



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENT: WHIS FALL 2021 cancelled

The 2021 annual meeting for WHIS, typically held in the fall, has been cancelled due to potential travel difficulties related to COVID. We plan to use the time to get the word out to the Western states about WHIS and build our membership. We hope to have the next in-person meeting in 2022 in Oregon.

We do look forward to participating in the National HIS meeting in July, which will provide a lot of the great content we typically provide at WHIS annual meetings. We hope to see you there!

Please see page 2 for more information.

WHIS PURPOSE

- To promote high standards of horticultural and regulatory inspection work
- To combine and share expertise, knowledge, experience and training among plant pest inspectors toward stimulating interest in and professionalizing plant inspection work
- To advocate harmonization between State and affiliated agencies
- To provide a means of disseminating information to plant pest inspectors, allied workers and the general public that is particularly pertinent to plant pest inspection work
- To provide a means of furthering fellowship among plant pest inspectors and allied worker

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SAVE THE DATE! 2021 National HIS TELECONFERENCE

All chapters of the Horticultural Inspection Society are coming together for four weekly conference days during the month of July!

NATIONAL HIS MEETING SCHEDULE

July 6: Central Chapter

July 13: Western Chapter

July 20: Southern Chapter

July 27: Eastern Chapter

WHIS Conference Day Schedule:

0900-0930- Regional Update

0930-1010- Asian Giant Hornet - Chris Looney
(WSDA)

1010-1020- Questions

1020-1035- Break

1035-1115- California Detector Dogs -
Samantha Tomlinson and Detector Dog Soya
(Fresno County Dept. of Agriculture, CA)

1115-1125- Questions

1125-1130- Wrap-up



*Soya the detector dog, courtesy of
Samantha Tomlinson*

Topics provided by the other chapters include pest control through phenology, Spotted lanternfly, and kiln certification of firewood.

All meetings held 9:00-11:30 AM PT / 10:00-12:30 AM MT.

For more info visit:

<https://sites.google.com/site/hisscsite/Meeting-Information/national-his-meeting-info>

Horticulture Inspection News

Zebra Mussels and Aquarium Moss Balls

Zebra mussels have been found in aquarium moss balls sold in pet stores earlier this year. The USFWS and USGS are working with pet stores and other organizations to mitigate the spread of this invasive pest. ODA News reported that an emergency rule was filed to control the entry of moss balls into Oregon after zebra mussels were found.

Click [here](#) to read about the issue at the USDA National Invasive Species Information Center, and [here](#) to read the ODA news release.



Zebra mussel. Image Credit: Amy Benson, US Geological Survey Public Domain

Box Tree Moth

USDA recently found box tree moth in the U.S., a pest of boxwoods. A new Federal order has been released to prevent imports of host plants from Canada.

Click [here](#) to read about the issue at the USDA APHIS website, [here](#) to read more about box tree moth at Firstdetector.org, and [here](#) to read more Sentinal Plant Network pest alert.