

Pre-Conference Newsletter

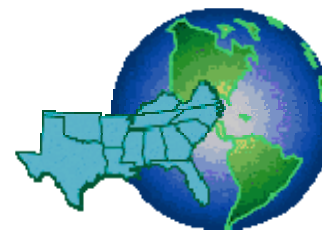


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are looking for positive input to improve our overall efforts. Please feel free drop an e-mail to me (snesmith@griffin.uga.edu) or Dave Reed (dreed@ag.tamu.edu) with suggestions. Also, please get involved with SR-ASHS if you are not. Opportunities abound for those wanting to be of service. If you haven't been asked to be of service in the past, consider this your invitation! Again, just let Dave Reed or myself know you want to help out.

See you in Mobile!

D. Scott NeSmith
SR-ASHS President

Note From the President



Well, the 2007 SR-ASHS meeting in Mobile, AL is just around the corner. Hopefully this newsletter will find most of you making your final plans to attend this meeting.

I personally find the SR-ASHS meeting one of the best professional meetings I attend year in and year out. The interaction we have at SR-ASHS with our colleagues in the various working groups and students is unsurpassed in my opinion. We have strong participation each year from across the Southern Region, and we want to continue that tradition this year.

I want to thank Dave Reed for his diligent effort in bringing our registration, newsletter, and overall functions on-line. Even though Dave may be a "rookie" Secretary-Treasurer, he is making great strides in keeping this job for a long time! Way to go Dave!

As we update and make changes for our organization, please let us know what you think. We already know most of the complaints, so we

About the 2007 Meetings

67th Annual Meeting
Southern Region of the
American Society for Horticultural Sciences
Mobile, AL
February 3-5, 2007

As usual the meeting will be in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS).

Registration and Pre-Registration Information

This year we will accept Pre-Registration prior to the meeting and Registration at the meeting.

Pre-Registration

Option 1: Pre-Register by Mail and Pay by Check

Deadline: January 19, 2007

Fill-out the Pre-Registration Form at the end of the Newsletter or download the Pre-Registration from the Southern Region web site (srashs.org, forms link). Mail the completed

Pre-Registration Form and check (personal, institutional, organization, foundation) to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Option 2: Pre-Register Online and Pay by Credit Card

Deadline: January 19, 2007

Go to the ASHS web site and enter the ASHS Online Store (ashs.org/shop/home.php). In the categories menu select the link: Southern Region ASHS Annual Meeting Registration. Select "Buy Now" for your registration category. You can register more than one person at once, for example if you want to register a group of ACB club members, graduate students, etc. You also can select "Buy Now" to pay your 2006 and/or 2007 SRASHS dues. Proceed to Checkout and enter the requested personal and credit card information. You will receive a receipt via email. The Southern Region Secretary-Treasurer also will receive a record of those that pre-register. The ASHS Online Store is a secure site.

Registration

Deadline: Register at the meeting

Payment: Credit card or check (personal, institutional, organization, foundation)

Pre-Registration prior to the meeting and Registration at the meeting is the same rate. Therefore, Pre-Registration is offered as a convenience. If you do not attend the meeting, for what ever reason, your Pre-Registration will be reimbursed in-full. There will be no penalty for cancellation. If you Pre-Register by check, your refund will be issued after the deadline. If you Pre-Register online through the ASHS Online Store, your refund will be credited to your account.

The Southern Region would like to express its most sincere appreciation to Mike Neff, Executive Director of ASHS, for arranging online Pre-Registration through the ASHS Online Store. Headquarters is offering this as a service, and the only charge will be a small administrative fee charged by the credit card company. This minimal administrative cost will be covered by the Southern Region. Online Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged since the Southern Region does not have a functional staff, except for the Secretary-Treasurer (but he ain't that "functional"!).

