2011 Fall Newsletter
Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations

Southern Region
American Society for Horticultural Science

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Early Hotel Registration Information
For those who want to register early.

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 324-5000    Toll free: 1-800-325-3535

Rates:
$149/night for Single or Double
$159/night for Triple and $169/night for Quad

Group rates will be available 3 days prior to and subsequent to meeting dates, and includes access to
3rd floor health club, pool access, in-room coffee and tea, and daily newspaper. Also, no resort or service
fees will be charged.

Reservations:
The cut-off date for reservations at the group rate is
5:00 pm (CST) on Friday, January 20, 2012. To make
reservations, call the toll free number above and
identify yourself as
part of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists or SAAS.

Cancellation policy:
Cancellations will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to
arrival date. A $50 fee will be charged for early
departure if you do not advise the hotel at or before
check-in.

Check in: 3:00 pm    Check out: Noon

Pre-Conference Newsletter
The Pre-Conference Newsletter will be emailed in
December. It will contain detailed information on
meeting registration, lodging, transportation, local
attractions, and the final program. Hard copies will be
distributed at the meetings.

About the 2012 Annual Meeting
72nd Annual Meeting
Birmingham, AL
February 4-7, 2012

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the
Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist
(SAAS). The 2012 SAAS Convention will be
held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 4-7. The
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel will be the site for
lodging. Meetings will be held in the
Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The
complex includes the hotel, the Medical Forum
Building, and various other meeting room and
entertainment facilities. For more pre-conference
information go to:
saasinc.org/2012-Birmingham/Welcome.asp
Future Meetings Sites
2013 Orlando, FL
2014 Dallas, TX
2015 Atlanta, GA
2016 Jacksonville, FL

Where to Get All Needed Forms
The Southern Region web site: srashs.org
- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Member Awards Nomination Forms
- Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
- Abstract Preparation Instructions
- Instructions to Section Chairs
- Submit Directory Information
- Dues Form
- Instructions to Judges

Southern Region Dues
ASHS Headquarters will start collecting and managing dues for the Southern Region. Dues can be paid at the Southern Region annual meetings, when you register online for the Southern Region annual meeting, with your yearly ASHS membership, or through the ASHS Online Store at http://shop.ashs.org/home.php. Dues for 2011 year are $20, but dues for 2012 will increase to $30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

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www.ashs.org

The ASHS Certified Horticulturist Program does not discriminate in determining eligibility on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

The American Society for Horticultural Science currently offers national certification programs to horticulturists, and professionals working in the horticultural arena. The certification programs recognize individuals who are competent and reliable in their fields. These designations allow the consumer or employer to know they're hiring someone they can rely on, and assure associates that they're working with a knowledgeable, certified professional.

The American Society for Horticultural Science will present the ASHS Certified Horticulturist exam at the Southern Region meetings, February 4 or 5, 2012, Birmingham, AL. The day, time and location will be announced in the 2012 Conference Program and posted on the society website srashs.org.
## Tentative 2012 Program-at-a-Glance

