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### **The Experiment Station Associates Annual Meeting**

**New Haven, CT** – Two lectures will be given during The Experiment Station Associates Annual Meeting on March 29, 2012 (7PM in Jones Auditorium, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT). The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Dr. Sharon Douglas, Chief Scientist in the Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology, will speak on “Boxwood Blight: A New Threat to Boxwood in Connecticut and the U.S.” The blight is caused by a fungus that is new to the U.S. Infected plants die quickly. Boxwood is a popular landscape plant and an important crop for Connecticut nurseries.

Dr. Richard Cowles, an entomologist who works at the Experiment Station’s research facility (Valley Laboratory) in Windsor, CT, will speak on “Protecting Your Fruit From Spotted Wing Drosophila.” This insect, also known as the “vinegar fly”, is an exotic pest of Asian origin. First detected in North America in 2008, the insect attacks small fruits, such as blueberries, cherries, raspberries, strawberries, and grapes.

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