

2008 Pre-Conference Newsletter

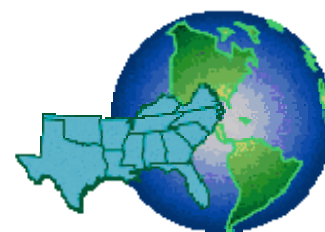


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Note From the President



Welcome to Dallas! I hope you all will make it here to enjoy this wonderful venue. The weather should cooperate as we're promised to be a warm winter in the

southern plains.

SR-ASHS continues to be the strongest and most vocal section of ASHS, and is well represented in the national leadership. I've watched SR-ASHS members use the organization to learn leadership skills that lead to significant changes in our approach to educating and advancing research on horticultural issues. SR-ASHS gives a unique opportunity for close interaction in national commodity working groups, like pecans, sweet potato, cowpeas and watermelon. Don't forget that SR-ASHS has special opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to practice their speaking skills and form lifelong friendships with their peers among universities.

And, certainly a special thanks to our SR-ASHS secretary, Dr. David Reed, who provides the mortar of our bricks. Dave is tireless in his efforts to keep all the parts working, scheduling meetings, advising committees and officers, and organizing our annual meeting.

SR-ASHS is always looking for members who wish to serve as section chairs or on the other numerous boards and committees. It's a great opportunity for young faculty members, and experienced professionals are always needed. Please send an email to me (pperkins-usda@lane-ag.org) or Dave Reed (dwreed@tamu.edu) to volunteer or offer suggestions to improve our meeting.

Hope to see all y'all in Texas!

Penelope Perkins-Veazie, SR-ASHS President

About the 2008 Meetings

68th Annual Meeting
Southern Region of the
American Society for Horticultural Sciences
Dallas, TX
February 2-4, 2008

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

Tentative Program Schedule

A tentative program schedule appears on the following page. The exact times may change a bit as titles are added and/or deleted, but the day, general blocks of time, and room locations should remain the same. A tentative program with titles will be emailed before the Christmas holidays. In January, a final program will be emailed to all in the members in the data base and a hard copy will be "snail" mailed to all active members.

Tentative Program at a Glance

(Program Schedule as of November 26, 2007)

Saturday

Adams Mark Hotel	Setup	Seats	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
Lobby	tables	NA	7:00 open Registration									
Seminar Theater	classroom	80	Pecan Research & Extension Forum									
Austin Ballroom 3	classroom	130	Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers									
Executive Ball Room	conference	18							Horticulture Administrators			Executive Com.
Austin Ballroom 2	classroom	160	ACB, Club Share			ACB Group Lunch		ACB Activities or Tour			ACB Reception	

Sunday

Adams Mark Hotel	Setup	Seats	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	
Grand Hall	tables	NA	7:00 open Registration										
Grand Hall	tables	NA	Poster Session Set-Up				Poster Session Viewing			Authors at Posters & Judging			
Dallas Ballroom D1	theater	230	Watermelon Research Group										
Austin Ballroom 2	classroom	160	Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee					National Cowpea Improvement Association					
Dallas Ballrooms												SAAS General Session	Super Bowl Recep.
Remington	tables	NA	J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest Set-Up					J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest					
City View Room 5	theater	60										Education Sect.	
City View Room 1	classroom	30	Extension Section										
Austin Ballroom 1	theater	130	Edmond UG Paper Co		Childers M.S. Paper Competition			Barham Ph.D. Paper Comp.					

Monday

Adams Mark Hotel	Setup	Seats	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
Grand Hall	tables	NA	7:00 open Registration									
Grand Hall	tables	NA	Poster Session Viewing				Poster Session Viewing			Take Down		
Dallas Ballroom A2	theater	230	ACB Business Meeting			Business Meeting/Awards Prog.						
City View Room 6	classroom	81	Vegetable Crops Section				Vegetable Crops Section					
City View Room 7	classroom	70	Fruit Crops Section				Fruit Crops Section					
City View Room 4	theater	35	Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section				Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section					
City View Room 5	classroom	36	PostHarvest & Biotechnology Section									

Note: National Sweet Potato Collaborators and Southern Region Small Fruit Consortium will not meet at the Southern Region meetings in 2008.

Registration and Pre-Registration Information

Registration and Pre-Registration are the same rate. Pre-Registration is fully refunded if you cancel at any time and for any reason, therefore everyone is strongly encouraged to Pre-Register. Pre-Registration through the ASHS On-Line Store is preferred since it minimizes clerical work needed. If you Pre-Register by check, cancellation refunds will be issued after the registration deadline. If you Pre-Register through the ASHS Online Store, your cancellation refunds will be credited to your card.

Pre-Registration

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

Deadline: January 23, 2008

Fill-out the Pre-Registration Form at the end of the Newsletter or download the Pre-Registration form from the Southern Region web site (<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>). 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 23, 2008

Go to the ASHS web site (<http://ashs.org/>) and enter the ASHS Online Store (<http://shop.ashs.org/home.php>). In the Categories menu select the link: Southern Region ASHS Online Shopping Cart. You can pay for your meeting registration, annual dues, and ACB Club dues. 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 in Dallas

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

Hotel Information

All of the Section, Working Group and ACB meetings will be held in Adams's Mark Hotel.

