Grower Spotlight

G & R Nursery
24 Luckenbach Drive
Fairview, NC 28730
(828) 628-1695

- **Owner, Sales & Grower:** Wayne Reeves & Karen Goessl
- **Square feet/acres of business:** ½ acre
- **Grand opening date:** Summer 2007!
- **Product mix:** Propagation nursery - Thuja ‘Green Giant’ liners
- **Clientele:** Wholesale to nurseries
- **New & upcoming:** Expanding product line this November
- **Comments:** G & R Nursery is one of our newest editions to the Green Industry in Western North Carolina. As a propagation nursery, they will be a valuable asset for other growers. Specializing in a Leyland Cypress ‘alternative’, they are propagating Thuja ‘Green Giant’. Currently, they have 4,200 Thuja ‘Green Giant’ liners. Those ready are 3 to 7 inches tall. 1,800 are in 2½ inch pots, 32 to a flat. The 10 to 12 inch liners will be $1.25 each, the smaller ones $0.75 each. They will be sending fliers to nurseries, as they expand their product line in November, so growers will have it for spring. G & R will be using Wilt-Pruf on the Thuja for the winter, to help stop the wind burn which can occur without it.

Give ‘em a call and support your local businesses and growers!!!
Calendar of Events

Fall 2007
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 2007
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

Fall 2007
The Bullington Center. 33 Upper Red Oak Trail, Hendersonville, NC. Check out the educational programs offered this fall on topics like plant propagation, soils, pruning, wreath making and more! Visit their website at: www.bullingtoncenter.org or call (828) 698-6104

October 13-14
12th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo. N. C. Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC. (828) 665-2492

October 19-November 30
Certified Turfgrass Professional Short Course. N. C. Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC. Sponsored by N. C. Cooperative Extension and N. C. Turfgrass Council. Class will meet Fridays from 1:00-6:00 pm. Registration is $100. To register or for more info: http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=events&event_id=9660 or call (828) 255-5522.

November 8
Mountain Region Tree Farmers Workshop. Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Fletcher, NC. Workshop will address helping family forest landowners to better understand the present use value (PUV) tax exemption for their forest land and methods of developing a personalized forest management plan. To pre-register for the workshop contact Buncombe County Extension Center, (828) 255-5522.

January 5-10, 2008
N. C. Turfgrass Conference. Raleigh, NC. For more information visit the Turfgrass Council of NC: www.ncturfgrass.org

January 15-19, 2008
Green & Growin’ Trade Show & Educational Seminars. Greensboro, NC. For more info visit the N. C. Nursery and Landscape Association, www.ncan.com

February 2, 3, 9 & 10, 2008
Beginner Bee Keeping School. Brought to you by the Buncombe County Beekeepers and Buncombe County Cooperative Extension. The school is FREE except for the cost of the book. Great school for adults and kids! The school will be held at the Folk Art Center off the Blue Ridge Parkway. To register and for more info contact the Extension Center, (828) 255-5522 or visit: www.wncbees.org

February 21-22, 2008
Landscape Maintenance Workshop. Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Fletcher, NC. Agenda TBA. Pesticide credits will be available. Stay tuned for more information!!

March 8-9, 2008
15th Annual Organic Growers School. Blue Ridge Community College, Flat Rock, NC. For more info visit: www.organicgrowersschool.org
Pesticide Recertification Classes

*NOTE – Pesticide Division website has changed! See below for new web address.

Pesticide Safety Training Sessions (Category V)

10/19/2007 – Asheville, NC. 5.5 hours credit A B G H I K L M N O T D X. Smart Pest Management. Contact: Dr. Bruce Williams, (910) 313-6785

Please call to pre-register.

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

Mountain Region Tree Farmer Workshop

*Mountain Horticultural Crops Research & Extension Center*

*November 8, 2007 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program announces a field forestry workshop at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center in Fletcher, NC on Thursday, November 8, 2007, 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. Tree Farmers Dwight Batts from Wilson County and Dr. Bob Cooper from Forsyth County will discuss the advantages of Tree Farm Certification to family forest owners.

