

2023 PDDC Plant Disease Talks

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Each month in 2023, the University of Wisconsin Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic will sponsor a Zoom presentation on a plant disease-related topic. Check out descriptions and a preview of the talks below. If you have questions about the presentations, feel free to contact Brian Hudelson at (608) 262-2863 or https://pddc.wisc.edu/. To register for one or more talks, visit https://pddc.wisc.edu/. Check at the bottom of the page for a link to the registration form.



Fundamentals of Plant Diseases

Learn about disease-causing organisms and the symptoms they cause, as well as information on environmental factors that favor disease development. Also learn about disease-like disorders caused by non-biological factors such as nutrient imbalances, pesticide exposures, environmental pollutants and adverse environmental conditions.

January 25, 2023. 6:30 - 9:00 PM.



Growing Healthy Plants: Basics in Plant Disease Management

Learn about common methods for disease control, their pros and cons, and how you can adapt these techniques for use in your own home garden.

February 22, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.



Dr. Death's Plant Disease Predictions for 2023

Learn about Brian Hudelson's predictions of what diseases will be prevalent and of importance in 2023. Keep in mind however, that if Brian were actually able to predict accurately, he would not be giving this talk, but would be relaxing on a beach somewhere, drink in hand, having made millions on the stock market.

March 22, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.



The Science (and Art) of Plant Disease Diagnosis

Learn about the fascinating and complex process involved in identifying plant diseases. Learn about how to visually assess for plant disease symptoms, as well as about the range of lab tests that are often needed to confirm the identity of plant diseases.

April 26, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.



New and Emerging Plant Diseases

Learn about plant diseases that have recently arrived in Wisconsin and have potential economic and/or regulatory impact, as well as more established diseases that have the potential to significantly impact the state in the near future.

May 24, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.















Vegetable Diseases

Learn about common diseases that can adversely affect the plants in your home vegetable garden. This presentation will include information on how to identify the diseases, as well as information on how to manage them.

June 21, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Diseases of Herbaceous Ornamentals

Learn about common diseases that can adversely affect the herbaceous plants in your home garden. This presentation will include information on how to identify the diseases, as well as information on how to manage them.

July 26, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Deciduous Tree and Shrub Diseases

Learn about common diseases that can adversely affect the trees and shrubs around your home. This presentation will include information on how to identify the diseases, as well as information on how to manage them.

August 23, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

The Bad and the Ugly: Ten Plant Diseases Not to Compost

Certain plant diseases are so horrible or so deadly that composting is not an appropriate way to get rid of affected plants. Learn about some of these diseases and their proper management.

September 27, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Diseases of Houseplants

As gardening moves indoors for the winter, growing houseplants can prove challenging. Learn about common houseplant diseases that adversely affect your indoor gardening efforts. This presentation will include information on how to identify these diseases, as well are information on how to manage them.

October 25, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Diseases of Evergreens

Learn about common diseases that can adversely affect the evergreens around your home. This presentation will include information on how to identify the diseases, as well as information on how to manage them.

November 15, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Ten Cool Diseases You Can Learn to Love (and Identify by Eye)

Learn about ten fascinating plant diseases with such distinctive signs and symptoms that you can identify them by eye. This presentation will cover the biology of the organisms that cause these diseases and tidbits of disease control information as well.

December 13, 2023. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.