Adam's Mark Hotel

400 N. Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: 1-800-444-2326
Fax: 214-922-0308
<http://www.adamsmark.com/dallas/index.asp>

Room Rates

Single and Double rooms, \$99/night.
Triple Room, \$109/night
Quad Room, \$119/night.
Deadline for reservations at the group rate is midnight January 23, 2008.

Reservations:

Call toll free number above and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate.
Check in is 3:00 pm; Check out is Noon.

Services:

Free parking for SAAS participants and free access to fitness center.
High speed Internet service at 50% off applicable rate (currently \$9.95 + tax).

Transportation

No hotel shuttle provided to or from the airport.
Recommended airport transportation:
Yellow Checkers Shuttle discount airport transportation: <http://saasinc.org/2008-Dallas/YellowChecker.asp>
Super Shuttle 972-615-9975
Yellow Cab Company 214-426-6262

Dallas Attractions

[Gilley's Dallas](#) (1.3 miles from hotel)
(bar and restaurant)
1135 South Lamar
Dallas, Texas 75215
(must be 18 with valid ID)
1-888-GILLEYS
[Dallas World Aquarium](#) (0.9 miles from hotel)
1801 North Griffin Street, Dallas, TX 75202
A 22,000-gallon tunnel with a panoramic view of underwater reef life is the centerpiece of this popular aquarium that also runs a preservation program involving young green sea turtles.
[The Sixth Floor Museum](#) (1.0 miles from hotel)
411 Elm St, Dallas 75202
214-747-6660 or 1-888-747-6660 (toll free)
Located on the sixth floor of the Dallas County Administration Building (formerly the Texas School Book Depository) from which Oswald fired those infamous shots, this historic

exhibition chronicles the life, times, assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

While there, also visit:

John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza

Main Street and Market Street, Dallas 75202

This simple monument to the slain president was built on a plaza adjacent to the Texas School Book Depository building.

[Dallas Museum of Art](#) (0.4 miles from hotel)

1717 North Harwood, Dallas 75201

214-922-1200

Established in 1903, this prestigious art venue features a wide selection of art exhibits, from Ancient Mediterranean to Contemporary Art and Design.

[Fair Park](#) (2.3 miles from hotel)

1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd at Grand, Dallas 75210

214-670-8400

Large urban park with museums, flea markets and events. Covers over 227 acres. Attraction type: Architectural building; Park; Scenic/historic walking area; Landmark/point of interest; Museum complex

[Deep Ellum \(Deep Elm\)](#) (0.4 miles from hotel)

2121 Main St., Dallas 75226

214-748-4332

This former warehouse district is now a funky nightlife and shopping area.

[Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park](#) (1.1 miles from hotel)

1717 Gano St., Dallas 75215

214-421-5141

Park containing over 37 historic buildings; historic village.

[Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens](#) (6.7 miles from hotel)

8525 Garland Rd., Dallas 75218

214-515-6500

Sixty-six acres of peaceful woods and beautifully manicured lawns and flowers: a great place to spend an afternoon.

[Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center](#)

2301 Flora St., Dallas 75201

214-670-3600

Symphony center in Dallas.

[Bar of Soap](#) (adults only)

3615 Parry Ave., Dallas 75226

214-823-6617

A laundromat that includes a bar, pinball, pool tables and live music. Bar/club

[Dallas Zoo](#) (4.2 miles from hotel - on DART route)

650 South R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas 75203

214-670-5656

Come nose to nose with a chimpanzee and watch tigers swim at this new and improved zoo that features three major attractions: Wilds of Africa, Zoo North and Children's Zoo.

[Nasher Sculpture Center](#) (and garden) (0.9 miles from hotel)

2001 Flora St., Dallas 75201

214-242-5100

The Raymond and Patsy Nasher Collection includes more than 300 sculptures by most of the 20th century's greatest talents, including Rodin, Calder, de Kooning, Giacometti, Matisse, Miró, Picasso and Serra.

[Meadows Museum of Art](#)

5900 Bishop Blvd, Owens Fine Arts Center, SMU Campus, at Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75275

214-768-2516

[Dallas Theater Center](#)

3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas 75219

214-526-8210

The only theater in the US designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

[Dunn and Brown Contemporary Art Gallery](#)

5020 Tracy St., Dallas 75205

214-521-4322y

[Neiman Marcus](#) (3 locations)

Downtown Dallas Store (667 yards from hotel)

1618 Main St. - 214-741-6911

(The flagship downtown store set the standard for fashion and elegance since the grand opening in early 1900s; also features 5th floor museum that tells the story of this ready-to-wear couture retail legend. (In 1907, the first Neiman Marcus opened in Dallas.)

