

Cranberry Station Newsletter

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CRANBERRY STATION BOGSIDE WORKSHOPS

This season, we will be holding two more bogside workshops. The first workshop will focus on **Fairy Ring** and the second on **Weed Management.** The format is informal - so come with your questions. Mark your calendars with these dates.

#1 Bogside Workshop - Dr. Peter Oudemans and Dr. James Polashock, plant pathologists from the Marucci Center, Rutgers University, Chatsworth, NJ, have worked on fairy ring disease for several years. Fairy ring has become nearly as important as fruit rot and Phytophthora root rot in cranberry beds in New Jersey, and it has increased in incidence in Massachusetts in the past few years as well. Peter and Jim will discuss their research findings and relate them to our situation in Massachusetts. We will be convening at Field Bog, a bed planted with Ben Lear vines that may have the worst instance of the disease in the state. As usual, all of the faculty from the Cranberry Station will be present to address the current issues and answer questions from the audience. One pesticide license recertification hour/credit will be requested. No preregistration required, No charge.

Main topic: Fairy ring – etiology and management

<u>Date</u> Tuesday - June 9th <u>Time</u> 9:30 – 11:00 AM Location
Eagle Holt Field Bog
Blackmore Pond Road, West Wareham

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#2 Bogside Workshop - Hilary Sandler and Jed Colquhoun, University of Wisconsin, will be dicussing Weed Management. This workshop will be co-sponsored by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association and the Cranberry Station. We are planning to serve a light dinner (sandwiches, dessert, drinks). There will be a \$5.00 charge, which you will pay at the workshop. **Please call the CCCGA office 508-759-1041 ext. 10** if you plan to attend so they can have a head count for the food. We have applied for **1 contact hour** for this workshop.

<u>Date</u> Wednesday - June 17th <u>Time</u> 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Location
UMass Cranberry Station
State Bog

IPM PHONE MESSAGE.

The first IPM Phone Message was issued on May 2nd. You can listen to the most recent message by calling the station and dialing **Ext. 60**. You can view all messages from the 2009 season (as well as many past seasons) on our web site. The IPM messages can be accessed directly from the UMass Cranberry Station home page.

WORKER PROTECTION TRAININGS

Worker Protection Trainings for cranberry workers in the Handler category will be offered on May 27 and June 24 from 2-4 at the Cranberry Station Library. There is a \$5.00 charge that includes training book and EPA verification card. Contact Marty at 508-295-2212, ext. 20 for additional information and to register.

DIRECTIONS TO EAGLE HOLT FIELD BOG

Directions (from any direction): Take Exit 2 off I-495 and head away from Carver (left off the ramp over the overpass if you're coming from the Cape, right off the ramp if you're coming from the north). Go straight through the traffic light where Route 58 intersects Route 28 – this is now County Road. Continue on County Road until you come to the intersection of Mary's Pond Road (on right) and Fearing Hill Road (on left). Take a left onto Fearing Hill Road and proceed until you see Blackmore Pond Road on the right. Take this right and pass the two bogs on the right. Shortly after the second bog, there will be a dirt road on the right. There will be signs at the point to direct you to Field Bog.

GOING GREEN!!!!!

As you all know, the cost of postage has been going up rapidly. We would like to encourage all of you who are receiving the newsletter by mail to change over to an email subscription if possible. Just email Deb at dcannon@umext.umass.edu and request a change from postal delivery to email. Thanks.

CHECK FOR BUGS NOW!!

Nearly full sized Winter Moth and Blackheaded Fireworm are now being found on the bogs. If you want to get them before they get you, **NOW** is the time. They will start completing development in the next few weeks. Winter Moth is a green spanworm and if you have more than 10 you should consider treating the population. Black-headed fireworm is already webbed up in the tips, if you find a few, beware! Delegate, Avaunt and Intrepid are the best choices. Do not use Assail, Lorsban or Diazinon for winter moth, we have had failures reported. Cranberry Weevil is also now present on bogs at damaging levels. Avaunt is the compound of choice. All the cutworms and gypsy moth are also out and ready to be found on the bog. Don't wait until it's too late, **sweep now!**

Anne Averill & Martha Sylvia, Entomolgy

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