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OKLAHOMA GREENHOUSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Fall Update

by Diane Miller

The Annual Meeting and Fall Update was held on September 27, 2006 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the Holiday Inn. The Energy Options and Energy-Saving Technologies for Greenhouse Production talk by Dr. Thomas and Dr. Stegelin, was full of information and ideas on Wind Power, Solar Power, Bio-fuels and how to save energy. Attendees kept the speakers answering questions until well after the talk was scheduled to end. Information was also handed out on how to figure costs of improvements and pay out times. A reminder list, of things to do or fix and how much energy each would save, was reviewed and given to all attendees. The practical applications of wind and solar power were discussed as well as where to locate materials and funding. Each attendee was given a CD of information on how to conduct an energy audit and how to figure payouts for your own greenhouse situation.

During the luncheon and Annual Meeting, association business was discussed and Haldor Howard was presented as OGGA Grower of the Year for 2006.



Haldor Howard - Reliability Personified

by Allan Storjohann



'Grower of the Year'
Haldor Howard

On September 27th the Oklahoma Greenhouse Growers Association bestowed upon one of its most faithful and reliable members the coveted Greenhouse Grower of the Year Award. Haldor Howard was nominated for his outstanding work as a grower, educator and for his many years of support and hard work for the association.

Haldor has over 25 years experience growing and maintaining plants. He has a Bachelor's in Science degree from the University of Oklahoma and an Associate of Science degree in Horticulture from O.S.U. - OKC. Since 1987 Haldor has been a grounds manager, greenhouse manager, instructor, researcher and plant trials judge while working for O.S.U. - OKC. He advanced from campus grounds keeper to grounds manager, then he became manager over the horticulture center greenhouses, gardens and grounds. He did such a good job with each new responsibility they just kept giving him more titles and more to do!

Haldor Howard's efforts as the greenhouse manager were the basis for the award nomination. For 13 years he has managed a diverse and at times very difficult crop schedule in order to accommodate the numerous horticulture courses being taught by instructors in the department. The goal was always to expose students to real world production practices and results. On top of planning and producing crops for classes, Haldor was also responsible for growing hundreds of varieties of All American Selections trial plants each year. Each semester he has had to integrate trial varieties and the various class crops along with cash crops which are also an important part of keeping the facility funded for ongoing class use.

Haldor has been on the board of OGGA for at least ten years and served as chairman of several committees and ultimately as president of the association in 2004 and 2005. His annual efforts on the summer short course have resulted in many outstanding programs which as a result have promoted the healthy growth of virtually every greenhouse company in Oklahoma. We are very grateful for Haldor Howard's efforts and congratulate him for being selected as this year's Greenhouse Grower of the Year!

Trade Show Education - by Diane Miller

The Thursday morning educational session for the OGGA/ ONLA Trade Show held in Stillwater on September 27, 2006 and was well attended by members of both associations.

Speakers were Harlan Hamernik of Bluebird Nursery and Lee Manzer of OSU. Mr. Hamernik gave a very interesting talk on *'Great Plants for the Great Plains'*. This lecture encouraged members to get behind the Oklahoma Proven program by supporting and using the varieties from each year. Mr. Manzer talked about how advertising, customer service and attitudes enhance or undermine your business.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello OGGGA Members,

I hope everyone had a busy and successful fall season!

Let me begin by introducing myself. My name is Billy Franklin and I am a representative for Ball Seed Company and also owner of a grower/retail operation as well as your newly elected president. I am excited about guiding this organization into a great new year! I am looking forward to working with our board members to help take the organization to a new level. I would like to thank Diane Miller, our past president, for leading us these past two years.

I am pleased to announce that the newly elected VP is Tabitha West from Cedar Valley Liners in Ada, OK and the newly elected second VP is Glendel Cole from Coles Greenhouse in Temple, OK. They will both be a great asset to the organization in their new roles. Please help me welcome them to their new positions!

Our committees will begin working on events for the 2007 season. Please plan on attending and supporting your industry. Working together helps make everyone successful!

I am wishing you good luck, good weather and good sales!

Billy Franklin

Say What? FRAC Group

by Tabitha C. West

FRAC-Fungicide Resistance Action Committee. This committee works to prevent fungicide resistance in agricultural crops such as fruits, vegetables, color crops, and trees.

