



The Patrons Chain

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BEWARE OF THE SPREAD OF THIS PRETTY PEST

There is a new invasive pest threatening agriculture—the Spotted Lanternfly. This leafhopper was first discovered almost five years ago in Berks County, Pennsylvania, having been introduced to the U.S. from China, Vietnam, or India where it is native. Strict quarantine regulations have slowed the spread and limited the infestation to Pennsylvania and some surrounding counties, but it may soon spread across the U.S.

The Spotted Lanternfly is said to be the most serious threat since the Gypsy Moth devastated Northeastern forests in the mid-1900s. PA Department of Agriculture and USDA have declared war on the Spotted Lanternfly and millions of dollars have already been allocat-



ed to its study and eradication.

This insect loves grapes, hardwood trees, and fruit trees, and could inflict serious harm on those industries. Trees can be afflicted with weeping wounds of sap on the trunks, with heavy populations causing honey dew secretions to build up at the base of the tree, blackening the base of the tree and surrounding soil around the base with sooty mold fungal growth. Increased activity

of wasps, hornets, bees, and ants can be seen feeding on honeydew secretions and at tree wounds. In large population areas, adults will also be seen feeding on other trees in the surrounding area, including willows, maples, poplars, tulip poplars, birch, ash, and others.

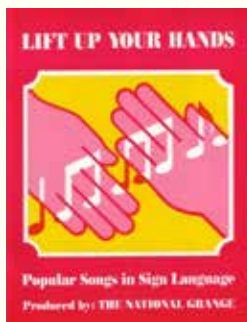
The Spotted Lanternfly begins laying eggs in masses of 30 to 50 eggs, covered in a brown, mud-like substance, in late September or early October. Egg masses may be found on adult host trees, especially Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus*), moderately-sized stones and other smooth surfaced outdoor items, such as lawn furniture,

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IT'S A GOOD DAY! TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Starting in the Winter 2019/20 (V314) issue of Good Day!, we will welcome new members into our Order whose information has been submitted online. Anyone can submit this information, not just Subordinate Secretaries. We hope you all will help to make sure new members feel welcome and connected to the Grange immediately upon joining.

Please use the following link to ensure new members for all of 2019 are recognized in the next issue and keep up throughout the year as you welcome new Brothers and Sisters into your Grange:

tiny.cc/NewGranger

PRETTY PEST

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stone and brick work, and outdoor recreational vehicles. The egg mass poses, perhaps, the greatest risk for accidental transport of the Spotted Lanternfly to new areas.

A Spotted Lanternfly permit is required for businesses working within the quarantine and which move products, vehicles or other conveyances within or out of the quarantine. Multiple states in the Mid-Atlantic area have SLF populations and/or quarantines. Over 3,000 people in PA have taken the online course to identify and avoid transporting the insect and to receive the permit.

With international trade and goods traveling freely around the world, invasive pests are being discovered more frequently and pose a threat to American agriculture. Stay tuned for my next column about an even more serious threat, African Swine Fever.

MUST READ

Letter to the Editor: USMCA will support Ohio's farmers

<http://bit.ly/2HljUSu>

Op-Ed: Don't throw away this valuable Federal lifeline

<https://wapo.st/2MtulSM>

MUST WATCH

Webinar: Key findings of USTelecom's Broadband Mapping Initiative Pilot

<http://bit.ly/2zcxBih>

REMINDER:



**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS,
AMBASSADOR/YOUNG PATRON,
YOUTH OFFICER TEAM, AND ALL
OTHER CONTEST APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST.**

Email: youth@nationalgrange.org for questions

DEADLINES IN SPOTLIGHT

GRANGE IN ACTION - Sept. 25, 2019

nationalgrange.org/grange-in-action/

ALL LECTURER'S CONTESTS/PROGRAMS*

Including quilt block & PR contest

October 31, 2019

*This is a hard deadline as National Lecturer leaves for convention on Nov. 1. All early entries greatly appreciated.

nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Including Historian Award & Ambassador Apps

September 1, 2019

nationaljuniorgrange.org

JUNIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

October 1, 2019

nationaljuniorgrange.org/community-service-2/

MEMBERSHIP DISPLAY CONTEST

September 30, 2019

membership@nationalgrange.org

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

DATE

November 8, 2019

ENTRY

Doors at 6:30 p.m.

Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

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LOCATION

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Bloomington-Minneapolis South

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