### Friday February 3

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| SBH  | Hotel Lobby | 7:00 open | | | | | | | | | | Registration
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom V/IX | | | | | | | | | | | Pecan Research & Extension Forum
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom II | | | | | | | | | | | Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers
| BJCC | Birmingham Ballroom X | | | | | | | | | | | National Sweetpotato Collaborators
| SBH  | Jefferson Boardroom 2 | | | | | | | | | | | Horticulture Administrators
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom IV | | | | | | | | | | | Executive Com.
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom III | | | | | | | | | | | ACB Club Share
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom XII | | | | | | | | | | | ACB Group Lunch
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom Vestibule | 7:00 open | | | | | | | | | | | Depart for Activities or Tour
| SBH  | Birmingham Prefunction | | | | | | | | | | | ACB Reception
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| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom X | | | | | | | | | | | Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee
| BJCC | Birmingham Ballroom X | | | | | | | | | | | Vegetable Crops Section
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom II | | | | | | | | | | | National Sweetpotato Collaborators
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom X | | | | | | | | | | | Extension Section
| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom X | | | | | | | | | | | National Cowpea Improvement Association
| MFCC | Medical Forum J/K | | | | | | | | | | | Edmond UG Paper Comp.
| MFCC | Medical Forum A | | | | | | | | | | | Children M.S. Paper Competition
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| SBH  | Birmingham Ballroom X | 7:00 open | | | | | | | | | | Registration
| SBH  | Birmingham Prefunction | | | | | | | | | | | Poster Session Viewing
| BJCC | East Meeting Room H | | | | | | | | | | | ACB Business Meeting
| BJCC | East Meeting Room F | | | | | | | | | | | Business Meeting/Awards Program
| BJCC | East Meeting Room G | | | | | | | | | | | Vegetable Crops Section
| BJCC | East Meeting Room I | | | | | | | | | | | Vegetable Crops Section
| BJCC | East Meeting Room H | | | | | | | | | | | Vegetable Crops Section

### Building Complex

- SBH - Sheraton Birmingham
- BJCC - Birmingham-Jefferson Conference Center
- MFCC - Medical Forum Conference Center
Call for Paper Titles – Sections

**Deadlines:**
- November 1: Authors email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
- December 1: Section Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

**Submission of Paper Title and Presentation of Paper:** One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

**Abstract Publication:** In order to publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

**If all authors have the same address, use the following format for Paper Titles:**
Identification of the Compounds Contributing to Antioxidant Activity in Specialty Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Lavanya Reddivari* and J.C. Miller, Jr., Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2133. (lavanya@neo.tamu.edu)

**If authors have separate addresses, use the following format for Paper Titles:**
Molecular Marker Analysis of a Segregating Blackberry Population. Eric T. Stafne1*, John R. Clark1, and Kim S. Lewers2, 1316 Plant Science, Department of Horticulture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701, 2USDA-ARS Fruit Lab., 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. (estafne@uark.edu)

*indicates the presenting author; list corresponding author’s email address at the end of the abstract.

**Send Titles to Section Chairs**

**Education Section**
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cwrobinson@auburn.edu

**Extension Section**
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lwells@uga.edu

**Fruit Crops Section**
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jds0017@auburn.edu

**Postharvest/Biotechnology Section**
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Baton Rouge, LA 70803-2120
dpicha1@lsu.edu

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215 Hoke Smith Bldg.
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pathomas@uga.edu

**Vegetables Crops Section**
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Tifton, GA 31793
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**Poster Section**
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thayne.montague@ttu.edu
Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

**Deadlines:**
- November 1: Authors email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
- December 1: Section Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file...

**Submission of Paper Title and Presentation of Paper:** One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

**Abstract Publication:** In order to publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

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*indicates the presenting author; list corresponding author’s email address at the end of the abstract.

**Send Titles to the Section Chairs**

**Undergraduate Student Paper Competition**
Only two papers in competition per student club or department

**J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.**
Bill Evans, Chair
Truck Crops Branch Exp Station
Mississippi State University
PO Box 231
Crystal Springs, MS 39059-0231
wbe@ra.msstate.edu

**Graduate Student Paper Competition**
There is no limit on the number of student papers per department or university. Students may give their paper again in the Commodity Sections (contact to the appropriate Section Chair).

**Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Competition**

**Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Competition**
David Creech, Chair
Dept. of Agriculture
Stephen F. Austin State University
PO Box 13000
Nacogdoches, TX 75962-3000
dcreech@sfasu.edu

**Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Competition**
There is no limit on the number of student posters per department or university.

**National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards**
Thayne Montague, Chair
Dept. of Plant & Soil Science
Texas Tech University
Box 42122
Lubbock, TX 79409-2122
thayne.montague@ttu.edu
Working Group Sessions

The following Working Groups will meet at the annual meeting. Information about the sessions can be obtained by contacting the respective Working Group Chair. If you have agenda items, topics, papers titles, etc. that you would like to present, contact the respective Working Group Chair.

