

2015 Fall Newsletter

Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations



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About the 2016 Annual Meeting

**77th Annual
San Antonio, TX
February 5-7, 2016**

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in San Antonio, TX. Lodging and meetings will be available at Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk. For more pre-conference information go to:
http://saasinc.org/2016-SanAntonio/Welcome_page.asp

Schedule of Meetings

See the last page of newsletter for greater detail.

Friday

- Working Group Meetings
- Administrators Meetings
- ACB Club Share and tour
- Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday

- Poster session set-up and viewing
- ACB judging contest
- Working Group Meetings
- Extension and Education Sections meetings.
- Edmund, Childers, Barham and Poster Judging competitions
- SAAS Board Meeting

Sunday

- Poster session and viewing
- ACB Business meeting and election of new officers
- Commodity Section meetings.
- Business Meeting
- Super Bowl Party if you hang around

Early Hotel Registration Information

Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk

123 Losoya Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 210.222.1234

Fax: 210.451.6162

DEADLINE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

Rates:

Single/Double \$139/night

SR-ASHS Web Site Address
srashs.org

ASHS Web Site Address
ashs.org

SAAS Web Site Address
saasinc.org

Triple/Quad \$139/night

SAAS rate includes: No resort fee, no fee for Health Club or pool usage, 50% discount on self-parking fees, complimentary Internet in guest rooms for up to one device, complimentary use of electrical outlets in meeting rooms for presenters only, and complimentary room sets to include chairs, tables, podium, projector table, easels, risers, water stations, pen, and paper.

Check in: 3:00 pm **Check out:** Noon

Reservations can be made online at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SAAS2016> or by calling 1-888-421-1442 and refer to the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) group block at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk. If rooms are available, reservations can be made for 3 days ahead and/or 3 days after the meeting dates at the discounted group rate if you would like to come early or stay longer for sightseeing.

Early Departure Fee: Hyatt has an early departure fee of a full night's room and tax. Departure dates are reconfirmed at check-in and are subject to a fee if changed after the check-in process is complete.

Airport Information

The San Antonio International Airport (SAT), located at 9800 Airport Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78216, is approximately 15 miles from the conference hotel.

Hotel does not have shuttle service

Pre-Conference Newsletter

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

Future Meetings Sites

2017 Mobile, AL
2018 Jacksonville, FL

Forms

Where to Get All Needed Forms

The Southern Region web site:

<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>

- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nomination Award
- Member Awards Nomination Forms
- Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
- Abstract Preparation Instructions
- Instructions to Section Chairs
- Submit Directory Information
- Instructions to Judges

Southern Region Dues

ASHS Headquarters collects and manages dues for the Southern Region. It is recommended that you pay your dues with your yearly ASHS membership. If you are not a member of National ASHS, you can pay your dues through the ASHS Online Store at <https://ashs.site-ym.com/store/default.aspx?> or at the annual meetings. Dues are \$30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

Update on Endowments

Norman F. Childers' Endowment

Due to the generosity of Dr. Norman F. Childers the Norman F. Childers Revocable Trust endowed in perpetuity the Norman F. Childers' Awards. The endowment will be sufficient to fund Norman F. Childers' Outstanding M.S. Graduate Student Paper the award at an enhanced level.



Childers Outstanding Graduate Student Award

The endowment established the Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award. The purpose is to recognize the outstanding graduate student in the Southern Region. This will be the first year that this award is presented.

Warren S. Barham Endowment

Due to the generosity of the Warren Barham Family, the Warren Barham Endowment has been endowed at a level that will assure the Warren S. Barham Outstanding PhD Graduate Student Paper will be awarded in perpetuity, and the award will be at an enhanced level.

Call for Paper Titles – Sections

Deadlines: November 2 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 16 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a 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. Stafne^{1*}, 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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Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

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College Station, TX 77843
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Casey Barickman, Chair
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Poster Section

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PO Box 13000, SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75965
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Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

Deadlines: November 2 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 16 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

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Send Titles to the Section Chairs

Students may also present their paper or poster in the Commodity Section, if they submit the title to the appropriate Section Chair and there is an available time slot; they must notify the Chair that it is a second presentation. The abstract will only be published once with the competition papers.

Undergraduate Student Paper and Poster Competitions

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

Dario Chavez, Chair
Dept. of Horticulture
University of Georgia
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223-1797
dchavez@uga.edu

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards

Michael Maurer, Chair
Dept. of Agriculture
Stephen F. Austin State Univ.
PO Box 13000, SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75965
maurerma@sfasu.edu

Graduate Student Paper Competition

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

and
Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Competition
Ed Bush, Chair
School of Plant, Environment and Soil Science
Louisiana State University
257 J.C. Miller Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-2120
ebush@agcenter.lsu.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 Titles Deadlines: December 12 –For titles to appear in the program, Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

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 Working Group Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org). The group of abstracts is submitted by the Working Group Chair to the Chair of the most appropriate Commodity Section; the abstracts will be published as a block under a sub-heading of the Section.