The afternoon session will feature a field tour of a nearby family forest in Henderson County owned by Tree Farmer Alan Bly. Consulting Forester Monty Wooten of Asheville, NC will assist Mr. Bly in discussing forest management practices in use on his property. Transportation to the Tree Farm will be provided by the NC Division of Forest Resources and a complimentary lunch will be served at the horticultural center prior to departure. The workshop is provided free of charge courtesy of the North Carolina Tree Farm Program and local supporters.

Call Amanda Stone at the N. C. Cooperative Extension in Buncombe County at (828) 255-5522 or contact by email at: Amanda_Stone@ncsu.edu to register for the workshop.

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2008 Beginning Beekeepers' School

The Buncombe County Chapter of the North Carolina Beekeepers Association are accepting reservations for their 2008 Beginning Beekeepers’ School which is scheduled for February 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2008, at the Folk Art Center. The school is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required to ensure students a seat in the 270-capacity classroom and a copy of printed materials. The preferred registration site is online at: wncbees.org; people without internet access should call the Buncombe County Extension Center at (828) 255-5522.

2005 Chapter of the Year, Buncombe Beekeepers will again procure sponsorships to enable the awarding of a minimum of 10 scholarship hives to first time beekeepers who attend all sessions, have the highest test scores and meet other requirements.

The school will include six main lecture periods with presentations and demonstrations by local and regional beekeeping experts.
**Stop Invasions Now!**

*A Workshop on the Prevention and Early Detection of Invasive Plants*

*October 23-24, 2007 - Carnegie Hotel, Johnson City, Tennessee*

**What will you learn?**

Some of the country’s leading experts in management practices that prevent introductions and enhance early detection will share what are now becoming “best practices” for all types of activities that might spread invasives. Learn how to adapt these management practices to fit your specific management objectives. Learn how Cooperative Weed Management Areas involving state, federal, municipal and private partners can be structured for greatest effectiveness.

**Why should you attend this workshop?**

Success at limiting new introductions to the southern Appalachians will require the collective efforts of all of us who have responsibility for land and water resource management. Park and protected land managers, watershed managers, foresters, transportation biologists, and many others will benefit—and have a key role in—preventing introduction and minimizing the spread of new invasive species. Every effort at prevention reduces costly management needs later.

**How do you participate?**

The workshop is part of the annual SAMAB Conference. Go to www.samab.org to register and for the most up-to-date agenda (click on the conference link). A $100 advance registration fee is a small investment in invasives prevention. Continental breakfasts, dinner on October 23, and “take home” resources that you can use after the workshop are included. For more information contact Susan Schexnayder, schexnayder@utk.edu, (865) 974-5912 or Nancy Fraley, nancy_fraley@nps.gov, (828) 296-0850 extension 100.

**Invasive Plant Ecology and Management**

*October 23 & 24, 2007 - JC Raulston Arboretum, N.C. State University, Raleigh, NC*

[www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/invasives/workshop.html](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/invasives/workshop.html)

**About the Workshop**

One of the top threats to plant and animal communities in North Carolina is the continued introduction and spread of invasive plants. Professionals tasked with conserving native communities must be knowledgeable of invasive plant identification and control. This workshop will provide attendees with training on how to identify invasive, exotic plants, knowledge about the ecology of the plants, and techniques to effectively and efficiently control the plants’ spread. The workshop will include classroom instruction, demonstrations, and field exercises with case studies and specimen identification. Ultimately, attendees should come away from the workshop with cost-effective approaches, and clear strategies for more successful management of invasive plants.

**Accreditation**

This workshop has been approved for 13 hours category one (1) Society of American Foresters CFE accreditation, and 12 hours NCDA herbicide/pesticide applicator credits. The International Society of Arboriculturists has assigned 12 hours Arborist, 6 hours BCMA Science, and 4 hours BCMA Management.

