

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

For the Week of May 5, 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

***CAFLS GRADUATION—Friday, May 9, 2008, at Littlejohn Coliseum at 9:30 am.**

***Associate Deans Retire**—Dr. Tom Schwedler, CAFLS Associate Dean of Research and Dr. John Sweeney, CAFLS Interim Associate Dean of Instruction, have announced their retirements at the end of the current calendar year.

***Dr. Whitwell Resigns as Department Chair**—Dr. Ted Whitwell will be stepping down as Chair of the Horticulture Department after 10 years of service. His last day will be August 15, 2008. He will help with Dean Alan Sams in the process of selecting an interim chair and later a permanent replacement. We would like to thank Dr. Whitwell for leading our department for the past 10 years.

***Congratulations**—To Dr. Desmond Layne, who will be receiving the 2008 American Society of Horticultural Science (ASHS) Outstanding Extension Educator Career Award at the upcoming national conference in Orlando, FL, on July 21. Also, Dr. Layne and co-author Dr. Daniele Bassi of the University of Milan, Italy, have completed an 840-page comprehensive textbook titled *The Peach: Botany, Production and Uses*, which will be available in August. This is the first time anyone from Clemson University has won this award.

***Congratulations**—To Jeanette Cannon, Ryan Holmes, Keven Satterfield, and James Weston for receiving the 2008 American Society for Horticultural Science's (ASHS) Collegiate Scholars Award.

***SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**—Congratulations to the following students who have received scholarships for the upcoming school year:

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| Kenneth Baker | James Martin |
| James Bennett | Tommy McAlister |
| Jason Billings | Marshall McKnight |
| James Blackely | Stephanie Phelps |
| Andrew Bozard | Wesley Randall |
| Michael Brumbaugh | Stephen Ratasky |
| John Chumley | Kevin Redmond |
| Amanda Cihlar | Elizabeth Regan |
| Myles Close | Glenn Rhodes |
| Carson Funchess | Nathaniel Rogers |
| Sean Halloran | Mark Seales, Jr. |
| Michael Hardin | Todd Spivey |
| Erik Healy | Sean Stokes |
| Jonathan Holmes | Natalie Watson |
| Susannah Horton | Griffin Westbrook |
| Jon Jenkins | Christopher Worthy |

May these scholarships continue to help them continue in their academic careers.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/LECTURES

***Trees Florida 2008 Conference and Trade Show**—June 7-10, 2008; Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Conference Center and Spa, Weston, FL. For additional information and online registration, visit their website at <http://www.TreesFlorida.com>

***14th Annual Gulf Coast Turfgrass Expo & Field Day**—June 18, 2008; West Florida Research and Education Center, Jay, FL. Sponsored by the University of FL, West Florida REC, University of FL Cooperative Extension Service, and Gulf Coast Chapter, Golf Course Superintendent's Association. For additional information, contact Robin Vickers at 850-983-5216 ext. 113.

***2008 Southeast Greenhouse Conference**—June 19-21, 2008; Carolina First Center, Greenville, SC. For additional information, visit their website at <http://www.sgcts.org>

***SC Master Gardener Conference**—June 22-24, 2008; Hyatt Regency Hotel, Greenville, SC. Theme: Greening Carolina: Creating the Eco-Friendly Landscape. Sponsored by the Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Association and Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service. For additional information, visit their website at http://www.greatergreenvillemastergardener.org/08SCMG/SCMG_Home.htm

***2008 ASHS Annual Conference**—July 21-24, 2008; Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL. For additional information, visit their website at <http://www.ashs.org>

***2008 Clemson University Turfgrass Research and Education Field Day**—August 5, 2008; Madren Center, Clemson University campus. Field day begins at 8:30 am. For additional information, contact Dr. Bert McCarty at 864-656-0120; e-mail: bmcarty@clemson.edu

***2008 PLANET (Professional Landcare Network) Green Industry Conference**—October 22-25, 2008; Louisville Marriott Downtown Hotel, Louisville, KY. For additional information, call 800-395-2522 or visit their website at <http://www.landcarenetwork.org>

***2008 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference**—November 18-20, 2008; Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation. Deadline for Presentation Proposals—May 2, 2008. For additional information, visit their website at <http://www.arborday.org>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Brenda Green—May 6

Joseph Haun—May 13

Vance Baird—May 14

Xiaoyu Liu—May 14

Kelby Fite—May 15

Greg Hoyt (Adj. Faculty)—May 23

Chandler Reynolds—May 24

Linda Alexander, Editor