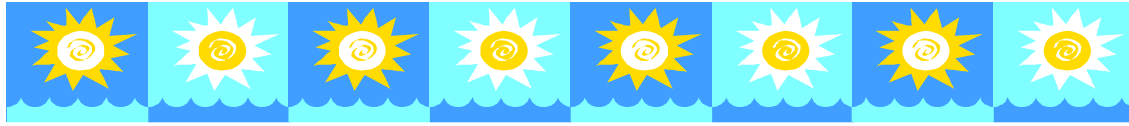




Commercial Horticulture Newsletter



Nursery/Greenhouse, Retail, Garden Design, Landscape, Turf and Irrigation

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I have recently updated my mailing list so there may be quite a few businesses and individuals who are reading this for the first time. Welcome, new Commercial Horticulture Newsletter recipients. Also, the Commercial Horticulture Newsletter has a new look. (And due to time constraints it has shrunk from six to 1 ½ pages.)

My job is to assist the Green Industry in the Southeast Extension District of Georgia. I have been sending this newsletter since October 2006 to as many people working in commercial horticulture as possible. Another part of my job is to put together

training programs to benefit commercial horticulture. If your business needs a training program, call me. I can put one together to meet your needs at no cost to you. I respond to your questions and problems by phone, and I am available for site visits. Don't forget that your local UGA County Extension agent is a valuable resource for information and training. To contact your local agent call 1-800-ASK-UGA1. To contact me: (912) 921-5460 or email jkwebb@uga.edu.

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

WINTERGreenWINTERSchool 2009

January 21 – 23 / Classic Center in Athens, GA

The Georgia Green Industry Association's annual trade show and education seminars begin January 21 at the Classic Center in Athens. The 3-day event runs Wednesday through Friday, with the Trade Show opening at 6 pm on Wednesday. There are many classes, seminars and workshops with something to interest everyone working in the Green Industry. To view the event brochure, go to www.ggia.org. You can also register online. The best deal is the Superticket to all events and classes, meetings and receptions which costs \$115 for GGIA members before January 7 and \$135 after. Non-members pay \$145 and \$170. This is always a great event, not to be missed. If you have questions, call GGIA directly at 706-632-0100.

Landscape Planning Short Course

January 28-29 / UGA Center for Continuing Education in Athens, GA

This program features interesting speakers, two pre-conference programs and two post-conference programs. Speaker's topics range from native plant use in the landscape to sustainable development and turfgrass management. To see the complete program and register to attend, visit www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/conferences. Click on "upcoming conferences."

Southern Nursery Association Green Industry Winter Trade Show

February 12 – 13 / Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, GA

The SNA trade show has moved to a new time and location. The new, family-friendly venue is away from the downtown traffic, provides free parking and offers an abundance of affordable hotel and entertainment options. Doors open 9 am – 5 pm both Thursday and Friday. Visit www.sna.org to register to attend the show or call (770) 953-3311 for more information.

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**Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Exam School
February 16 and February 23 / Bamboo Farm & Coastal Gardens, Savannah, GA**

These two, one-day seminars help prepare you for taking the Commercial Pesticide Applicators Examination. On Monday, February 16 the seminar will cover the General Standards portion of the exam based on the textbook, *Applying Pesticides Correctly*. The following Monday, February 23, the seminar will cover category 24, Ornamental and Turf, based on the textbook, *Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control*. Each seminar starts at 9 am and ends no later than 3 pm. The cost of each seminar is \$10.00, payable at the door by check or cash. Textbooks must be purchased in advance from UGA Business Office. Call (704) 542-8999 to order the textbooks. You must register in advance to attend the pesticide school. Call the Bamboo Farm at (912) 921-5460 to register to attend.

Mark your calendar for May 14, 2009!

COASTAL GREEN 2009 – a one-day horticulture seminar sponsored by the Georgia Green Industry Association will be held at the Bamboo Farm & Coastal Gardens in Savannah. Expect a great lineup of guest speakers from the Green Industry and the University of Georgia. Plans are incomplete at this time but there should be at least three pesticide applicators category 24 CEU's available. This is low cost, locally available training. Plan to attend Coastal Green 2009 in Savannah on May 14.

SPECIAL NOTE

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