

# Southern Region - ASHS

## FALL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2005

**2006 Meeting:** The 66th Annual Meeting of the Southern Region - American Society for Horticultural Science will be held February 4 to 6, 2006 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort, Orlando, Florida.

**CALL FOR TITLES:** This is the formal request for titles of papers and posters to be presented at the 2006 Orlando meeting. Your deadline for submitting titles is **October 15, 2005**. You may submit the title(s) by electronic mail. Be sure to include your complete mailing address and e-mail address.

Section Chairs must submit their portion of the program to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than October 30, 2005. The program will be mailed to SR-ASHS members by mid November. Mail and e-mail addresses for the Section Chairs are:

**Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf:** Dr. John M. Ruter, Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Dept. of Horticulture, PO Box 748, Tifton, GA 31793-0748.  
E-mail: ruter@tifron.uga.edu

**Postharvest / Plant Biotechnology / Plant Biology:** Dr. William E. Klingeman, University of Tennessee, Agriculture, UT Mail Service, Knoxville, TN 37996-0001  
E-mail: wklingem@utk.edu

**Vegetable Crops:** Dr. William B. Evans, MSU, Truck Crops Branch Exp. Station, PO Box 231, Crysals Springs, MS 39059  
E-mail: wbe@ra.msstate.edu

**Fruit Crops:** Dr. James R. Ballington, NC State University, Hort Science Dept., Box 7609, Raleigh, NC 27695-7609.  
E-mail: jim\_ballington@ncsu.edu

**Posters:** Dr. David Creech, Stephen F. Austin State University, Dept. Of Agriculture, PO Box 13000, Nacogdoches, TX 75962.  
E-mail: dcreech@sfasu.edu

**Education:** Dr. Cythia B. McKenney, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center - Dallas, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252.  
E-mail: c-mckenney@tamu.edu

**Extension:** Dr. Winston Dunwell, University of Kentucky Res. and Ed. Center, PO Box 469, Princeton, KY 42445-0469.  
E-mail: wdunwell@ca.uky.edu

**Master Gardener and Consumer Horticulture:** Dr. Tom Wichman, University of Florida Environmental Horticulture Department, PO 110675, Gainesville, FL 92611-0675.  
E-mail: TWichman@mail.ifas.ufl.edu

**Edmond Undergraduate Competition:**  
Send paper titles to Dr. Dan Lineberger, Texas A&M University, Dept. Of Horticultural Sciences, College Station, TX 77843-2133.  
E-mail: dan-lineberger@tamu.edu

An undergraduate student does not have to be a dues paying member of SR-ASHS to present a paper, but they must pay 2006 dues to have the abstract published in **ASHS HortScience**. **Only TWO** papers in competition per student club or department. See **AWARDS** for additional information.

**J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest.** Horticulture Clubs entering a team in the J. Benton Story Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest should notify Dr. J. Kim Pittcock, Arkansas State University, PO Box 1080, State University, AR 72467  
E-mail: kpittcoc@astate.edu

**Only ONE** team per student club or department. There may be individual student competitors from each student club or department as space allows.

**Norman F. Childers - M.S. Graduate Student Competition:** Send paper titles to Dr. D. Scott NeSmith, Department of Horticulture, University of Georgia - Griffin Campus, 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA 30223-1797.  
E-mail: snesmith@griffin.uga.edu

The graduate student does not have to be a dues paying member of SR-ASHS to present a paper, but must pay 2006 dues to have the abstract published in **ASHS HortScience**. There is no limit on number of students per department or university presenting papers. See **AWARDS** for additional information. Graduate students **may give** their paper again in the Commodity Sections or Posters, send title to the appropriate Section Chair.

