

Project or Activity Designation and Number: SCC-85

Project or Activity Title: Consumer Horticulture Extension, Research, and Education Coordinating Committee

Administrative Advisor(s): Dr. Robert Houtz, Univ. Kentucky

Period Covered: (01-20 through 12-20)

Annual Meeting Dates:

Five regular 2019 meetings were held by Zoom videoconference

- February 26, 2020
- March 25, 2020
- April 8, 2020
- May 27, 2020
- August 26, 2020

Four special called long-term planning meetings were held via zoom in Fall 2020 to prepare for next steps for the SCC:

- September 30, 2020
- October 14, 2020
- October 28, 2020
- November 18, 2020

Participants:

All attendees for meetings are listed with minutes on this shared drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15EApwNAFxtvk1bKFoTAONi_FLCU2Cb72?usp=s_haring

Project or Activity Leadership:

Natalie Bumgarner-Chair (nbumgarn@utk.edu)

David Close- Chair-elect (dclose@vt.edu)

Sheri Dorn- Secretary (sdorn@uga.edu)

Brief summary of minutes of annual meeting:

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Accomplishments and Impacts:

- Over the course of the 2020 year, an additional 2 members were recruited.
- All internal reviews and edits were completed on the five topical Extension publications.
- Graphics and layout were completed on the five topical Extension publications and all five were sent to the university communications department for any further internal review as well as publishing.
- The overview publication was the first to be released as an Extension publication and four of the remaining five were also released by the end of the year.
- With the publication series nearing completion, the SCC began in April of 2020 to plan for the next collaborative effort. The Horticulture Research Institute grant program was identified as a potential granting agency appropriate for our team. And, it was decided that we would develop a grant focused on new audiences in horticulture that would engage several member institutions in a survey and Extension outreach project.
- A grant writing team from within the larger SCC was recruited, and they held an additional four grant writing meetings (no minutes were taken) to develop the project and grant application. It was submitted in June to HRI with UGA serving as the lead institution.
- The committee decided that it was necessary to begin a long-term planning discussion to establish next steps and proprieties for the group. Since COVID eliminated the possibility of in-person meetings, a four-part series of discussions and planning session were held from Sept. through November. These focused on discussing and identifying key research, teaching and Extension objectives and laid the foundation for the renewal application of the SCC 85 as a SERA for 2021.
- Key objectives for 2021 will be identifying and initiating first steps on new research and teaching efforts that will also integrate with current Extension responsibilities for the SCC members. Additionally, a new SERA proposal will be written and submitted in early 2021 to prepare for the September end of term for the current SCC 85.

Publications:

1) Consumer Horticulture: Connecting People and Plants- UT Extension

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W859-A.pdf>

2) Consumer Horticulture Benefits for Individuals and Families- LSU AgCenter

<https://www.lsuagcenter.com/~media/system/1/8/2/1/18210ec4a4a92a806950bfdc017b0ead/consumerhortbenefitsindividualsfamiliespdf.pdf>

3) Consumer Horticulture Benefits for Housing and Residential Areas- Nebraska Extension

<https://extensionpubs.unl.edu/publication/9000025270690/consumer-horticulture-benefits-housing-and-residential-areas/>

4) Consumer Horticulture Benefits for Businesses, Workplaces, and Employees- UK

Extension <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/HO/HO126/HO126.pdf>

5) Consumer Horticulture Benefits the Environment- UGA Extension
<https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=C1215>

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