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Krug & UNHCE Receive Multiple Awards

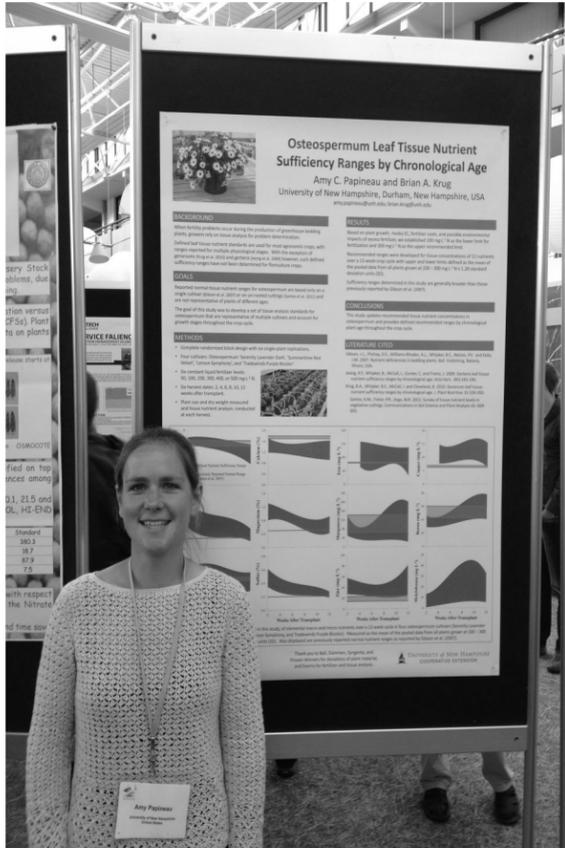
It was a busy summer for UNH Cooperative Extension Specialist Brian Krug. Krug was the recipient of several awards for his research and extension activities. In June he and Amy Papineau (Merrimack County Field Specialist) traveled to the Netherlands to attend the International Society for Horticultural Science on Substrates and Soilless Media. Research conducted by Brian and Amy were presented in a poster session. Papineau and Krug's poster was given the "Outstanding Poster" award at the symposium. The poster highlighted research conducted at UNH that established new values for nutrient sufficiency ranges for osteospermum tissue samples. In the past a single range was given for each essential element. Papineau and Krug's research developed ranges that reflect the age of the plant.

Krug has also been active in the past year and a half developing a collaborative website, e-GRO.org. The website is a collective effort with North Carolina State University, Purdue University, Cornell University, Kansas State University, Virginia Tech University, and the University of Georgia. The website was named "Best Extension Website" for the American Society of Horticultural Science. e-GRO.org encompasses several outreach and education facets. e-GRO Alerts are weekly electronic newsletters that alert growers to problems that other growers are facing throughout the spring; e-GRO University is a compilation of over 60 recorded lectures that follows a curriculum for an introductory greenhouse course. These lectures are free of charge and are directed at growers with little or no formal training in greenhouse production, or growers who need a refresher on particular topics. Recently e-GRO offered the first of several scheduled webinars on Poinsettia Troubleshooting. These webinars bring industry experts to the convenience of growers' offices.

Finally, Brian, along with Roberto Lopez and Diane Caberato (both of Purdue) were given the Alex Laurie Award at the OFA Short Course in Columbus Ohio. OFA presents the Alex Laurie Award on an annual basis to the author(s) of the most significant applied floriculture research paper published in *HortScience*. The paper published by Krug, Lopez, and Caberato was titled "Development of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (poinsettia) under reduced finish temperatures". The outcome of this research developed guidelines to growers for saving money by reducing

heat when growing poinsettias. This is the second time Krug won the award since 2010.

Congratulations to Krug and his colleagues for their continued efforts to support the greenhouse and floriculture industry.



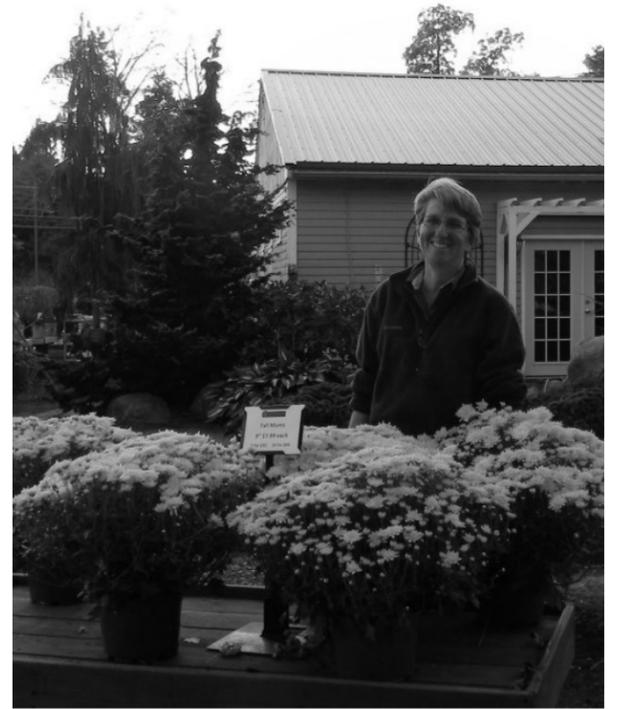
Amy Papineau standing with the award winning poster "Osteospermum leaf tissue nutrient sufficiency ranges by chronological age" in Leiden, The Netherlands.

Zukas Named to NHPGA Board

At the NHPGA Summer Meeting at Spring Ledge Nursery in July, elections to the NHPGA Board of Directors were held. Filling a vacant slot on the Board, Linda has become the NHPGA's newest Board member.

Linda P. Zukas has been at Churchill's Garden Center in Exeter since 1989. She has been in various positions over the years. Initially, she was hired to help with transplanting one spring, and is currently the Annuals Manager. Linda is responsible for the Growing and Sales of Annuals, Containers Designing and purchasing, Holiday Greens and displays, staffing of several departments, and is the company liaison for Marketing. For most people in our industry, each day is a different challenge and that is what makes most of us like our jobs. Linda said, "Every day working with the plants, customers, making containers, or working with other greenhouses while ordering, all make each day a new day. As we all know, working with plants, is more than smelling the roses. There is never a dull moment when there is always a new season waiting around the corner."

Linda looks forward to helping the NHPGA provide educational opportunities for our industry and its employees, as well as educating our industry on what challenges are facing us in our state and how we can work together for solutions. Linda said "We need to look forward to what is ahead for our industry, and where our future employees and the future of the industry will be coming from is one of the challenges facing us all. The NHPGA can help the



Linda Zukas of Churchill's Garden Center & NHPGA Board Member

plant industry look to the future, as well as dealing with issues that are facing us now. It is an organization that can bring people together to work on issues that are facing everyone."

NHPGA Announces Student Scholarships

The NHPGA is pleased to support the future leaders of our industry by providing a scholarship to an eligible student. The NHPGA provides an annual scholarship to a full-time environmental horticulture student. Applications are read by the NHPGA Board of Directors and selection is based on a written essay and references. The NHPGA is currently accepting applications which will be awarded in January 2014. Applicants should be a full time student attending a 2 or 4 year New Hampshire college or university program with a focus on a career in horticulture, or the child of an NHPGA member currently attending a 2 or 4 year green industry program. The scholarship award is presented at the annual Winter Educational Meeting held annually in January in Concord. Please share the availability of this award to any eligible students you may know. For more information, see the NHPGA website or email executivedirector@nhppga.org.



UNH Poinsettia Open House @ Macfarlane Greenhouses Dec. 5th, 6th & 7th, 2013

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