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Field Days at Cornell

Last week, I attended Cornell University's Floriculture Field Days in Ithaca, N.Y., where I was asked to be a judge in this year's Kathy Pufahl Memorial Container Design Contest.

We had to dodge a few raindrops (OK, we had to dodge a lot of raindrops), but the sun finally did persevere. It turned out to be a great day to spend at the university's trial gardens, learning more about Cornell's latest activities and networking with growers and garden center operators from the New York region.

The Field Days program provided attendees with an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest developments in growing annuals, battling insects in the greenhouse, and an update on plant nutrition and nutrient disorders. The featured speaker was Dr. Rick Schoellhorn, Proven Winners' director of new products.

The trial gardens at Cornell's Bluegrass Lane Research Facility are a great resource for the university's researchers doing work on perennials



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ANLA has inducted a new member to its Hall of Fame and announced the inauguration of a new president.

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The Central Region of the Perennial Plant Association will present a perennial symposium in August, featuring a day of lecture and a day of touring.

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HIP Meets Global Standards for Biodegradable Labels

Horticultural Identification Products (HIP) — a customized tag and labeling products company for the horticulture industry — recently announced it had met the standard specification set by ASTM International for its sustainable BioTag labeling products.

The ASTM specification establishes if products made from plastics will compost satisfactorily, including biodegrading at a rate comparable to known compostable materials. Meeting this specification is a sustainability breakthrough for HIP because it means the companies' BioTag product can be officially considered fully "compostable" based upon the composition of the product.

"Meeting ASTM's standard specification criteria further emphasizes HIP's commitment to conservation and environmental awareness," says Bob Lovejoy, president/CEO of HIP. "We understand the critical need for businesses to have a positive environmental impact and offering BioTag is a way for us to support growers in their sustainability efforts."

For more information, visit www.hiplabels.com.

D.S. Cole Growers Plans Open House

D.S. Cole Growers of Loudon, N.H. will be having their open house on Thursday, Aug. 7. Garden vignettes of their young plant products will be on display, along with new variety additions, including an expanded coleus selection, succulents, begonias and a new canna program with virus-free, actively growing cannas.

RSVP to Lynne Blye at lynne@dscolegrowers.com or (603) 783-9561. For more information on D.S. Cole Growers, visit www.dscolegrowers.com.

OFA Announces New Officials

OFA — an Association of Floriculture Professionals — announced at its July 12 annual business meeting, during the OFA Short Course, the election of its OFA president and vice president, as well as the election of five new members and three appointments to the OFA board of directors.

- Bobby Barnitz of Bob's Market & Greenhouses Inc., Mason, W.Va., was re-elected as president.

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