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

Horticulture Administrators

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 mackay@uark.edu

Watermelon Research Group

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 2700 Savannah Hwy
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Pecan Research & Extension Forum

Lenny Wells
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 4604 Research Way
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National Cowpea Improvement Association

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 Red River Research Station
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 eric.stafne@msstate.edu

National Sweet Potato Collaborators

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Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee

Blair Buckley, Chair
 LSU AgCenter
 Red River Research Station
 262 Research Station Drive
 Bossier City, LA 71112
 bbuckley@agctr.lsu.edu

Call for Nominations for Student Awards

Student Paper and Poster Awards

Submit to Chair: Submit paper titles to the respective Chairs in Call for Student Paper Competition Titles

ACB Club and Club Member Awards

Requirements: See below for each award

Submit to Advisor: Mail or e-mail Nominations to the ACB Faculty Advisor listed below.

Nomination Forms: Download award forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org

Deadlines: November 2 - Nomination packet submitted to the ACB Faculty Advisor
December 12 - ACB Faculty Advisor submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

Student Oral & Poster Awards

(determined at meeting)

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 \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Norman F. Childers Endowment.

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 \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by 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.

Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Award is given to the outstanding graduate student in the southern region. The award is \$1,000 funded by the Childers Endowment.

Send nominations to:

Wayne Mackay, Chair
Univ. of Arkansas

316 Plant Science Bldg.
Dept. of Horticulture
Fayetteville, AR 72701
mackay@uark.edu

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.

Send Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor

Jay Speirs, ACB Advisor
Auburn Univ.
Dept. of Horticulture
101 Funchess Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
jds0017@auburn.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 web site: srashs.org
Deadlines:	November 2 - Nominations submitted to Award Chairs December 12 - 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:

Cynthia McKenney, Chair
Dept. of Plant & Soil Science
Texas Tech Univ.
Lubbock, TX 79409
cynthia.mckenney@ttu.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:

Don Labonte, Chair
School of Plant, Environment and Soil Science
Louisiana State University
104 Sturgis Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
dlabonte@agcenter.lsu.edu

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

The award is presented in recognition of the best published paper developed from doctoral research.

Requirements: (1) award recipient and/or primary advisor must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) submit reprint of paper published in any refereed journal, (3) paper published within calendar year of award due date and the previous calendar year; therefore for this cycle the paper must have been published in calendar year 2014 or 2015, (4) doctoral research must have been completed in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region; (5) one paper per senior author and submitted only once, The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.

Send nominations to:

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Eastern Shore AREC
Virginia Tech
33446 Research Drive
Painter, VA 23420
raran@vt.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:

David Creech, Chair
Dept. of Agriculture

Stephen F. Austin State Univ.
PO Box 13000, SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75965
dcreech@sfasu.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:

Chris Gunter, Chair
Department of Horticultural Science
230 Kilgore Hall, Campus Box 7609
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC 27695-7609
cgunter@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 in 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:

Memgmeng Gu, Chair
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences
Texas A&M University
TAMU 2133
College Station, TX 77843
MGu@tamu.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, unless arrangements are made with the Chair. The award consists of a Blue Ribbon Certificate.

Send nominations to:

James Robbins, Chair
Univ of Arkansas
Cooperative Extension
2301 S University Ave
Little Rock, AR 72203
jrobbins@uaex.edu

2015-2016 Officers, Chairs and Committees
 (Term of office is from end of 2015 meeting through 2016 meeting)
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Member		
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Outstanding ACB Club & Club Member	Jay Spiers	jds0017@auburn.edu

Tentative Program

Friday, February 5												
5-Feb	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00		
Hotel Lobby	7:00 open Registration											
Nueces/Frio	Pecan Research & Extension Forum											
Directors	Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers											
Mesquite	Horticulture Administrators Executive Com.											
Llano/Pecos	Watermelon Research Group											
Live Oak	Sweetpotato Collaborators											
Chula Vista	ACB Club Share and Networking ACB Activities, Tour, Meal ACB Mixer											
Saturday, February 6												
Room	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00		
Regency Ballroom Foyer	7:00 open Registration											
Regency Center West	Poster Session Set-Up Poster Session Viewing, Authors at Posters & Judging											
Regency Ballroom Center East	Judging Contest Set-Up J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest											
Llano/Pecos	Watermelon Research Group											
Medina	Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee National Cowpea Improvement Association											
Live Oak	Sweetpotato Collaborators											
Directors	Extension Section Commodity Section if needed											
Nueces/Frio	Education Section Commodity Section if needed											
Mesquite	Edmond UG Paper Comp. Childers M.S. Paper Competition Barham Ph.D. Paper Comp.											
Sunday, February 7												
Room	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00		
Regency Ballroom Foyer	7:00 open Registration											
Regency Center West	Poster Session Viewing Poster Take down											
Rio Grande Ballroom East	ACB Business Meeting Business Meeting/Awards Prog.											
Navarro	Vegetable Crops Section Vegetable Crops Section											
Bowie AB	Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section											
Maverick A	Fruit Crops Section Fruit Crops Section											
Directors	PostHarvest & Biotechnology Section											
Rio Grande Ballroom East	Concurrent Session											
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