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## **Banana Belt Horticulture Seminars Provide Value to Horticultural Enthusiasts and Enterprises**

### ***The Situation***

The Lewis-Clark Valley has a 200-day growing season, which is suitable for and supports a very wide array of horticultural plant species. As a result, backyard gardeners, pest control operators, professional greenhouse/nursery operators, and others seek horticultural related information.

### ***Our Response***

The University of Idaho/Nez Perce County Extension horticulture committee was convened to identify horticulture educational programs. As a result, a series of seminars were presented addressing horticultural cultivars, growth, production, husbandry, and cultural practices.

- A UI/Nez Perce County Extension committee defined horticultural educational needs.
- A series of two seminars was organized, facilitated, and delivered to the citizens of the Lewis-Clark Valley.

### ***Our goals***

- To provide educational programs as directed by committee.
- To enlist instructors from private enterprise and the land-grant university.
- To present up-to-date information about horticultural cultivars, husbandry, and culture of horticultural plant materials.

### ***Program Outcomes***

- By class questionnaire, 100% of those attending felt they would use the information in their business or home grounds.
- By class questionnaire, 82% were very satisfied and 18% were somewhat satisfied that they had learned new and/or beneficial information.

### ***The future***

Continue to work with the UI/Nez Perce County horticulture committee to better serve the ever increasing horticultural educational needs of the citizens of Lewiston and north central Idaho.

### ***For More Information***

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