

# OKTOBERPEST

## Pest Management Workshops for Greenhouse and Nursery Employees Every Thursday in October



Bewildered by bugs? Want schooling on the best way to beat borers? Having trouble keeping up with invasive pest threats? Vowing vengeance on snails and slugs? Come to our 2017 OktoberPest workshops! OktoberPest is a series of workshops designed to help improve knowledge about pest management. This year we will focus on pest insect order recognition, boring insects, invasive species, and slug and snail management in commercial nurseries.

Our workshops and information sessions provide a focused learning environment for pest management professionals. Classes are held Thursday mornings at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center, 15201 NE Miley Rd, Aurora, Oregon. Still one of the best deals around, we're keeping our registration fees low for each workshop. The agenda and the registration flyer are available at the workshop/classes link at the PNW Nursery IPM website, <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/Workshopsclasses.htm>.

### **Oct. 5 Name that Bug! Recognition of Key Insect Orders of Ornamental Plant Pests (taught in Spanish)**

Luisa Santamaria, Department of Botany/Plant Pathology, Oregon State University/NWREC and Margaret Bayne, OSU (retired).

The participants of this workshop will learn visual recognition of key insect orders that contain pests of ornamental plants in the Pacific Northwest as well as their associated damage. The second part of this session will emphasize hands-on activities with prepared specimens and images for identification. A check for correct identification and comprehension will follow.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Oct. 12 The Boring Workshop: A Primer on Insects that Bore into Nursery Stock**

Robin Rosetta and Nik Wiman, Department of Horticulture, OSU/NWREC Extension

Participants will learn basic biology, identification, damage, and management of the most common boring insect species in nurseries. There will be a focus on Pacific flatheaded borer management (PFB). Biology and management of PFB, including what they have learned in hazelnut production, will be discussed.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Oct. 19 Meet the Neighbors: An Update on Emerging Plant Pest Issues**

Robin Rosetta and David Lowenstein, Department of Horticulture, OSU/NWREC; Jana Lee, USDA/ARS, Corvallis; and Clint Burfitt, ODA, Salem.

Participants will learn basic biology, identification, and damage of recently detected and emerging plant pests as well as species likely to be introduced. This session includes updates on azalea lace bug Japanese beetle, brown marmorated stink bug and spotted wing *Drosophila*.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Oct. 26 Slime and Punishment: Integrated Pest Management of Snails and Slugs.**

James Coupland, FarmForest Research, Almonte ON; Rory Mc Donnell, Crop and Soil Science Dept., OSU; and Robin Rosetta, OSU Extension/NWREC

The participants will learn the basics of ID followed by a hands on workshop of the most common species encountered in nurseries. This presentation will emphasize monitoring, biological, cultural, physical, and chemical management of slug and snail pests in nurseries. Note: **This workshop has an afternoon field session and lunch with be included.**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For further information about these classes, contact Jan Egli at 971-801-0387 or e-mail at [jan.egli@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jan.egli@oregonstate.edu). Spanish language program: Luisa Santamaria 971-801-0389. We have applied for Pesticide Recertification Credits for all workshops.

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