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Fred C. Gloeckner Foundation Announces 2020 Grants

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The Fred C. Gloeckner Foundation, Inc. Officers and the Board of Directors met virtually on June 12, 2020 and awarded 13 grants totaling \$131,440.00 dollars.

Since the Foundation was established in 1960, the Gloeckner Foundation's support of floriculture research has totaled more than \$7.2 million dollars. After reviewing proposals from many colleges, universities and research institutions in the United States, 13 grants in the amount of \$131,440.00 were awarded as follows:

- \$10,000.00—Michigan State University (R. Lopez): Quantifying the Influence of Substrate and Water Temperature on Caladium Production
- \$9,000.00—Michigan State University (R. Lopez): Developing Propagation and Production Protocols for Potted Culinary Herbs
- \$8,000.00—University of Florida (D. Clark): Collegiate Plant Initiative: Connecting College Students to Horticulture
- \$10,000.00—University of Central Florida (C. Mason): Toward Breeding a More Fragrant Sunflower: Mapping the Genetic Architecture of Floral Fragrance in Cultivated *Helianthus annuus*
- \$10,000.00—Longwood Gardens, American Society for Horticultural Science, also North Carolina State University and the Seed Your Future movement collaboration (J. Dole, S. Yoder): Seed Your Future: Promoting Horticulture and Careers Working with Plants
- \$13,000.00—Kansas State University (R. Cloyd): Integrating the Insidious Flower Bug, *Orius insidiosus*, with an Insecticide to Suppress Western Flower thrips, *Frankliniella occidentalis*, Populations in Greenhouses
- \$5,095.00—North Carolina State University (B. Whipker, B. Krug): Fertilizer Mixing Calculator (FertCalc) Upgrade
- \$14,000.00—University of California, Berkeley (M. Wildermuth): Targeting Powdery Mildew Genes That Act in Plant Colonization to Limit Powdery Mildew Disease
- \$10,000.00—The Ohio State University (M. Jones): Using Beneficial Bacteria to Improve Post-Production Stress Tolerance and Shelf Life
- \$12,000.00—University of California, Davis (J. Del Castillo Múnera): Characterizing the Emergent Pathogen *Sclerotinia minor* in Ornamental Crops in California and Evaluating an Integrated Approach for Disease Management

- \$10,000.00—University of Georgia (M. van Iersel): Fluorescence Imaging: A Low-Cost Method for Early Stress Detection
- \$10,345.00—Cornell University (M. Bridgen): Developing In Vitro Techniques to Enhance Breeding of Ornamental Plants
- \$10,000.00—University of Wisconsin-River Falls (D. Zlesak): Sponsorship of the New Edition of the Compendium of Rose Diseases and Pests

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