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News

- The BBIG team welcomes in the new year and celebrates a productive year of 2024.
- BBIG is working with the American Phytopathological Society to publish a collection of the latest original research in a focused issue of *PhytoFrontiers*[™], one of its flagship journals. This collection entitled '**BBIG – Reclaiming Boxwood from the Blight**' will be another important project product. Collaborators in the U.S. and overseas are welcomed and they will be treated equally along with those from the BBIG Team, with all going through the peer review process. The deadline for submission is August 1, 2025, and the publication cost for the first 16 accepted manuscripts will be covered by the BBIG project fund. Please visit the '**Research Updates**' tab/[BBIG on the PhytoFrontiers](#)[™] section of the BBIG website for details.
- Upcoming BBIG Webinar facilitated by AmericanHort on February 6 at 11:00 am. Dr. Nina Shishkoff, USDA/ARS will present "Cleaning up boxwood blight with a full spectrum of sanitizers."
- The BBIG research on biological control was highlighted in the December 2024 issue of [Deep Roots](#), a digital magazine published quarterly by Virginia Tech's Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Research Publications

- Hall, C. 2024. Costs Associated With Mitigating Boxwood Blight During Nursery Production in the U.S. *Journal of Environmental Horticulture* 42(2): 165-172 (Open access at <https://doi.org/10.24266/0738-2898-42.4.165>).

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.
- [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 or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to cls13@cornell.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

