

2024 Date	Topic/Speaker
<p>Thursday, January 18</p>	<p>Dr. Jason Gordon, <i>University of Georgia</i> Keys to Success: Helping to ensure healthy, happy yard trees This webinar will cover best practices for addressing some common yard tree health problems. The speaker will address issues impacting a tree’s vigor and production of benefits starting in the planting and establishment phase and continuing through mature tree maintenance.</p> <p>Dr. Jean Woodward, <i>University of Georgia</i> <i>Diseases affecting Urban Trees</i> The urban environment is a tough place for trees – not only do they have to contend with soil compaction, excessive soil moisture, prolonged droughts, and limited space for roots, but they also have to remain strong in the face of biotic stressors. This webinar will discuss common diseases affecting urban trees, their symptoms, causes, and management.</p>
<p>Thursday, March 14</p>	<p>Dr. Anthony Witcher, <i>Tennessee State University</i> Alternative weed control in nurseries propagation This talk will share research about effective ways to control weeds in cutting propagation using mulches and pre-emergent herbicides. Also alternative post-emergent herbicides (alternatives to glyphosate) for landscape/nursery use will be discussed.</p> <p>Dr. Lance Osborne, <i>University of Florida</i> Pest management in greenhouse Several new insect pests have dominated in the greenhouses. This presentation will discuss the biology and management of emerging pests, such as <i>Thrips parvipinus</i> and others in the greenhouse. The speaker will discuss host preference, damage and management options.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 16</p>	<p>Dr. Erich Schoeller, <i>University of Georgia</i> Biological control of greenhouse pests Biological control strategies can be developed to manage greenhouse pests.</p> <p>Dr. Brain Kunkel, <i>University of Delaware</i> Emerging pests in ornamental nurseries The speaker will discuss the biology, dispersal and management of emerging pests, such as spotted lanternfly and redheaded flea beetle problems in the ornamental nurseries. The speaker will discuss the host use patterns and chemical control approaches.</p>

<p>Thursday, July 18</p>	<p>Dr. Ping Yu, <i>University of Georgia</i> Preventing soil-borne diseases with no chemicals smart irrigation Damping off caused by pathogens such as <i>Fusarium</i>, <i>Pythium</i>, and <i>Phytophthora</i> can be severely damaging. This session will discuss how irrigation smartly can help reduce soil-borne diseases. We will also talk about how managing water quality and quantity also could help minimize disease load.</p> <p>Dr. Karla Adesso, <i>Tennessee State University</i> Management of wood boring beetles in southeastern landscapes Wood boring beetles are major problems in landscape settings. This presentation will discuss the identification of wood boring beetle groups, their biology, prevention and management options.</p>
<p>Thursday, September 19</p>	<p>Dr. Fereshteh Shahoveisi, <i>University of Maryland</i> Research-Informed Strategies for Managing Brown Patch and Gray Leaf Spot in Lawns This talk will focus on the background information and results of research projects in the management of brown patch in tall fescue and also gray leaf spot that affects perennial ryegrass and tall fescue. Fertilization and chemical management will be discussed.</p> <p>Dr. Jonathan Larson, <i>University of Kentucky</i> Bugs of the Bluegrass Jonathan Larson of the University of Kentucky will join to talk about the major pests of turf and ornamentals currently active in the state of Kentucky as well as the upcoming invasive species that pose the most risk to the green industry. The biology and management of each pest will be covered.</p>
<p>Thursday, November 14</p>	<p>Industry Update: Turfgrass Dr. Patrick McCullough, <i>Dept of Crop and Soil Sciences, University of Georgia</i>; and, Dr. Alfredo Martinez, <i>Dept of Plant Pathology, University of Georgia</i> Plant pathogens and weeds continue to be major challenges for turfgrass managers, including golf courses, sod farms, and residential and public landscapes. The speakers will update the audience regarding the recent research findings on effective insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides against various pest species. The speakers will discuss any new information affecting the turfgrass industry, such as new cultivars, changes in existing regulations, etc.</p> <p>Industry Update: Ornamentals Dr. Shimat V. Joseph, <i>Dept of Entomology, University of Georgia</i>; and Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward, <i>Dept of Plant Pathology, University of Georgia</i></p>

	<p>Insects and plant pathogens remain major challenges for ornamental nursery managers and landscape managers. The speakers will update the audience on recent research findings on effective insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides against various pest species. The speakers will discuss any new information affecting the ornamental industry, such as new cultivars, changes in existing regulations, etc.</p>
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