Upcoming horticulture events

In today’s article, I’ll share with you two horticulture events taking place in our area.

Deep South Short Course

The Deep South Short Course will be held on Friday, August 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the University of Florida/Pensacola Junior College (UF/PJC) Campus in Milton. There will be three concurrent sessions taking place at this year’s short course: one for commercial landscape and turfgrass personnel, one for commercial growers and nursery personnel and a third for homeowners. A few of this year’s topics include uses of tropical foliage, zoysiagrass, conifers, organic gardening and hydrangeas.

There’s even a session on “Redneck Pruning.” A friend of mine who is an Extension Agent in Northwest Georgia is presenting the redneck pruning session. But, I don’t know what he’s covering in his talk other than it’s geared toward tree pruning. You’ll have to attend to learn the rest.

Afternoon workshops include weed identification and management, propagating woody ornamentals and a workshop on how to diagnose landscape plant problems.

You can register on-line at http://www.miltongators.com. Once on the site, click on “Deep South Short Course” on the right hand side of the screen under “News and Events.” Then scroll down to the Deep South Short Course listing. Here you have the options of clicking on “Online Registration” or “Brochure.” The brochure provides more detailed information about this event.

You may also register by phone. The number is (850) 983-5216 ext. 113. Or you may register by mail. Mail to:

University of Florida
5988 Highway 90 Building 4900
Milton Florida 32583
ATTN: Robin Vickers
Deep South Short Course

There is a $30 registration fee if you register by August 14. After this date, the registration fee is $40. This fee includes your lunch and handouts. Those registering online or by phone pay at the door. Those registering by mail should include a check payable to WFREC.

The UF/PJC Campus is located at 5988 Highway 90 on the west side of Milton.

Plant Clinic
Our August plant clinic will be held Tuesday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Fort Walton Beach at the Okaloosa County Extension building, 127 W. Hollywood Blvd.

To participate in the plant clinic, bring a plant problem that you would like diagnosed. Be sure to bring a fresh sample that represents what is seen in the lawn or landscape. This may include a plant stem with several leaves, a 4-inch square of grass with roots, a weed or insect to be identified, etc.

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