[Estee Lauder Spa](#) (Northpark Center location)

214 891 1280

3--1201 Elm St., #2800 (0.5 miles from hotel)

214-761-2300

Note to Paper Presenters

Presentation Format: Presenters must bring their presentations as a Power Point presentation saved on a USB memory device or CD. It is advisable to bring your presentation in at least two forms for redundancy. If you would like to bring your presentation in another storage form (Zip, Jazz, SD, etc.), check with the Chair ahead of time to make sure their computer will accept that form.

Abstract Preparation Instructions: Prepare abstracts according to the Abstract Preparation Instructions and Submission handout

given on the Forms link of the Southern Region web site: <http://srashs.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. Email your abstract to the Chair before the meeting or you may submit the abstract in a file format to the Chair at the meeting. The Chair may give a few days grace period to send the abstract by email after the meeting. All abstracts must be formatted properly.

Note to Section Chairs

Section Chairs are responsible for bringing a laptop computer and projector for their Section. If this is a problem, contact the Secretary-Treasurer immediately. Collect abstracts at the meeting or give the presenters a few days to submit abstracts to you by email. Send abstracts to Ruth Gaumond at rgaumond@ashs.org by February 15, 2008. Check that all abstracts are formatted properly

Fall 2007 Election Results

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

President-Elect-Elect

(will preside over 2010 meeting)

Jim Ballington, North Carolina State University

Executive Committee Elect

(will serve starting with 2009 meeting)

Dale Maronek, Oklahoma State University

Section Chairs-Elect

(will plan 2009 meeting)

Collegiate Branch (Edmond Paper Competition)

Mike Arnold, Texas A&M University

Membership Directory and Dues

We've tried our best to prepare an accurate Membership Directory. The Membership Directory is available on the Southern Region web site at:

srashs.org/MembershipDirectory/directory.html.

Please notify the Secretary-Treasurer if there are any errors or updates needed.

The Membership Directory also contains the years for which each member has paid dues going back several years. It has been quite a

daunting task to try to get an "accurate" handle on dues. The data listed is the result of written records from Paul Smeal, dues collected at the past two annual meetings, dues paid by check directly to the Secretary-Treasurer, and dues paid through ASHS membership renewal and the On Line Store. The Secretary-Treasurer finally gave all these various records to the accountant who reconciles the SRASHS accounts, and asked her to reconcile dues paid. The Membership Directory reflects the reconciled results. From this point forward dues will be recorded by date paid and check or invoice number. Thus, all records from this point forward should be accurate. Would you please look over your record for dues paid and notify the Secretary-Treasurer of any errors?

Note the Directory will not reflect dues paid through ASHS since August 2007. Mike sends those records quarterly.

Also, SRASHS By Laws state that dues apply to the year paid. Thus, to be considered active for the 2008 meetings in Dallas, many members need to pay dues for 2008. You can pay at the meeting if you like.

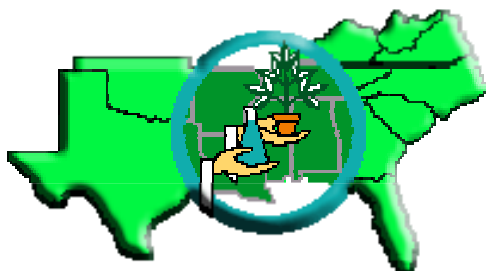
Mark Your Calendars Future Meetings Sites

2009 - Atlanta, GA

2010 - Orlando, FL

2007-2008 Officers, Chairs and Committees Contact Information
(term of office is from end of February 2007 meeting through February 2008 meeting)

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Vegetables Crops Section	Lynn Brandenberger	lynn.brandenberger@okstate.edu
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National Cowpea Improvement Assoc.	Bill Gebhardt	bgebhardt@allencanning.com
Pecan Research & Extension Forum	Leo Lombardini	l-lombardini@tamu.edu
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Pre-Registration Form*
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February 2-4, 2008

Pre-Registration Deadline: January 23, 2008

Pay by Check*: Make check (personal, institutional, business, foundation) payable to Southern Region ASHS. Receipt will be supplied at meeting. No cancellation penalty; refund issued after deadline.

Mail Completed Form and Check to:

David Wm. Reed
 Secretary-Treasurer SRASHS
 Dept. Horticultural Sciences
 Texas A&M University
 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: _____

If you are registering more than one person, list their name and categories: _____

REGISTRATION FEE

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

Graduate Student Registration @ \$40.00 = \$_____

Undergraduate Student Registration @ \$20.00 = \$_____

ACB Club Registration @ \$20.00 = \$_____

ANNUAL DUES

Member dues (applies to year paid, or rolls over to the next unpaid year).... @ \$20.00 = \$_____

ACB Club dues (applies to year paid, or rolls over to the next unpaid year) @ \$30.00 = \$_____

TOTAL \$_____

****To Pre-Register Online and Pay by Credit Card use the ASHS On-Line Store:***

<http://shop.ashs.org/home.php>

Do not submit this form if you register online.