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News

- Boxwood Blight Insight Group outreach website had two major updates under the Knowledge Center tab. The [Diagnostic Aide](#) section has been expanded to accommodate new materials developed recently while a new section – [Box Tree Moth](#) was added to keep stakeholders informed of this new invasive pest.
- BBIG hosted a new webinar - A combined approach for early in-field detection of beech leaf disease using near-infrared spectroscopy and machine learning by Dr. Carrie Fearer of University of New Hampshire on July 20, 2023. This was the third webinar on the BBIG Team Capacity-Building Seminar Series. The recording of this webinar is being posted under the [About BBIG](#) tab of the outreach website.
- [The American Boxwood Society](#) to host the 2023 Boxwood Annual Symposium in Pottersville, New Jersey on September 21 and 22. [Registration](#) is open now.

Latest Research Publication

- Ghimire, B., Liyanage, K. H. E., Hall, C., and Baysal-Gurel, F. 2023. A modified Delphi study on boxwood blight disease management in the US nursery industry. HortScience 58(8):898-906 ([open access](#)).

Latest Extension Presentations

- Baysal-Gurel, F. 2023. Sanitation practices in nursery production. Cultivate'23, Columbus, OH, July 17, 2023.

Online Resources

- Follow us at <https://twitter.com/boxwoodhealth> for the latest news and research publications.
- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Boxwood Blight Infection Risk Model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.
- [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 chhong2@vt.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

