both English and Spanish-speaking workers to scout for boxwood blight – Dr. Luisa Santamaria, Oregon State University

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 by sending an email to Olanike or Chuan via olanike@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community through the Monthly or Newsletter, please contact olanike@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

