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News

- Thanks to our partner – AmericanHort/Horticultural Research Institute, the BBIG outreach website had three major updates: 1) Several subheadings were added to the [Outreach to Different Stakeholders](#) section under the [Knowledge Center](#) tab to better organize the increasing contents and help viewers locate the information of their interest, 2) Recordings of several seminars/webinars were posted, with the 2022 Boxwood Seminar held in the Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis, TN under the **Horticulturists** subheading, ‘Boxwood in the Landscape: Success and Shortcomings’ under the **Landscaping Professionals** subheading, the BBIG webinar on the 2022 Great Plain Diagnostic Network Webinar Series, and the recent National Plant Diagnostic Network Symposium under the **First Responders** subheading, and 3) Among the other major postings were the recording of ‘In the Lab and the Landscape at the National Arboretum: Boxwood Genomics and AI Solutions for Blight Detection and Protection’, given by Fred Gouker of the US National Arboretum on January 31, 2024 in the [BBIG Boxwood Seminars](#) section, and recent BBIG Monthly digests under the [Research Updates](#) tab.
- Dr. Gregory Simmons of USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and Chuan Hong to speak on the on-demand EPA Integrated Pest Management Webinar Series – ‘Protecting boxwood against blight and box tree moth’ on March 5 2:00 to 3:30 PM Eastern Time. A [pre-registration](#) is required to attend this webinar.

Extension Presentations

- Daughtrey, M. 2024. Certified Nursery and Landscape Professionals Training, NYSNLA, Riverhead, NY, February 7.
- Daughtrey, M. 2024. Scouting skills for diseases of broadleaved trees and shrubs. Branching Out IPM Scouting Skills Workshop, Webinar, Cornell University. February 8.
- Daughtrey, M. 2024. Disease update 2024: boxwood, beech and more. Tree Conference, Long Island Arborists, Hauppauge, February 13.
- Pscheidt, J. 2024. Transition from an intelligent sprayer to drenching boxwood plants. Oregon Nursery Research Summit. February 1.
- Santamaria, L. 2024. Integrating Extension and Research to Serve the Nursery Industry. Oregon Nursery Research Summit. February 1.
- Weiland, J. 2024. Nursery plant diseases: What have we learned? Where do we go from here? Oregon Nursery Research Summit. February 1.

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 chhong2@vt.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

