David L. Lee
41 Park Lane
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 713-6534 (phone)

- **Owner, Sales & Grower**: David Lee
- **Square feet/ acres of business**: 1 acre container and field grown trees.
- **Grand opening date**: 2007
- **Product mix**:
  - **Container Stock**
    - Red Maples – October Glory - 15 gal 8’ – 10’
    - Sugar Maples – Commemoration - 15 gal 8’ – 10’
    - Serviceberry – Amelanchier Lamarcki - 15 gal 4’ – 6”
    - Kwansin Cherry – 15 gal 8’ - 10’
    - Hemlock – No shearing - 3 gal 18” – 24”
  - **Field Grown**:
    - Hemlock Ball and Burlaped Semisheared 3’ – 5’
      - Semisheared 4’ – 6’

- **Clientele**: Wholesale to the green industry
- **Comments**: Buy locally grown plants and support a local grower. David has a current NCDA inspection for local and out-of state sales. Delivery available. Delivery charge based upon mileage and order size. A 10% discount is available on the #2’s and mitigation trees if you need more than 10. Payment is expected when trees are picked up, or delivered.
Calendar of Events

Fall 08
North Carolina Arboretum. 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC. The arboretum has wonderful educational programs throughout the year. Check them out!! Visit their website at: www.ncarboretum.org

Fall 08
Asheville Botanical Gardens. 151 W. T. Weaver Boulevard, Asheville, NC. Check out the educational programs the Asheville Botanical Gardens have to offer. Visit their website at: www.ashevillebotanicalgardens.org

November 2

November 9
Beekeeping: An Introduction. To be held at the Folk Art Center, 1pm – 4pm. Please register by contacting the Extension Office, 255-5522 or by visiting wncbees.org for more information.

January 13-17
‘Green & Growin’ Trade Show & Educational Seminars. Greensboro, N.C. This show provides a marketplace for plants, equipment, supplies and services used in the production and sale of plants and installation of landscapes. Industry professionals can view the latest in agricultural equipment, landscaping materials, plants, trees, nursery supplies, fertilizers, and pesticides. For more info. visit the NC Nursery & Landscape Association, www.ncan.com

January 27-29
NC Turfgrass Conference. Raleigh, N.C. For more information visit the Turfgrass Council of NC, www.ncturfgrass.org

February
WNC Beginners Beekeeping School. To be held at Warren Wilson College for two consecutive weekends, TBA. Visit www.wncbees.org for more details

March 10
WNC Turfgrass Conference. NC Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC.

March 21-22

Commercial & Private Applicators Pesticide License Exams

Exam registration is required. Contact the Pesticide Section of NCDA, 919-733-3556 to register. All exams are given at 1:00pm unless noted otherwise. Exams are given all over the state, but some local scheduled exams are below:

11/18/2008 – Clyde, NC Haywood Community College. Test only.
12/3/2008 – Charlotte, NC NC Cooperative Extension. Test only.

Commercial Horticulture
Pesticide Recertification Classes

***Please visit North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Section for a list of recertification opportunities throughout N.C.: http://www.ncagr.com/SPCAP/pesticides/index.htm

Pesticide Safety Training Sessions (Category V)

None at this time

Pesticide Specialty Training Sessions

11/11/2008 – Pest Contril for Lawns and Landscapes,, Category LNDX (5.5 credits). Class will be held at the NC Arboretum. Please call Bruce Williams, 910-313-6785 to pre-register.

Sudden Oak Death Update

How good are your records in determining where you got a particular plant or where that plant went when you eventually sold or installed it. Case in point:

In mid-June 2008, a retail nursery in the greater – Charlotte NC area was found to have Phytophthora ramorum on several Ericaceous species of container – grown plants. Subsequently, as a part of the trace-forward effort to locate plants that left the NC nursery, a small retail nursery in the Greenville, SC area was identified as a recipient of potentially infected plants.

Surveys of that nursery detected P. ramorum in DNA samples from Rhododendron, Kalmia and Pieris plants. To date, P. ramorum was recovered only from plant samples and not from container mix, soil or water samples.*

If the Charlotte nursery had been yours would you have been able to trace that sale? Backward and forward? After all, our success in beating this disease depends on our industry’s ability to do just that. Here are some things to think about in reviewing your own recording and coding systems.

