

## **Eastern North Carolina Section**

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# **Meeting Announcement**

## **Tour of Monsanto's Research Greenhouse Facility**

Location: Monsanto-RTP, 110 T.W. Alexander Drive, RTP, NC 27709

When: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Time: Tour starts promptly at 12:30 PM – Arrive 10 minutes early

Option: 11:30 AM Lunch at Rudino's – 4911 Central Park Lane, Durham, NC

Off South Miami Blvd - corner of Central Park Lane and Roycroft Drive

Request: Bring closed toe / closed heel shoes, leg covering, safety glasses

Fee: None for the Monsanto Tour; Buy your own lunch Limit: The event is limited to 30 persons, so RSVP early

Join us for a tour of Monsanto's Research Greenhouse Facility. Monsanto handles 13,000 plants a day in a fully automated process between three greenhouses. The plants are moved daily from the greenhouses to watering, weighing, imaging and fertilizing stations. When these steps are completed, the plants are returned to a different location in the greenhouses. The goal of this research is to bring plants to the market with traits beneficial to farmers, such as drought tolerance.

### Please RSVP by March 31<sup>st</sup>

RSVP to: Tim W	/allace (timwallace@embarqmail.com) or ca	all 919-552-6330
Name(s):		
Member:	Prospective Member or Guest:	Student:
********Must ir	nclude company name or indicate retired	l or a university student********

#### **Directions to Monsanto-RTP**

Take I-40 West from Raleigh and turn on Exit 279A (Durham Freeway 147 South) Travel 0.5 mi to end of Freeway and turn left at traffic signal onto T.W. Alexander Dr. Turn right into the first driveway into the Monsanto Research Facility. Follow the signs to Bldg. 1-B (110 T.W. Alexander Dr.)