The FRAC groups are numbered and are organized by the fungicides mode of action (AKA-MOA). The idea is to rotate the group numbers thus helping to prevent fungicide resistance. Instead of having to know all of those complicated chemical names by heart one can just check the FRAC group number to be sure it is different from the group most recently applied

To view a well organized listing of FRAC groups go to the following website: OHP.com and click the Chemical Class Chart icon (there is also insecticide information on this link).

Remember, it is very important to rotate all your chemicals as much as possible to help prevent resistance. There are several effective chemicals on the market and we all want them to be usable as long as possible. Keep an eye out for FRAC group numbers on you chemical labels.

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DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED PESTICIDE

The first ever Unwanted Pesticide Disposal in Oklahoma will take place in Altus on December 6, 8 am to 2 pm at Humphries COOP Elevator in Altus at 2109 Asphalt Road. This is for people in production agriculture (farmers, ranchers, greenhouses, and nurseries), certified applicators, and pesticide dealers. Please no homeowners at this time. No questions asked - all farmers/ranchers and other participants will remain anonymous. This collection takes only pesticides, no other hazardous waste will be accepted such as oil, paint, antifreeze etc. All pesticides will be taken no matter the size.

There is no cost for the first 2,500 pounds of pesticides brought by a participant. Anything over 2,500 pounds will be charged to the participant at a \$1/pound for all pesticides except mercury based pesticides, wherein participants will be charged \$2.22/pound for disposal. Clean Harbors will accept payment in the form of check or credit card at the disposal site. No cash will be accepted! Dealers are asked to pre-register Due to the potential of large quantities coming from multiple dealers and/or multiple locations. This allows Clean Harbors to plan the appropriate resources to handle the quantity of pesticides that comes into the collections.

For more information please see our website <http://pested.okstate.edu/unwanted> The time, locations, maps, transportation tips, and dealer registration form is there plus a Frequently Asked Question section. Collections for NW OK and Eastern Oklahoma are scheduled for February 2007. I am working on arranging sites for those and will make that information available as soon as possible.

If you have any questions on this please see the website or get in touch with me.

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New On-Line Course **HORT 1013**

Spring 2007 Semester

HORT 1013 Course Description:
 Basic physical and physiological processes responsible for plant dormancy, growth, flowering, fruiting, and senescence with respect to the science and art of production, cultivation, utilization, and/or storage of horticultural plants. Current research associated with various horticultural commodity groups is also reviewed. This course has been approved for Natural Sciences (N) and Scientific Investigation (L) general education credit at OSU.

To enroll in the "on-line" distance-delivered course (section 603), Contact Rhiannon Battles in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, 360 AG Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-6027

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Dear OGGA Members,

The Fall Update was held in Stillwater with the help of the Ohio Floriculture Association in September. I hope you made it to this wonderful and education day. The OFA brought in Paul Thomas and Forrest Stegelin for sessions on Energy Options and Energy Saving Technologies for Greenhouse Production, both were truly fantastic. During the luncheon the Grower of the Year was announced and presented to a surprised Haldor Howard. Haldor has done so much for the Industry and for OGGA for many, many years!

Also going on that week was the ONLA & OGGA Convention & Trade Show at the Payne County Expo Center. Harlan Hamernik and Lee Manzer were the speakers and brought more education for all of us. It was a 3 full days of education, networking, meeting your Vendors and socializing with your industry peers.

I hope you were able to attend all or most of these fantastic events. We are able to do this with support of you and the Industry Vendors who offer their knowledge, time and support through sponsorships. Thank your sales men and companies you deal with, they are terrific!

I hope you look forward to the 2007 OGGA Events and attend. Please join us and grow with OGGA.

2007 CALENDAR

JANUARY 5 & 6 - 2007

Horticulture Industries Show,

Holiday Inn City Center, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

For more information contact Donna Dollins,

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SEPTEMBER 27th & 28th

ONLA/OGGA "Oklahoma Rising" Convention
& Trade Show; Cox Convention Center

Okla. City, OK (405) 942-5276

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2

Garden Writers Association Symposium

Oklahoma City, OK

www.gardenwriters.org



Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
Wendy Gerdes
Executive Director
OGGA

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If your company is holding seminars or classes that you would like OGGA members to attend, please contact the OGGA office so it can be posted in the newsletter at no cost for OGGA members. Do you have something for sale, let's post it in the OGGA Newsletter! Call and it can be in the next issue.

*for further information, call
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