Message from the President

This year, another successful Southern Region ASHS conference was held in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations to all of the people who received awards for their excellence. Everyone did so well in their achievements, all deserve to be recognized.

I hope everyone will make plans to attend the 2010 Regional Conference in Orlando, FL including the officers of the Southern Region. Atlanta had many things to offer us and I am sure Orlando will be even better.

I cannot express how beneficial it is to attend the conferences. Opportunities such as networking, tours, judging, presentations, posters and branching out are merely a few of the benefits. If you have not attended a conference, I would strongly encourage you to do so. After my first conference I realized I do not want to go another year without attending. I made a network of life long friends while gaining more knowledge in the field of horticulture.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you for selecting me as your president and I am very pleased. I look forward to the upcoming year and I hope to see everyone in the future. I wish success to all.

Stacy Bridges
Southern Region ACB President
Overview of Events

Ultimately after long drives, an escape from icy weather, and for some of us, a warm shower for the first time that week due to the ice storm, the ACB meeting was very successful. Saturday morning a member from each club gave a presentation to show off their activities from the previous year. This was very helpful to all attendees as the presentations allowed the clubs to share ideas for fundraising, service projects and social events. There to help out with any technical difficulties was Dr. Lineberger from Texas A&M, whose helpfulness entertained all who were present. The horticulture club from Murray State University took home the Club Share Award for best presentation.

Attendees watching Club Share presentations  Bus ride to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens
Later that day we toured the Atlantic Botanical Gardens. While most of the woody and herbaceous plants were either completely dormant or not in flower, it was a great opportunity to review the plants that were on our identification list for the J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest. The Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory and Orchid Center was consequently one of the main attractions. On display were several hundred blooming orchids and bromeliads as well as many aroids, ferns, palms and many other tropical flora.

**Spathoglottis kimballiana**, one of the many orchids displayed in the Fuqua Conservatory.

On Sunday we held our annual J. Benton Storey Horticultural Judging Competition. The competition began at 1:00, after many hours of planning, setting up and determining the official rankings. The competition went very smoothly overall despite minor mishaps, for instance, lettuce still wrapped in plastic. A very special thanks to Drs. Mike Arnold, Leo Lombardini, Dan Lineberger, Richard Harkess, Brian Trader and Dr. Brian Kahn for making this competition run so smoothly, as well as the ACB officers Shannon Slivinski and Isaac Wong, whose efforts also helped to make this competition possible. Also, thanks to Dr. J. Benton Storey for his continued support to ensure the competition’s success.
ACB Awards

Congratulations to those of you who placed in the J. Benton Storey Horticultural Judging Competition! The results are as follows:

Greenhouse Floral & Foliage Plants:

**Individual**
- 1st Place: Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State
- 2nd Place: Laura Adian, Texas A&M
- 3rd Place: Sarah Smith, Mississippi State

**Team**
- 1st Place: Murray State University
- 2nd Place: Mississippi State University
- 3rd Place: Stephen F. Austin

Woody Ornamentals:

**Individual**
- 1st Place: Chris Capps, Stephen F. Austin
- 2nd Place: Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State
- 3rd Place: Chris von Kohn, Texas A&M

**Team**
- 1st Place: Stephen F. Austin
- 2nd Place: Mississippi State
- 3rd Place: Texas A&M

Vegetable Crops:

**Individual**
- 1st Place: Laura Adian, Texas A&M
- 2nd Place: Nathan Britt, Mississippi State
- 3rd Place: Terry Felderhoff, Texas A&M
- 3rd Place: Melanie Ament, Mississippi State
- 3rd Place: Sarah Smith, Mississippi State

**Team**
- 1st Place: Texas A&M
- 2nd Place: Stephen F. Austin
- 3rd Place: Mississippi State

Fruit and Nut Crops:

**Individual**
- 1st Place: Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State
- 2nd Place: Shana Ricks, University of Arkansas
- 3rd Place: Chris von Kohn, Texas A&M

**Team**
- 1st Place: University of Arkansas
- 2nd Place: Texas A&M University
- 3rd Place: Mississippi State University

Overall Individual Award:
- 1st Place: Chris Capps, Stephen F. Austin
- 2nd Place: Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State
- 3rd Place: Chris von Kohn, Texas A&M

Overall Team Award:
- 1st Place: Stephen F. Austin
- 2nd Place: Texas A&M University
- 3rd Place: Mississippi State University
Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member:

Kah-Yat Isaac Wong
Texas A&M University

Club Share Award

Murray State University

Outstanding ACB Club Award

1st Place:
Texas A&M University
Outstanding ACB Club Award (Continued)

2\textsuperscript{nd} Place:  
Murray State University

3\textsuperscript{rd} Place:  
Mississippi State University

\textbf{J. B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Award}

1\textsuperscript{st} – Anna Murphy, Auburn University  
2\textsuperscript{nd} – Tina Musco, Clemson University  
3\textsuperscript{rd} – Erin Melville, University of Georgia

\textbf{Congratulations to all of you for your hard work!}
SR-ASHS ACB Meeting Minutes 2009

The meeting was called to order by acting president Shannon Slivinske and special guest, Sarah Hobbie, was introduced.

Dr. Richard Harkess introduced national convention events, requested new ideas for undergraduate speakers/presentations, and encouraged undergraduate participation in research.

ACB Representative, Shannon Slivinske opened discussion for any old business, but no discussion followed. She then gave the report from the national convention and opened discussion of new business.

Dr. Leo Lombardini suggested that the Vice President should be given the responsibility to create a better judging list by encouraging the regions to bring their regional lists so that a better, more comprehensive SR-ASHS list can be compiled.

Acting Vice President, Isaac Wong, announced the winners of the Judging Contest.

The floor was opened for nominations of the new officers.

Merging the positions of secretary and treasurer was mentioned.

The new officers nominated were:

President: Stacy Bridges – Murray State
Vice President: Daniel Messick – Middle Tennessee
Secretary: Melanie Ament – Mississippi State
Treasurer: Amy Dyer – Middle Tennessee
Newsletter Editor: Chris von Kohn – Texas A&M
ACB Representative: Rebecca Stokes – Murray State

Meeting was adjourned.
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