2011 NC Southeast Regional Science Fair ...

Congratulations to each of the NC Southeast Regional Science Fair winners, their parents, and their schools! The Science Fair was held at UNC-Wilmington on Saturday, February 12th. The complete list of winners is available online at:

http://uncw.edu/smek/sciencefair/index.html

The following thirty budding scientists will compete in March at the State Science Fair. Good luck!

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Note: Two names indicate a Team project.
Stormwater BMP Inspection & Maintenance Certification ...

March 10th & 11th, 2011
Comfort Suite Riverfront Park
New Bern, NC

Those attending this course will:

- understand stormwater, how it affects water quality, and regulations associated with it;
- understand stormwater management devices used in North Carolina and how they function; and
- understand inspection and maintenance requirements of each stormwater practice.

Workshop fees:
- Early bird professional rate: $215
- Early bird gov’t/non-profit rate: $160
- Regular professional rate: $265
- Regular gov’t/non-profit rate: $210

For the UPDATE class: $50.

Online information:
http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/topic/bmp-im/

Contact: Catherine Smith at 919-515-6780 or by email at cathy_smith@ncsu.edu

Management of Ponds for Municipalities, Golf Courses, Farms and Residential Subdivisions ...

March 15th, 2011, 8:30 am to 5 pm
Wayne County Extension Center
208 W Chestnut St
Goldsboro, NC

- Do you own or manage a pond, storm water pond, or lake?
- Do you have problems with unwanted aquatic vegetation?
- Can you correctly identify aquatic plants?
- Do you know how to apply aquatic herbicides or need pesticide applicator continuing education credit?
- Are your fish healthy?
- Do you have the correct types, sizes, and numbers of fish?

For answers to these and other questions about your aquatic habitat, plan to attend this daylong workshop! Classroom lectures, hands-on identification and plant selection/control will be a part of the program.

Workshop fee: $20

Download registration form here:

Contact: Diana Rashash at (910) 455-5873 or by email at diana_rashash@ncsu.edu

Don’t forget ...

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http://onslow.ces.ncsu.edu/content/Envedarchive

2010 Extension Volunteer Recognition

The Annual Onslow County Agricultural Awards Banquet was held on February 10th at the Onslow County Multipurpose Complex. Recognition was given to the various groups of volunteers that give of themselves to support and expand the work of the NC Cooperative Extension Service here in Onslow County. During 2010, Onslow County Master Gardeners volunteered over 1,700 hours of service to local citizens.

Special recognition was given to Sandra Mihalcik and Tom Nicoll for their 500 hours of volunteer time as Master Gardeners.

Special recognition was given to Marion Goodman who was named the 2010 Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year for her devotion to increasing the knowledge level of other master gardeners and the public.

Several local famers received awards for Crop Production Contests:  

Corn Yield Champion: George Davis and

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Rain barrels: come build your own or buy one ready-made!

Take advantage of the water nature gives us. Using a rain barrel or cistern to collect rainwater can lower your water bill, be good for your plants, and also protect the environment by reducing runoff from your property.

A Build Your Own Rain Barrel workshop will be held at the Onslow Multipurpose Complex on April 16. Workshop participants will install the hardware for a 55-gallon rain barrel; including brass faucet, overflow pipe, and screened water inlet. The fee for the class and barrel is $35. Ready-made rain barrels will also be available for $45.

Four 1-hr workshop sessions will be offered: 10-11, 11-12, 1-2, and 2-3. Please stop by the Onslow office for Cooperative Extension to reserve your place in a workshop or to order a ready-made barrel. Your reservation can also be made by mailing the bottom of this form, along with the appropriate fee, to the address indicated below. All requests must be received by March 18, 2011. Please call (910) 455-5873 if you have any questions.

Rain Barrel Workshop - April 16, 2011

Mail to: NC Cooperative Extension
Onslow Multipurpose Complex
4024 Richlands Hwy.
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Attn: Rain Barrel Workshop

For your records:

Time selected _______ and _______

Check number: _______

Onslow Rain Barrel Workshop Registration: April 16, 2011

Time: ______ 10-11 ______ 11-12 ______ 1-2 ______ 2-3

(Indicate 1st and 2nd workshop time choice)

Name: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Telephone number: __________________________

Fee enclosed: ______ $35 for workshop (includes all supplies to make rain barrel)

______ $45 for each “ready-made” rain barrel

(Make check payable to: NCCES - Onslow County Center)
Stuart & Seth Howard of D & H Farms, Pioneer 1615HR with 131.56 bushels per acre.

Wheat Yield Champion: Donnie Riggs, Pioneer 26R12 with 64.09 bushels per acre.

Soybean Yield Champion: George Pierce, Syngenta 68-D4 with 52.37 bushels per acre. The runner-up was David Collins, Asgrow 7502 with 50.86 bushels per acre.

The Onslow County Agricultural Hall of Fame Award was begun in 1984. The nominee can only be inducted to the Agricultural Hall of Fame once, as either a recipient of the Master Farmer Award or the James R. Strickland Service to Agriculture Award. This year’s inductees were: Mr. Barry Shepard for Master Farmer, and Dr. Danny Shaw for Service to Agriculture.

On January 25th, 4-H recognized Rachel Dominessy as the 4-H Volunteer Leader of the Year. Along with Mrs. Dominessy, all 4-H volunteers were thanked and recognized for their years of service at the annual 4-H Volunteer Leaders Banquet. The theme this year was “We Are 4-H Then, Now, and Forever.”

The Onslow County Extension and Community Association (ECA) celebrated their 2010 achievements on February 8th. The speaker for the event was Geri Bushel, ECA Advisor from NC State University. The event started off with a memorial to ECA members that had passed away since the last Achievement Day. Several members were recognized for special awards. They were as follows:

Perfect Attendance: Several members were recognized for attending all of the club’s monthly meetings.

Cofer Leader Program Award: All clubs voted on a member that had presented information during the year. Judges then picked the overall winner from presented reports. This year’s recipient was Barbara Crossman from the Harmony club.

Most Outstanding Club Member: The following members were by selected by their club:

Jean Ross - Harmony,
Janice Craun - Jacksonville,
Alma Hemby - Meadow View, and
Lura Hewett - Sneads Ferry.

Most Outstanding Club: Outside judges selected this winner after seeing all the work done by a club’s members. This year’s awardee was the Sneads Ferry club.

Extension and Community Associate of the Year: The awardee is an outstanding member who goes above and beyond the call of duty. This year’s award was presented to Ruth Clifton.

For more information regarding the Extension and Community Association, 4-H, and other programs, please call Peggie Garner at 910-455-5873.