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PAST NEWSLETTERS

Commercial Flower Growers of Wisconsin - Field Day at UW West Madison Ag Research Station

August 6, 2009
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8502 Mineral Point Road
Madison, WI 53593
608-262-2257

Field Trials of Annuals & Perennials. See trials of Yellow Calibrachoa, Lobelia and Lantana from most U.S. suppliers. Member or not everyone welcome!

Plus there will be many new introductions for the 2010 spring season. There are unusual and attractive new Sophistica vegetative Petunias, Voltage Osteospermum, Verde Talinum, Breathless Euphorbia in addition to the Lobelia, Lantana and Calibrachoa trials. These are just a few of the new and previous plant releases growing in the West Madison trials this year.

It's a wonderful opportunity for growers and retailers to see how these varieties perform in Wisconsin.

In addition Roy Klehm will speak about plant trials. Mr. Klehm is from Klehm's Song Sparrow Perennial Farms a Wisconsin producer and catalog retailer of fine perennials. Also the U.W.'s bug and sick plants experts Phil Pelletteri and Brian Hudelson will speak about problems with insects and diseases in Wisconsin greenhouses and gardens.

Plastic Pot Recycling

[Boerner Botanical Gardens](#) and UW-Extension will be hosting a Plastic NurseryPot Recycling event, September 24-26.

The partnership is collecting any size, any color of plastic nursery pots with recycling numbers 2, 5 and 6 plastic pots. (The recycling number is in a triangle on the bottom of the pot.) Polystyrene cell packs and trays, hanging baskets, plastic landscape edging, greenhouse poly film, irrigation drip tape and plastic fertilizer and mulch bags (empty, of course) are also being accepted.

Plastic nursery materials will be collected at Boerner Botanical Gardens on September 24-26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All debris and dirt should be knocked off pots and all metal hangers and staples should be removed before bringing materials to Boerner. Participants will be asked to unload their materials, sort and stack them by pot size and recycling number at the collection

IGC Update

The IGC Show in Chicago is shaping up to be the place to be for garden retailers in mid-August (18-20, to be exact). The store tour (August 17) is 62% ahead of last year's registration numbers, and there are still seats on the buses. The show itself is also ahead of last year's attendance numbers, and registration is still open.

If you register by July 31 (next Friday), you'll save \$200 compared to registering later. Click [HERE](#) to go to the online registration page.

Garlic Mustard Field Day

Brown and Door County UW Extension are jointly hosting a Garlic Mustard Field Day on August 12, 10 a.m. - noon at Peninsula State Park in Door County. The field day will focus on the treatment results of a research study conducted by Dr. Mark Renz, UW Extension Weed Science Specialist.

The event is free to the public. [Copy of Flyer.](#)

2009 BFG Hort Expo's

These are scheduled for August 25-26 in Brooklyn Center, MN and September 1 in Hoffman Estates, IL. [To register](#)

Topics to be covered include:

- Update on Fungicides
- Obtaining consistent results with PGR's
- Using PGR's on herbaceous perennials
- New Annual Varieties for 2010
- Creating a Usable Marketing Plan
- Creating a Website for Your Business
- A New Breakthrough in Greenhouse Heating

Cultivate e-Magazine

On-line magazines are becoming more common, providing direct links to useful information for growers and retailers.

The latest is "[Cultivate e-Magazine](#)" an ornamental production e-magazine incorporating content from Syngenta Professional Products, Goldsmith Seeds, Syngenta Flowers and Conrad Fafard.

Registration is required, but it is free.

Topics included in the first issue:

- Planting media and cultural practices
- Pest management strategies
- Growing great mums

Raleigh turns to flower, solar power

The Public Utilities Department of Raleigh, N.C., has planted about 50 acres of sunflowers to harvest the seeds for oil. The oil will be processed to produce biodiesel. Department officials hope the biodiesel could then be used to operate the city's farm equipment.

The city is also leasing 10 acres of land near the treatment plant to Southern Energy Management and NxGen Power to install solar panels that will generate 1.7 kilowatt hours of electricity annually, reports The News Observer. The amount of power that will be generated is about the equivalent to energy used by 200 homes for a year.

Learn more about Raleigh's eco-friendly initiatives on the GreenBeam blog, [Project: Green Industry.](#)

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No Newsletter

There will be no newsletter August 10, 2009

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