Registration: All participants in the Working Groups must register for the SR-ASHS meeting.

Abstract Publication: In order to publish abstracts presented in the Working Group Sessions, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair of the most closely related Section by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org). A group of abstracts may be submitted from one Working Group Session, and they can be published as a block with a sub-heading under of the most closely related Section.

Deadlines: December 1: Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, agenda items, etc. properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Send Agenda items, paper titles, etc. to the Working Group Chairs

Horticulture Administrators
Doug Bailey, Chair
Dept. of Horticulture
University of Georgia
1111 Miller Plant Science Bldg.
Athens, GA 30602-7273
dabaily@uga.edu

Pecan Research & Extension Forum
Monty Nesbitt, Chair
Dept of Horticulture
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843
mlnesbitt@tamu.edu

Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers
Elina Coneva, Chair
Department of Horticulture
101 Funchess Hall
Auburn University
Auburn, AL 36849
edc0001@auburn.edu

Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee
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Riverside, CA 92521
jeff.ehlers@ucr.edu

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Dept Horticulture Science
North Carolina State University
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Raleigh, NC 27695-7609
jonr@ncsu.edu

National Cowpea Improvement Association
John Trachta
429 Houston St.
Pleasanton, TX 78064
john@ctsmithco.com

National Sweet Potato Collaborators
Ramon Arancibia
Mississippi State University
8320 Hwy 15 South
Ponotoc, MS 38863
raa66@msstate.edu
Call for Nominations for Student Awards

Student Paper and Poster Awards
Submit to Chair: Submit paper titles to the respective Chairs listed in the Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions
ACB Club and Club Member Awards
Requirements: See below for each award
Submit to Advisor: Mail or e-mail Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor listed below.
Nomination Form: Download Outstanding Club Award and Hammett Outstanding Club Member Award forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org
Deadlines: November 1 - Nomination packet submitted to the ACB Faculty Advisor December 15 - ACB Faculty Advisor submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer
Judging Contest Awards
Judging Contest Awards are determined at the meetings.

Student Paper Awards

J.B. Edmond
Undergraduate Student Paper Awards
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by undergraduate students. The awards are certificates and checks for $300, $200 and $100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is funded by the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Endowment.

Norman F. Childers
M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by M.S. students. The awards are certificates and checks for $300, $200 and $100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Dr. Norman F. Childers.

Warren S. Barham
Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Awards
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by Ph.D. students. The awards are certificates and checks for $300, $200 and $100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Dr. Warren S. Barham Endowment.

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards
One award is given for the best undergraduate student poster and one for the best graduate student poster. The awards are certificates and $100 for undergraduate and graduate poster. The award is sponsored by the National Cowpea Improvement Association.

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Outstanding Club Award
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ACB Clubs (active dues paid clubs) based on the club’s activity record for the previous academic year. The awards are certificates and checks for $150, $100 and $50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch Member
The award is given to the student judged to be the Outstanding ACB Club Member. The award consists of a plaque.

J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place clubs and individuals in each commodity category. Only one team per ACB club or department may compete for awards. The ACB club must have current dues paid, and all student competitors must be registered for the current meeting. Individual students may judge as space allows. Clubs sign-up to compete at the meeting. If possible, clubs that plan on competing should notify the ACB Faculty Advisor prior to the meeting. The award consists of certificates. The contest is sponsored by Dr. J. Benton Storey.