Hotel Information

All of the Section and Working Group meetings will be held in The Riverview Plaza Hotel. Registration, posters and the ACB Judging Contest will be in the Mobile Convention Center, which is connected by a walkway to The River View Plaza Hotel. Therefore, for maximum convenience, The River View Hotel would be the best choice for reservations. Rooms at a slightly lower rate are available at the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel, which is about a block and a half from the Riverview and Convention Center. Registration deadline to receive convention rates is January 19, 2007 for both hotels.

The Riverview Plaza Hotel

(formerly Adam's Mark)

64 South Water Street

Mobile, AL 36602

Group Rates: \$109/single or double; \$119/triple or quad; \$150/parlor

To Register: Call 251-438-4000 and request group rate for the "Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists". Check in is 3:00 pm; check out is noon.

Web site: www.riverviewmobile.com

Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel

251 Government Street

Mobile, AL 36602

Group Rates: \$99/single or double; \$109/triple or quad

To Register: Call 800-333-3333 or register online at:

<http://www.radisson.com/reservation/clearReservation.do?hotelCode=MOBILE>

PAC Code is SAAS. Check in is 4:00 pm; check out is 11:00 am. Parking is \$6 per day with in and out privileges.

Web site: www.radisson.com/mobileal

Transportation

Airport Information

Mobile Regional Airport (MOB) is 20 minutes from the hotels. Web site: www.mobairport.com/info/index.asp

Downtown Transportation

For sightseeing in downtown Mobile, a free, convenient, all electric trolley system, Wave Transit System, MODA, is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. to assist you in visiting the downtown areas during the day. Look for the bright blue and

green trolley cars or check the website for downtown map and trolley route.

Mobile Attractions

The **Gulf States Horticultural Expo**, hosted by the Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Associations, will be held Friday-Saturday, February 2-3, in the Outlaw Convention Center (across the street from the Riverview Plaza Hotel) in Mobile, AL. This event includes a 600 booth nursery and landscape related trade show. Typical attendance is 4000-4500. GSHE will supply complementary admission to the Saturday Trade Show for pre-registered names turned in by January 12th. If you would like complementary admission, email your name(s) to dwreed@tamu.edu by January 12th. Without pre-registering your name(s), admission to the Trade Show is \$15. Web site: www.gshe.org

Bellingrath Gardens is located about 14 miles from downtown Mobile. In February, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, pansies, camellias, Japanese magnolias, ornamental kale and cabbage, foxglove, delphinium, violas and poppies are in bloom. Over 50,000 bulbs are planted throughout the gardens. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. January and February. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.50 for ages 5-11 plus 5.5% tax. For more information call 251-973-2217 or 1-800-247-8420 or visit the website: www.bellingrath.org

Located in the heart of Mobile, at 5151 Museum Drive, the **Mobile Botanical Gardens** offers a rare blend of cultivated areas and nature trails. Within its 100 acres are native and exotic azaleas, camellias, hollies, magnolias, roses, ferns and perennials plus a 40-acre longleaf pine habitat. The Gardens are open year round from dawn to dusk. There is no admission fee, though donations are appreciated. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Guided tours available on request. Call (251) 342-0555 or visit the website: www.mobilebotanicalgardens.org

The **Gulf Coast Exploreum Museum of Science** is directly across the street from the Convention Center and Riverside Plaza Hotel. The Exploreum is an exceptional regional science center for adventurers of all ages. Interactive science exhibits and big screen (IMAX) films provide everyone an entertaining outing for the mind. For hours, show times, prices and more information call 251-208-6873 or visit the website: www.exploreum.net

Take a tour of the **Mobile Museum of Art**, 4850 Museum Drive. Call (251) 208-5200 or visit the website for more information. \$10 adults and \$6 students. Web site: www.mobilemuseumofart.com

Visitors to Mobile are often astounded by the quality of **golf courses** available. Gold Digest ranked Mobile as one of the top ten golf value destinations in the United States. Visit the web site and click on the various links for information regarding location, phone numbers, etc. Web site: www.mobile.org/pl_things_golf.php

