



Twelve Earn Kentucky Certified Nurseryman Status

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Twelve candidates have received Kentucky Nurseryman certification for 2009. Below are the list of candidates that have earned the designation:

Jason Anderson, Carl Ray Nursery, Eastwood
Gretchen Keibler, Carl Ray Nursery, Eastwood
Daryl T. Cleary, City of Louisville Metro Landscaping, Louisville
Robert Patrick, Frank Otte Nursery of Bardstown Rd., Louisville
Kyle Roach, Frank Otte Nursery of Bardstown Rd., Louisville
Wes James, Full Care of Louisville, Inc., Louisville
Cora Mossbrook, King's Gardens, Lexington
Thomas Perkins, Landmark Landscaping, Inc., Lexington
John Rice, Landmark Landscaping, Inc., Lexington
Mike Graham, Landscape Concepts Management, Grayslake
Wendy Adams, Redmonds Garden Center, Lexington
Tony Bartel, Sand Run Nursery & Preserve, Hebron

The Kentucky Certified Nurseryman designation helps consumers locate trained professionals that are knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics such as plant identification, proper plant usage, keeping plants health and pest-free, soils, turfgrass management, proper planting and maintenance of nursery stock, and landscape design.

The Kentucky Certified Nurseryman examination is administered once a year at the Kentucky Landscape Industries Winter Educational Conference in January. The next exam date will be held January 11, 2010 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville.

Anyone may obtain the KCN training manual and take the exam. To be granted Kentucky Certified Nurseryman status, an individual must have worked six months full-time or 500 hours part-time in a nursery, garden center or other landscape industry firm. Candidates who successfully complete the test must file for certification and provide signed work experience statements from their employers. They are required to sign an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations governing a Kentucky Certified Nurseryman as established by the certification committee.

For more information, visit the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association's Web site, www.knla.org. For questions about the KCN exam, contact KCN Exam Chair, Dr. Winston Dunwell, Extension nursery crops specialist at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, at wdunwell@uky.edu.

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