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Clifford D. Ruth

March 1st- Landscape Management Workshop, Deerfield Episcopal Retirement  
Deerfield Retirement  
Registration form inside  
March 6th-  
8:30– 4:00 WNC Turfgrass Conference,  
The NC Arboretum.  
Register on line at http://www.cvent.com/events/2012-western-north-carolina-turfgrass-conference/event-summary-a7143e21b9cc472ea92256488e3bf55b.aspx or call 828-255-5522 or 884-3109

March 27th-  
8:30– 4:00 Nursery Management Workshop,  
MHREC/Highland Creek Nursery,  
Mills River/Fletcher NC

You MUST bring your card to training. This class has been approved for Continuing Certification Credit in the following subclass(es): V. Private- Recert/Safety Class

April 3rd,  
6-8:00 p.m. Pesticide Safety Training,  
Buncombe County Extension Center  
94 Coxe Avenue,  
Asheville NC

You MUST bring your card to training. This class has been approved for Continuing Certification Credit in the following subclass(es): A. Aquatic B. Public Health L. Ornamental & Turf K. Ag Pest - Animal M. Seed Treatment D. Dealer N. Demonstration & Research O. Ag Pest - Plant X. Private

April 17th,  
3:00-5:00 p.m. Pesticide Specialty Training,  
Buncombe County Center,  
94 Coxe Avenue,  
Asheville NC

You MUST bring your card to training. This class has been approved for Continuing Certification Credit in the following subclass(es): A. Aquatic K. Ag Pest - Animal B. Public Health L. Ornamental & Turf T. Wood Treatment G. Forest M. Seed Treatment D. Dealer H. Right-of-Way N. Demonstration & Research I. Regulatory O. Ag Pest - Plant X. Private

April 24th  
2:30—4:30 p.m. IPM for Green Industry Professionals,  
Buncombe County Center,  
94 Coxe Avenue,  
Asheville NC

Pesticide Credits offered in categories X, L, N, and D.  
Please bring your own samples.  
We will be covering pest problems that are current in nursery and landscape settings around Western NC.
Landscape Management Workshop

Thursday, March 1, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 8:30 am
$25 includes lunch
Registration deadline, February 22 2010
Event will take place at Deerfield Retirement Community at 1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville NC, 28803
For more information contact: Buncombe County: (828) 255-5522
email: Cliff Ruth at cdruth@ncsu.edu or Melinda Roberts at melinda_roberts@ncsu.edu
Limited to the first-paid 60 participants - registration deadline February 24 2012
Please make checks out to Buncombe County (On memo line: Attn: Landscape) and mail to
Buncombe County Cooperative Extension
94 Coxe Ave, Asheville NC, 28801
Attendees will learn about landscape sustainability by practicing site analysis, diagnosis and evaluation.
Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Phone and/or email ________________________________________
Number of persons attending ____________________________
Names other than above ____________________________
Price Number of Persons Total included
$25.00 X ______ = ______
___ YES! I would like an interpreter (Spanish)
___ I would like a vegetarian meal

Transitions

Greetings from Buncombe County Cooperative Extension Center. I am not a new face to any of you but want to introduce myself as I will be in transition for the next few weeks and taking on a somewhat new role. I am Cliff Ruth; for the past 14+ years I have been the Area Extension Agent for Henderson and Transylvania Counties working with the Green Industry. The change that will be occurring will that I will becoming the new Extension Area Agent for Buncombe and Transylvania Counties. This change will result in a new agent taking on a combined role in Henderson County.

As the newsletter title indicates, this newsletter will be a team effort. This team consists of myself, Nursery Crops Specialist: Dr. Anthony Lebude; Buncombe County Small Farm’s Agent- Melinda Roberts; and Haywood County Horticulture Agent Tim Mathews. As we complete the transition we hope to add additional names from time to time joining us to compliment the team.

If you are still receiving this newsletter in print format and wish to switch to the more economical version of e-mail please advise us. This will result in extra more timely information, particularly during the growing season, regarding pest management tips, weather issues, and urgent alerts that we may send out electronically through our blog.

Although the numbers for our offices are on the front of this newsletter, here they are again. Buncombe County Extension Center: 828-255-5522, Haywood County Center: 828-456-3575 Henderson County Center: 828-697-4891, and Transylvania County Center: 828-884-3109. My personal schedule is still in flux so please bear with the secretaries as they take your calls. Typically, they will e-mail me and I’ll return your call from where-ever I am on that particular day. If you have e-mail please contact any of us directly.

Nursery Cover Crop Survey

Survey of Cover Crop Use in Field Production of Woody Ornamentals.

Please complete the enclosed survey if you are a field grower of nursery crops. Results will be used to prioritize research and extension efforts to investigate integration of cover crops into nursery production. It takes only 7 minutes to complete.

This project is led by Dr. Anthony LeBude in the Dept. of Horticultural Science and funded by the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service and the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association (NCNLA).

ALL RESPONSES ARE ANONYMOUS AND KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. YOUR RESPONSES CANNOT BE LINKED TO YOU IN ANY WAY AND WILL ONLY BE SEEN BY THE SURVEY OWNER (ANTHONY LEBUDE). AS A FURTHER PRECAUTION, ONLY AVERAGES, AND NOT INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES, WILL BE REPORTED.

An overview of the results will be published in Nursery Notes magazine.

You may also follow this link to complete the survey online: http://go.ncsu.edu/covercrops:ces