

Wintergreen on the Road

GGIA & UGA Extension

102 North Floyd Park Rd, Rome, GA

CEUs: GA, AL, and TN

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024

Moderator: Ping Yu/Keith Mickler

9:00AM-10:00AM: Plant and soil sampling for sample tests

Dr. Ping Yu is an assistant professor and extension specialist focuses on ornamental crop production at the University of Georgia. In this session, Dr. Ping Yu will share plant and soil sampling tactics for correct and accurate sample tests.

10:00AM-11:00AM: “Landscape Plant Maintenance, Common Issues and Solutions”

Dr. Heather Kirk Ballard is an assistant professor specialized on urban landscapes at the University of Georgia. In this session, Dr. Heather Kirk Ballard will share some common issues and solutions for landscape plant maintenance.

11:15AM-12:15PM: “Integrated Pest Management within Controlled Environments”

Dr. Erich Schoeller is a Controlled Environment Agriculture Entomologist whose specializes in integrated pest management of insects and mites affecting ornamental and vegetable crops in high tunnels, greenhouses, and vertical farms. Dr. Schoeller has over ten years of experience developing and implementing biological control programs for arthropod pests. His research and extension programs aim to provide stakeholders with ecologically sound and reliable pest management strategies to maximize the returns of their horticultural enterprises and increase food safety. In this session, he will be sharing information on IPM in controlled environments.

12:15PM-1:15PM Lunch Break

1:15PM-2:15PM: “PFAS Introduction in Georgia”

Dr. Gary L. Hawkins is an Associate Professor and the Water Resource Management and Policy Specialist with the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Georgia. He has been working with UGA for 22 years in various areas covering pollution prevention, water management and alternative energy. His current extension and research focuses are working with water conservation in agricultural and urban systems, stormwater management, onsite waste treatment, erosion control, and PFAS management. In this session, he will be introducing PFAS and his current work on PFAS in Georgia.