

Agriculture and Horticulture ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: 13 March, 2009
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: Bldg 434 Cascade High

In attendance: _____
John Romann, Tammy Price, Dee Drake, Craig Callies, Chris Smith, Lauren Hadley

Subject: New industry techniques/idea's seen during the recent flower and garden show

Discussion: .

Tammy Price discussed the positive experiences her students gained while visiting the show. Most students had never seen an exhibition of this size and magnitude and impressed upon them just how large and diversified the floriculture/landscape industry is. Chris Smith emphasized the fact that the green industry is here and in the form of organic and recyclable materials

Action/Proposal: All agreed that student visits to such venues is an important element to any CTE curriculum as it exposes students to the scope of the industry and the practical side of there studies

Subject: Evolving economic trends within the floriculture/horticulture industry

Discussion: _____

The subject of container and home gardening was the hot topic throughout the flower and garden show. Edibles, cool season vegetables and vegetable pots that can be had year around in the family garden drew the most interest. Organic compounds for insect and disease control and composting techniques for the home gardener were also high interest subjects.

Action/Proposal: Make the aforementioned items a priority in the horticulture curriculum.

Subject: Guest speakers for Everett and Cascade Horticulture classes

Discussion:

Craig Callies from Legion Park will conduct a lesson on pruning and will contact the park lead landscaper for a lesson in basic landscape planning. Dee Drake highly recommended Sharon Collman from the local WSU research station for a lesson on insects.

Action/Proposal:

John Romann contact Craig, Dee and Sharon and arrange dates for the aforementioned classes.

Subject: Agenda items for the next meeting

Discussion:

1. Review the 2 year plan
2. review program evaluations

Next Meeting Date:

13 May, 2009

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Legion Park

Meeting Adjourned (time): 5:30 PM