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### News

- **BBIG Project Meeting switches to virtual.** The in-person BBIG Project Meeting was scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the National Arboretum in Washington DC. Several key project directors were unable to attend, many due to travel restrictions, so with input from the Advisory Panel members, this meeting has been switched to all-virtual via Zoom to best serve the purposes. We continue to look forward to celebrating our accomplishments over the past 4.5 years virtually.
- **Thank you to Doug Luster for planning the BBIG Project Meeting.** Doug had made all the local arrangements...finding a reasonably priced hotel, selecting catering options and reserving the National Arboretum for the meeting site, prior to the change to a virtual meeting.
- **Thank you to Richard and Margaret** of the National Arboretum, for their support and help planning the meeting.
- **Will you contribute to the focus issue of PhytoFrontiers – Reclaiming Boxwood from the Blight?**  
An outline of this focus issue and author instructions are posted on the [BBIG website](#). Don't forget...the hard deadline for manuscript submission is August 01, 2025.
- **New news assistant-Barb Riker of Cornell University is joining the BBIG Team** to help Karen Snover-Clift with our publications, the BBIG Monthly and the quarterly BBIG Newsletter. Please send future submission ideas to both Karen and Barb. Barb's email address is [br347@cornell.edu](mailto:br347@cornell.edu) and will be posted on future BBIG Monthly and BBIG Newsletter publications.

### Extension Programs & Presentations

- Daughtrey, Margery. Battling for Boxwood Health. Landscape Design Student and Alumni Organization. New York Botanical Garden. Virtual, April 8.
- Daughtrey, Margery. The 2025 Pests of the Landscape: Diseases. Urban Forestry Today. University of Massachusetts. Virtual, April 10.

### Online Resources

- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Updated list of boxwood cultivars](#) resistant to both boxwood blight and leafminer.
- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment. Sign up for an email report [here](#).
- [Box tree moth](#).
- [Boxwood leafminer risk model](#) to help time insecticide application.

### BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to [boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu](mailto:boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu) or [chhong2@vt.edu](mailto:chhong2@vt.edu).

### Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to [cls13@cornell.edu](mailto:cls13@cornell.edu)

*Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.*

