

Invasive Pests in Nevada

Date/Time/Session: **WEDNESDAY, 5.01.2019, 1:05:00 PM, in the PESTS session**

Presentation Length: **45 minutes**

Presented by: **Dennis Swartzell**

Co-Presenter (if scheduled): **Molly Sinnott**

Overview of Presentation:

Presentation will discuss the state of Nevada being essentially two separate states weather wise; the north being a high desert with cold, snowy winters and hot, dry summers, and the south being a low desert with cool, balmy winters and extreme hot, dry summers. For these reasons, pest problems in the northern half of the state will rarely become a problem in the southern half of the state, and vice versa.

Also to be presented will be Nevada, being a land locked state, is surrounded by four states that provide the majority of nursery stock, California, Utah, Arizona and Oregon. For this reason, NV must have an awareness of new pest introductions. With the ease and speed of global transportation, NV does not want a pest to slip through and become established and thus become a problem that could be introduced to one of the neighboring states.

Examples of a few pests that have been introduced and become established in NV will be presented. Their extent of infestation and damage caused will also be discussed.

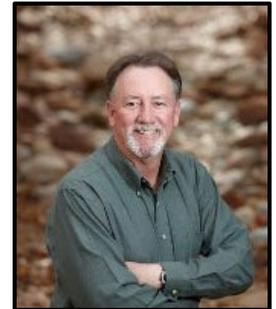
Presenter Bio:

Dennis is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with an emphasis in Floriculture.

Dennis' previous experience includes employment as a grower for a variety of greenhouse operations in the southeastern U.S. and 25 years' experience as a landscape manager for parks and university campuses. He was the Director of Landscape, Grounds and Arboretum for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he retired as Director Emeritus.

He is a principal of Horticulture Consultants Incorporated, a consulting firm founded in 1979 that specializes in soil and tissue analysis, diagnostics and trouble shooting, construction quality control, grounds management assessments, tree and landscape appraisals, tree inventories, preservation and management programs.

Dennis is a Board-Certified Master Arborist, past member of the International Society of Arboriculture Board of Directors, Secretary-Treasurer for The Britton Fund, past President of the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, and a founding member and past president of the Southern Nevada Arborist Group. He is also an Honorary Master Gardener.



Molly Sinnott earned an Associates degree from the State University of New York at Morrisville in Natural Resources Conservation and a Bachelors degree from the University of Nevada Reno in Integrated Pest Management. She was an Insect and Disease Specialist for 14 years with Nevada State Forestry. After leaving state employment, Molly began her arborist consulting business specializing in tree issues involving construction management, diagnostics, landscape installations and legal issues. She works primarily with contractors, engineers, planners, landscape architects and attorneys. Molly is a Certified Arborist, Past President and current Treasurer for the Nevada Shade Tree Council and is Vice President of the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