You should be able to identify the species and variety, amount, date and the name of the originator for any plant in your inventory, at any time. Hopefully you’ll also be able to document the monitoring or scouting that you performed as well as any action that you took as a result. Knowing that you used a particular fungicide, for example, may help identify those products to which P. ramorum has developed a resistance or which perhaps temporally mask its symptoms.

Being able to recall the location of plant within your nursery would be useful not only in identifying other plants and species that may be infected but also for checking your management practices.

Your part in the trace-forward obviously should be able to identify the purchaser or receiver and also how to contact them.

These records should be maintained for at least a two-year period.

For more background on Best Management Practices in dealing with Phytophthora ramorum see:

www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/activities/societies/ornamental/Pramorum_BMPs_suslow.pdf

* Extracted from the Oak Mortality Task Force Report, September 2008

Thanks to Glenn Palmer, Buncombe County Master Gardener for this article.
North Carolina Farm Energy Efficiency Project

North Carolina Farm Bureau will host a series of meetings to discuss a new program to make your farm more energy efficient. Presentations will highlight the program and elaborate on how NCFB can provide extremely low cost farm energy assessments. Representatives from USDA will be on hand to discuss how this program leads into their 9007 (REAP) program which provides grants and loan guarantees for energy improvements.

**Tuesday Nov. 11th - 7:00 pm – Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Ext. Center**
Mills River, NC

We look forward to seeing you!

RSVP Contact:
Scott Welborn
919-782-1705 ex. 8209
scott.welborn@NCFB.org
www.ncfarmenergy.org

Ornamental & Floriculture Update Workshop on November 20th

**When:** November 20th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm
**Where:** Burnsville Town Center

To register please call the Yancey County Extension Center at (828)682-6186 or e-mail norma_chrisawn@ncsu.edu.

2. **“Disease Management in Ornamentals”,** Dr. Kelly Ivors, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist, Dept. of Plant Pathology, NC State University.
3. **“Ornamental & Floriculture Industry Update”,** Dr. Anthony LeBude, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist, NC State University.
4. **“Marketing Update”,** Bill Glenn, Marketing Specialist NC Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

**Pesticide credits will be available**

ATTENTION GROWERS! Commodity Meeting with Dean of Agriculture!!

There are a series of regional commodity meetings scheduled this fall with Dean Johnny Wynne of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at N.C.State University. It’s a great opportunity to meet the Dean and ask questions that you may have. One meeting is scheduled close to home:

**When:** December 3, 2008 (11am-2pm)
**Where:** Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center Mills River, NC

Many of you are members of the various state commodity organizations and we would like to have you attend. We have sent the invitation to all the commodity groups in the state. If you serve as liaison to any of the commodity organizations located in western NC please remind them of this opportunity. Dean Wynne invites you also to attend this meeting.

Participants can register on line for the meeting at or call the Extension Office: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=197](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=197).
2008 Mailing List Update/Survey

Each year we are required by Federal law to update our mailing list. If you would like to continue receiving the Commercial Horticulture Newsletter, you must return this form by December 1, 2008. Thank you! And please let me know how I am doing!!

_____ Yes, please keep my name on the mailing list for the Commercial Horticulture Newsletter.

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

_____ Yes, I prefer the newsletter emailed to me. My email address is: __________________________________________________________________

1) To what extent do you read this newsletter?
   1. read most of the articles   3. read very few articles
   2. read some of the articles   4. do not read any

2) To what extent did you learn about commercial horticulture from this newsletter?
   1. very much   3. little
   2. much   4. very little

3) Have you changed your practices/behavior/attitude in any way as a result of the Commercial Horticulture Newsletter &/or workshops? If YES, please explain.

4) Do you have any suggestions for workshops in 2009?

5) How could this newsletter be further improved?

6) Overall, how satisfied are you with this newsletter?
   1. very satisfied   3. somewhat satisfied
   2. satisfied   4. not satisfied

* PLEASE REMIT
Forest Landowner’s Workshop

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program announces a Field Forestry Workshop at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center (http://www.lakelogan.org/map and directions) near Canton, NC, on Wednesday, November 12 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. The morning session will feature speakers on the advantages of active forest management and tax strategies, including forest health and wildlife habitat enhancements. Local forestland owners will also speak on their experiences in developing stewardship plans for their properties.