Fort Conde is within walking distance (about one block) from the Riverside Plaza Hotel. Enjoy a free tour of Ft. Conde, a replica of the original 18th century French Fort. Admission is free. Web site: www.museumofmobile.com/html/other_museum_s.php

The **USS Alabama Battleship** is located on Mobile Bay, approximately two miles from downtown Mobile. One ticket entitles you to tour the Battleship, the **Submarine USS DRUM** and the 23 combat aircraft collection. Voyage through time and revisit an era of adventure and bravery. Web site: ussalabama.com

The **Grampa Woo** is a ship that provides excursions in the north during the summer months and south during the winter months. The ship offers day trips showing historical locations and beautiful scenery. Web site: www.grampawoo.com

Mobile is now home to the **Carnival Cruise Line's Holiday cruise ship**. For information regarding booking a fun-filled cruise, please check the website: www.mobile.org/pl_cruise.php

Approximately 40 miles from downtown Mobile is the **Tanger Factory Outlet** (also known as "the Foley outlet mall") with over 120 stores. Web site: www.tangeroutlet.com/centers/index.html?center=FOL

Abstracts

Prepare abstracts according to the Abstract Preparation Instructions and Submission handout given on the Forms link of the Southern Region web site: srshs.org/forms/forms.html. Each abstract must be submitted as a separate Word (.doc) file. If you use another word processing language, save and submit the abstract as a rich text format (.rtf) file. Submit abstracts to Chair

at meeting or email to the Chair by the date announced by Chair.

Fall 2006 Election Results

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected in the Fall 2006 Elections.

President-Elect-Elect

(will preside over 2009 meeting)
Doug Bailey, GA

Executive Committee

Richard Harkess, MS (term begins 2007)
Cynthia McKenney, TX (term begins 2008)

Section Chairs-Elect-Elect

(will plan 2009 meeting)

Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf

Ed Bush, LA

Vegetable Crops

Terry Kelley, GA

Fruit Crops

Eric Stafne, OK

Postharvest/Biotechnology

Elizabeth Baldwin, FL

Posters

Christine Coker, MS

Education

Brian Kahn, OK

Extension

David Lockwood, TN

Mark Your Calendars

Future Meetings Sites

2008 - Dallas, TX

2009 - Atlanta, GA

2010 - Orlando, FL

2006-2007 Officers, Chairs and Committees Contact Information
 (term of office is from end of February 2006 meeting through February 2007 meeting)
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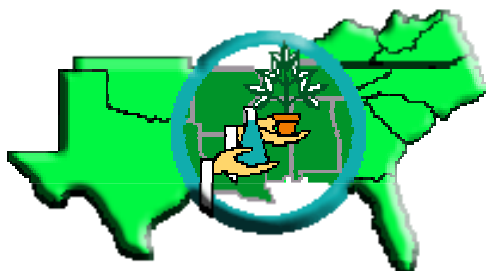
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Mail Completed Form and Check to:

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 Dept. Horticultural Sciences
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 College Station, TX 77843-2133
 E-Mail: dwreed@tamu.edu

Date: _____

Name: _____

Department: _____

University/Organization: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Member (Faculty, Professional, Commercial) Registration..... @ \$80.00 = \$_____

Graduate Student Registration @ \$45.00 = \$_____

Undergraduate Student Registration @ \$40.00 = \$_____

ACB Club Registration @ \$45.00 = \$_____

SOUTHERN REGION ASHS DUES

2006 SR-ASHS dues (good through Feb. 2007 Annual Meeting)..... @ \$20.00 = \$_____

2007 SR-ASHS dues (good through Feb. 2008 Annual Meeting)..... @ \$20.00 = \$_____

TOTAL \$_____

***To Pre-Register Online and Pay by Credit Card using the secure ASHS server:**

Go to the ASHS Online Store at: <http://ashs.org/shop/home.php>

Do not submit this form if you register online.