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Hello out there!

I'm sure you are not expecting to hear much from me but a lot has happened in the last couple of weeks. Here's the latest...

Budget concerns have me here in Hillsborough for the foreseeable future. Yes, that's right I am not leaving. I bet that comes as some relief to everyone especially in the light of activity on fertilizer ordinances and hiring freezes.

I'm happy to remain here even if I was walking on air about the prospect of the Polk County position. Things may settle into a place where it would make sense for me to move in the future, but for now you are stuck with me!

Tree and Landscape Short Course less than 3 Weeks Away! February 20 at the Florida State Fairgrounds

NEW NEW NEW!

Check out the new promo video for the Short Course here!

<http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Are you interested in:

Fertilizer ordinances, marketing, green roofs, pruning.....?

5 ISA CEUs, 4 FNGLA, 4 DACS CEUs.?

Renew your limited license with this training and stay current at the same time.

\$40 General Registration

\$35 for Master Gardeners

IFAS Employees are free.

Event includes CEUs, lunch and entrance to Spring Expo trade show.

Click here for more information

<http://prohort.ifas.ufl.edu/events/tree-landscape-short-course.shtml>

This is always a hopping event with a large turnout.

We are panicking slightly as registration has been slower than usual, but a lot of our costs are fixed. Youch!

We could use a few more sponsors right about now.

Let me know if you are interested!

Hope to see you there!!

Call for Walk-In CEU Suggestions

I see that I am the only one willing to admit to watching informational shows for fun as I have had zero response to the following questions.

Have you been watching a lot of T.V. over the past few weeks?

Are you neurotically drawn to informational shows?

Have you seen any programs lately I might be able to get approved for CEUs?

I have been watching informational shows over the weekends and will be applying for CEUs for them in the coming weeks.

These are in the aquatic category which seems to be a high demand low supply type of CEU.

Aquatic Plant Management Series

Aquatic Plant Identification Series

If you are planning to take the Aquatic exam soon or have a company that often sends people to take the exam I would very much recommend getting a set for the office from the UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants.

<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Check out the videos available from the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants here <http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/node/608#apms>

If you have seen any shows lately that you think might work for CEU approval, let me know.

Aquatic CEU Day

I'll be scrambling to set up trainings in the coming weeks!

Here's one I know of now.

Registration and other details are not ready.

The location and agenda is secured so save the date if you are interested.

Aquatic CEU Day by Polycom from Pinellas County Extension

March 11, 2009

Gulf Coast Research and Education Center

Directions here <http://gcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/balmmapanddirections07.htm>

IPM Update via Polycom

March 4, 2009

Gulf Coast Research and Education Center and multiple other locations

\$20 Look for more details posted to the calendar page of www.prohort.net soon.

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Directions to GCREC here <http://gcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/balmmappanddirections07.htm>

This is an annual event, which will focus on landscapes this year.
I have heard that a whitefly is taking out ficus south of us, but have not heard any activity around here as yet.

Find out more about whitefly on ficus here

[http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/pdfs/urban_hort/The%20Fig%20Whitefly%20\(AUG2008\)%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf](http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/pdfs/urban_hort/The%20Fig%20Whitefly%20(AUG2008)%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf)

Increase your Professionalism with Certification

This is not offered very often. Take advantage of it if you can!

FNGLA Florida Certified Horticulture Professional class

Starting March 4 at HCC

See <http://hccfl.edu/departments/ifs/fnpla.aspx>

Cold Temperatures Expected

See common sense tips for ornamentals here. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG025>

Other resources here http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/TOPIC_Cold

On Another Note

Should you ever need a pick me up such as a flood of nice notes from everyone you know, you might try telling them you plan to take another position.

Fair warning- if you should do this too often people will not quite know what to think about you and the whole thing could backfire, so be sure to only do this when you actually believe you are taking the position.

Thanks so much for your thoughtful well wishes!

Glad to be here!

Hope to shake your hand at the Short Course!

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