The afternoon session will feature field tours of a nearby private forest property being managed for multiple purposes and forest/wildlife management activities on the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission’s Cold Mountain Game Land surrounding Lake Logan. The NC Division of Forest Resources will provide transportation for the tours and a complimentary lunch will be served at the Lake Logan facility. The workshop is provided free of charge courtesy of the North Carolina Tree Farm Program and local supporters.

Call the NC Cooperative Extension - Haywood County Center at 828-456-3575 to register for the workshop. For more information on the NC Tree Farm Program go to http://www.nctreefarm.org/. For more information on the Lake Logan workshop contact:

Local NC Tree Farm Contact:
Steve Henson
Southern Appalachian Multiple Use Council
828-627-3333
Shenson1@earthlink.net
252-975-3278 or 252-947-2345(cell)
DWWForester@aol.com

WNC AgOptions Grants for Farmers: Deadline Jan. 23, 2009!!

Farmers in Western North Carolina will have the opportunity to apply for grant funds through NC Cooperative Extension for the next 3 years, to support their efforts in evaluating alternative farm income opportunities. In 2009, WNC AgOptions will award grants valued at $3,000, $6,000, or $9,000 through a competitive application and review process. Awards will total $225,000 each year within 17 western NC counties and the Cherokee Reservation. The ultimate impact is preservation of the family farm. Award recipients are encouraged to explore crop diversification, ways to replace lost tobacco income and marketing & production techniques that demonstrate economic sustainability.

The grant will be provided by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, which will partner with Rural Advancement Foundation International(RAFI) and the WNC Agricultural Options program accept applications and monitor the recipients’ projects. Through this partnership, WNC AgOptions, a program established in 2004 and managed by NC Cooperative Extension Centers in the West District, will continue assisting mountain farmers transitioning from tobacco and other drops through 2011.

Examples of past WNC AgOptions projects include:

- Transition from tobacco production to ornamentals, berries, trout farms or agritourism;
- Improvements of existing operations, including horse boarding, mum production and chooese and cut Christmas trees;
- Creative markets for livestock, including goats for invasive plants removal grass-finished beef and naturally grown pork;
- Beekeeping, including integrated pest management and queen-reearing
- Nativekeeping, including integrated pest management and queen-reering
- Native plants nursery start-ups
- Season extension for vegetables

Interested farmers and representatives of agricultural cooperatives or associations may obtain application from their local NC Cooperative Ext. Center or at www.wncagoptions.org. They are encouraged to contact their local agricultural extension agent by Dec. 1 to discuss and research their project. During the next few months, various regional meetings will also review application instructions and project ideas. Applications must be postmarked by January 23. Award recipients will be announced in February.
Local Choose & Cut Christmas Trees

- **Sandy Hollar Farm**  
  63 Sandy Hollar Lane  
  Leicester, NC  28748  
  (828) 683-3645  
  **Directions:** From Asheville take NC 63 (Leicester Highway) – 11 miles to N, Turkey Creek Road (left); go 1 ½ miles to split, veer right. Go 6 miles to Robinson Cove Road on right. Farm is 2nd drive on left past Robinson Cove Road (Sandy Hollow Lane) or call for directions.  
  **Operating hours and dates:** For Choose & Cut, Saturday & Sunday, 9 am – 4:30 pm beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 22-23 through December 14, subject to availability.  
  **Tree species & height:** Fraser Fir 4 feet and up. Field grown landscape trees & shrubs.  
  **Accessories & Special Services:** Wreaths, garland, gift shop, refreshments.

- **Reeves Tree Farm**  
  Leicester, NC  
  (828) 779-0115, (828) 683-3152  
  **Directions:** From Asheville take NC 63 (Leicester Hwy.) – 18 miles from Patton Avenue. Please call for specific directions.  
  **Operating hours & dates:** For Choose & Cut, Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5:00 pm beginning Thanksgiving Day through Christmas. Call ahead for other dates.  
  **Tree species & height:** Fraser Fir 4-10 feet  
  **Accessories & Special Services:** Wreaths and refreshments.

*Individuals with disabilities who would like to participate in any program mentioned in this newsletter, but who need special assistance to do so, should call the Extension Center at 828-255-5522 at least five days prior to the event.*