**National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards:** The NCIA is sponsoring two \$100.00 awards for Posters. One for an undergraduate student poster and one for a graduate student poster. Send poster title to Dr. David Creech, Stephen F. Austin State University, Dept. Of Agriculture, PO Box 13000, Nacogdoches, TX 75962. Indicate they are for the NCIA awards.  
E-mail: dcreech@sfasu.edu

## **PRE-CONVENTION SESSIONS:**

**The National Sweet Potato Collaborators** will meet Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, 2006. Coordinator, Dr. Mark Shankle North Mississippi Res and Ext Center, 8320 Hwy 15 South, Pontotoc, MS 38863.  
E-mail: shankle@ra.msstate.edu

**The National Pecan Research and Extension Workers Forum** will meet Saturday, February 4, 2006. Coordinator, Dr. Lenney Wells, University of Georgia, Horticulture Extension Department, PO Box 1209 Tifton, GA 31793.  
E-mail: Lwells@uga.edu

**The Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers** will meet Saturday, February 4, 2006. Coordinator, Dr. John Brasswell, PO Box 193, Poplarville, MS 39470.  
E-mail: braswell@ext.msstate.edu

**The Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee** will meet Sunday morning, February 5, 2006. Coordinator, Dr. Richard L. Fery, U.S. Vegetable Laboratory, 2700 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29414-5334.  
E-mail: RLFery@saa.ars.usda.gov

**The National Cowpea Improvement Association** will meet Sunday afternoon, February 5, 2006. Coordinator, Dr. Lynn Brandenbenger, 360 Ag Hall, Horticulture, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-6027.  
E-mail: lynn.brandenbenger@okstate.edu

**Watermelon Research Group** will meet Sunday, 8 am - 5 pm, February 5, 2006. Coordinator: Dr. Benny D. Bruton, USDA-ARS-SCARL, P.O. Box 159, Highway 3, Lane, OK 74555.  
E-mail: bbruton-usda@lane-ag.org

**The Southern Region Horticulture Administrators** will meet Saturday afternoon, February 4, 2002. Coordinator, Dr. Julia Kornegay, North Carolina State Univ., Dept. of Hort. Science, 120 Kilgore Hall, Raleigh, NC 27695.  
E-mail:julia\_kornegay@ncsu.edu

Persons presenting papers in these Pre-Convention Sessions that desire to have their abstract published in *HortScience* with the abstracts of papers presented in the Southern Region - ASHS Sections **MUST PAY THEIR 2006 DUES AND SOUTHERN REGION ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEE.** Abstracts will be sent directly to the appropriate Section or Commodity Chairs.

**AWARDS:** Only Southern Region - ASHS members with current year (2005) dues paid are eligible for awards. Check with Southern Region - ASHS Secretary-Treasurer on membership status of nominee when making nominations for awards. The Social Security Number of your nominee must be on the nomination form. **Nominations must be mailed or E-mailed to the Committee Chair by October 15, 2005.** Request appropriate forms from the following chairs.

**J. B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Awards.** Presented for the best three undergraduate papers given at the 2006 meeting. Checks for \$300, \$200 and \$100 and certificates are awarded to the first second and third place winners. There may be **TWO** student papers per department or club. Contestants should forward paper titles to Dr. Dan Lineberger, Texas A&M University, Dept. of Horticultural Sciences, College Station, TX 77843-2133.  
E-mail: dan-lineberger@tamu.edu

**Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Awards.** Checks for \$300, \$200 and \$100 and certificates are awarded for the first, second and third place winners reporting original research by a Master Degree student at the 2006 meeting. There is no limit on the number of papers per department or university. To enter, send paper title to Dr. D. Scott NeSmith, Department of Horticulture, University of Georgia - Griffin Campus, 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA 30223-1797.  
E-mail: snesmith@griffin.uga.edu

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E-mail: dcreech@sfasu.edu  
Indicate they are for the NCIA awards, undergraduate or graduate paper..

**Outstanding Club Award:** A certificate and \$150 is presented to an outstanding collegiate branch club based on the club's activity record for the 2004-2005 academic year. Certificates and \$100 and \$50 are presented to second and third runner-up clubs. Information and record forms are available from Dr. J. Kim Pittcock, Arkansas State University, PO Box 1080, State University, AR 72467  
E-mail: kpittcoc@astate.edu

**Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch (ACB) Member:** A plaque presented by the ACB, Southern Region -ASHS. Information and record forms are available from Dr. J. Kim Pittcock, Arkansas State University, PO Box 1080, State University, AR 72467  
E-mail: kpittcoc@astate.edu

The Outstanding Club Award and Hammett Award forms can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.ashs.org/whowho/srashes/srashes.html>

**Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing:** \$100 and a plaque presented in recognition of superior research and writing at the Ph.D. level. The nominee's doctoral research must have been completed at a Southern Region university. Entrants must submit a manuscript in the format for publication in the Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science. The manuscript may or may not involve the entire Ph.D. dissertation. Five (5) copies of the manuscript must be sent to Dr. Stuart Warren, NC State University, Hort Science Dept., Box 7609, Raleigh, NC 27695-7609.  
E-mail: [stu\\_warren@ncsu.edu](mailto:stu_warren@ncsu.edu)

**J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award:**  
Nominations must be sent to Dr. Joe Eakes, Auburn University, Dept. of Hort., Room 101 Funchess Hall, Auburn, AL 36849-5601.  
E-mail: [jeakes@acesag.auburn.edu](mailto:jeakes@acesag.auburn.edu)

Nominee must (1) be active members of SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching for 10 or more years. Nominations are limited to one (1) per institution. The J. Creighton Miller Jr.

Distinguished Educator Award is a check for \$200 and a plaque.

**Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award** recognizes a horticultural crops scientist who has had an outstanding record in research on one or more horticultural crops and in one or more areas of horticultural research for a period of 10 or more years. Nominees must be an active member of SR-ASHS. Nomination information can be obtained from Dr. John R. Clark, Horticulture, 315 Plant Science Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701-1201.  
E-mail: [jrc Clark@uark.edu](mailto:jrc Clark@uark.edu)

The award consists of a plaque and check for \$200.

**H. M. Covington Extension Award:** The award is in recognition of outstanding and valuable contributions to horticulture by an Extension Horticulturist. The award is sponsored by Henry Covington, retired Extension Horticulturist from North Carolina State University. Nomination forms can be obtained from Dr. David Hensley, Horticulture, 315 Plant Science Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701-1201  
E-mail: [dhenley@uark.edu](mailto:dhenley@uark.edu)

**John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals:** Presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker. Requirements are (1) active member of SR-ASHS for at least two years, (2) person must be 35 years or younger on December 31 on year of nomination **or** 5 or less years in extension, (3) more than 50 percent Cooperative Extension appointment in horticulture, (city, county, area, state). The award is sponsored by the Texas Pecan Growers Association and consists of a \$200 award, and a plaque. Nomination information is available from Dr. William T. Kelley, Rural Development Center, PO Box 1209, Tifton, GA 31793.  
[wtkelley@uga.edu](mailto:wtkelley@uga.edu)

Five (5) copies of the completed nomination form and supporting materials must be submitted.

**Leadership and Administration Award:** Presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration contributing to the progress of professional horticulture. Additional information and nomination form may be obtained from Dr. Regina Bracy, Hammond Research Station, 21549 Old Covington Hwy., Hammond, LA 70403-0533.  
[Rbracy@agctr.lsu.edu](mailto:Rbracy@agctr.lsu.edu)

**Extension Communications Awards:**

Presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects in written, video, audio and electronic form. Entries must be submitted by a member of SR-ASHS and the senior author must be a SR-ASHS member. Publications (4 copies) submitted should have been prepared within the past two years. Only one publication per author may be submitted. Form and details for submitting Extension publications can be obtained from Jeanine Davis, Mountain Hort. Crops Res & Ext. Center, 455 Research Drive, Fletcher, NC 28732-9216.

E-mail: [jeanine\\_davis@ncsu.edu](mailto:jeanine_davis@ncsu.edu)

**For information concerning the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists and the Orlando, Florida meeting, lodging, etc. look at:**

**<http://www.saasinc.org/>**

**Please** share this Newsletter with others and encourage persons to submit paper titles and nominations for awards.

**Please** encourage M.S. degree graduate students to submit paper titles for the Norman Childers M. S. Graduate Student Awards.

**Please** encourage Ph.D. degree graduate students to submit paper titles for the Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Awards.

**Please** encourage undergraduate students to submit paper titles for the J. B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Awards.

**Please** encourage graduate and undergraduate students to submit paper titles for the National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards.

**Invite** and **encourage** new faculty and graduate students into Southern Region - ASHS membership, and to participate in the annual meeting as it is an excellent way to become active in their professional Society.

**The Southern Region - ASHS conference program, information on registration and lodging will be mailed to active members in late November.**

**Look for the program on [ashs@ashs.org](mailto:ashs@ashs.org)**