**Workshop Location**

The workshop will be held at the JC Raulston Arboretum on the campus of N. C. State University. A block of specially priced hotel rooms has been arranged for the nights of October 22 and 23 at the Ramada Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. The rate is $75 per person single- or double-occupancy and this hotel is located less than 2 miles from the JC Raulston Arboretum. *Phone: (919) 832-4100 and request the group name Invasive Plant Workshop.*

**Registration and Fees**

The registration deadline is October 15. The workshop fee is $195 (please contact us for organizational group rates). The registration fee includes refreshments and lunches, transportation to and from field trip sites, handouts of subject matter, and a full-color terrestrial invasive species pocket guide. Registering for the workshop can be done by mail or fax using *the registration form* [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/invasives/Inv-wksp.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/invasives/Inv-wksp.pdf) that is part of the workshop pamphlet. You may also choose to register using MasterCard or Visa at the *FEOP Registration Store: www.ncsu-feop.org* [http://www.ncsu-feop.org](http://www.ncsu-feop.org). Please contact us to learn about group discounts at (919) 515-9563.
2007 Review & 2008 Needs Assessment
& Mailing List Update
Commercial Horticulture and Pesticide Education
Buncombe County

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 November 1, 2007. 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: _______________________________________________________

*Do you prefer email (please include email address)________________________

1) Did the workshops and/or newsletter affect your commercial horticulture/pesticide education knowledge?
   _____ no _____ a little _____ some _____ a lot

2) How would you rate the program (newsletter and workshops) on a scale of 1 to 5 - 5 being excellent?
   A. Amount of information you actually used _______________
   B. Value to you _____________
   C. Value to Buncombe County ____________

3) Have you changed your practices/behavior/attitude in any way as a result of the Commercial Horticulture and Pesticide Education newsletter and/or programs?
   __________ Yes How? _____________________________________________
   __________ No

4) Do you have any suggestions for educational programs in 2008 or suggestions for the Commercial Horticulture Newsletter?

5) What would you estimate as the dollar value for benefits received this year?
   _____ less the $100 _____ $100-$1,000 _____ $2,000-$10,000 _____ >$10,000
Introduction to Planning and Planting Stream Restoration Projects

NC Arboretum Library, Asheville, North Carolina
October 25, 2007
http://www.ncsu.edu/srp/veg_workshop.html

Planning a stream restoration project? Do you want to enlist the surrounding air and water to work for you, strengthening your project over time? Make your planting plans work! Reducing erosion and providing habitat are two common stream restoration goals. Both goals depend heavily on success of planting and growth. Mitigation projects are awarded credit on the basis of planting success. Planting is sometimes treated as a minor finishing detail of restoration projects, going unrecognized as a vital key to structural and ecological effectiveness. Who should attend – This is a beginning level workshop, appropriate for folks who have never managed a restoration planting project, or who’ve managed one and been frustrated with the process and the results. Also useful for professionals who deal with only one aspect – designing or planting or maintenance – to see the whole picture. Planting contractors and landscapers who wish to move into riparian restoration work can learn about special considerations.

Please register online at:

http://www.ncsu.edu/srp/veg_workshop.html

Instructors:
Lara Rozzell, Extension Associate
Karen Hall, Extension Associate
Jon Calabria, Extension Associate
Cliff Ruth, Area Extension Agent, Agriculture

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WNC Green Industry News BLOG!!!!

If you haven’t checked out the internet BLOG for the WNC Green Industry, you should! It is updated daily with news and pertinent information including job announcements, classifieds, important websites, pest alerts, workshop information and more!

The web address is: www.wncgreennews.blogspot.com

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- **Owner, Sales:** Carol Holcombe
- **Product mix:** Specializes in offering locally grown natives, perennials, annuals, vegetable transplants, trees and shrubs. Organic lawn, landscape and garden products
- **Clientele:** Retail and 20% off to landscapers, builders and contractors and farmers
- **New and upcoming:** Mountain Harvest would like to market more plants, veggies and ornamentals, which have been grown more naturally without the use of pesticides. If you are a nursery that grows with minimal pesticide use, Mountain Harvest could be a great outlet for your plants!
- **Special Services:** Full service florist and gift shop and friendly, knowledgeable staff
- **Comments:** Looking for organic landscape and lawn care products? Organic soil amendments of fertilizers? Compost? Mountain Harvest is the only licensed distributor of Fertrell Organic products in Western North Carolina! Check out Fertrell’s website – [www.fertrell.com](http://www.fertrell.com). Whether you are a vegetable farmer, home gardener, nurseryman, building contractor or landscaper these products are for you! With plants, typically the root of all problems arises from a poor soil. The first step to happy, healthy plants is improving a poor soil with organic amendments!! Fertrell also has available a livestock and poultry line. So, if you are looking for good organic chicken feed, here is your source.

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*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.*