Send Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor
Jeff Adkins, ACBAdvisor
Dept. of Agriculture
Stephen F. Austin State University
PO Box 13000
Nacogdoches, TX 75961
adkinsja@sfasu.edu
Call for Nominations for Member Awards

Requirements: See below for each award.
Submit to Chair: Mail or e-mail Nominations to Awards Chair listed below.
Nomination Form: Download Nomination Forms from the Southern Region website: srashs.org
Deadlines: November 1 - Nominations submitted to Award Chairs
December 15 - Award Chairs submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award
The award recognizes outstanding teaching.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching and advising for 10 or more years, with primary emphasis in undergraduate teaching; (3) substantial portion of effort in teaching regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Teaching Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200. The award is endowed by Dr. Jeannie P. Miller, wife of Dr. Miller. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Teaching Award. Send nominations to: Mike Arnold, Chair Texas A&M University HFSB 207 College Station, TX 77843-2133 ma-arnold@tamu.edu

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award
The award recognizes outstanding research.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) 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; (3) substantial portion of effort in research regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Research Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200. The award is endowed by Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Jr. in memory of his father. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Research Award. Send nominations to: Mike Smith, Chair Dept. of Horticulture & Landscape Arch Oklahoma State University 360 Agriculture Hall Stillwater, OK 74078-6027 mike.smith@okstate.edu

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing
The award is presented in recognition of the best paper developed from doctoral research.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) doctoral research completed at a university in the Southern Region; (3) one paper per senior author and submitted only once; (4) submitted prior to awarding degree and up to 18 months after completion of degree; (5) in format of Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science or HortScience. The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn. Send nominations to: Dennis Werner, Chair Department of Horticultural Sciences North Carolina State University PO Box 7609 Raleigh, NC 27695-7609 dennis_werner@ncsu.edu

Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award
The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration, which contributes to the progress of professional horticulture.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) active administrator and leader as Department Chair or Head, or College or University administrator at a University in the Southern Region; or administrators of horticultural units, such as Universities, USDA stations, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc, with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions in horticulture. (3) not a member of the selection committee. Send nominations to: Doug Bailey, Chair Dept. of Horticulture University of Georgia 1111 Miller Plant Science Bldg Athens, GA 30602-7273 dabailey@uga.edu
Henry M. Covington Extension Award
The award is in recognition of outstanding and valuable contributions to horticulture by an Extension Horticulturist.

Requirements: 1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) minimum 5 years experience as an extension agent or specialist; (3) minimum 60% extension appointment; (4) not a member of the selection committee; (5) not a previous recipient or any other Region award this year. The award is endowed by the late Dr. Henry Covington and his wife. The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200.

Send nominations to:
Wilfred Jester, Chair
Specialty Crops Program
2402 Hardee Road
Kinston, NC 28504
bill_jester@ncsu.edu

John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals
The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in 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 continuous extension experience; (3) greater than 50 percent extension appointment in horticulture (city, county, area, or state). The award consists of a $200 award and a plaque. The award is sponsored by the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

Send nominations to:
Lenny Wells, Chair
University of Georgia
Tifton Campus
4604 Research Way
Tifton, GA 31793
lwells@uga.edu

Extension Communications Awards
The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects in written, video, audio and electronic form.

Requirements: (1) senior author must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) one publication per author; (3) entry may be submitted by the author(s) themselves or by SR-ASHS members on behalf of the authors; (3) entry should have been prepared within the past two years; (4) submit three copies of the entry, and (5) a completed Extension Communication Entry Form. Copies of entries will not be returned, but can be claimed at registration desk at the next annual meeting. The award consists of a Blue Ribbon Certificate.

Send nominations to:
Monte Nesbitt, Chair
Texas A&M University
Department of Horticulture
202 Hort./Forestry Bldg.
College Station, TX 77843-2133
mlnesbitt@tamu.edu
# 2011-2012 Officers, Chairs and Committees

**(Term of office is from end of 2011 meeting through 2012 meeting)**

**Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science**

## Officers

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<td><a href="mailto:brian.kahn@okstate.edu">brian.kahn@okstate.edu</a></td>
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Check one per Category (except Executive Committee where you vote for two)

PRESIDENT-ELECT
(Will preside over 2014 meeting)

_____ Joe Kemble, Auburn University
_____ Curt Rom, University of Arkansas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Will serve starting with 2012 meeting)

Vote for two (2); top two (2) vote getters elected

_____ Pat Williams, Murray State University
_____ Steve Stringer, USDA, ARS, Poplarville, MS
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