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46th
Annual
Meeting

International Plant Propagator's Society
Southern Region of North America
University of Georgia Center for Continuing
Education & Hotel, Athens, GA
October 16 – 20, 2022

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 16

4:00 PM	Hotel Check in Begins
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Conference Registration Open, Conference Registration Desk
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Auction Plants accepted, Masters Hall
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting, Craige Board Room

Monday, October 17

6:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration Open, Conference Registration Desk
7:30 AM	Load Tour buses, Carlton Street Exit
8:00 AM	Buses Depart Tour stops: Classic Groundcovers University of Georgia State Botanical Garden Angel Creek Nursery Griffith Propagation Nursery, Inc. Premier Introductions, Inc.
Today's Lunch is Sponsored by Classic Groundcovers	
5:00 PM	Reception at the Gardens of Dr. Michael Dirr
5:30 PM	First Bus departs Reception
6:30 PM	Last Bus departs Reception
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Auction Plants accepted, Masters Hall
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Registration Open

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Tuesday, October 18

6:00 AM - Noon	Registration Open
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Long Range Site Committee Meeting, The Oak Room
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Membership Communications Committee Meeting, The President's Dining Room
7:00 AM - Noon	Auction Plants accepted, Masters Hall
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Sponsor Breakfast, Magnolia Ballroom Salons 4-5
7:00 AM	Poster Set up, Hill Atrium
7:00 AM	Sponsor Set up, Hill Atrium
8:00 AM	Opening Remarks, Bobby Green, 2021-22 Southern Region President, Mahler Hall
8:10 AM	The 50 Years History of Horticulture at Spartanburg Community College, Dr. Kevin Parris, Spartanburg Community College
8:30 AM	A New Way to Serve, Samantha Manning, Veteran's Farm
8:50 AM	From Curio to Champion: Examples of Delayed Value in Plant Introductions Dr. Richard Olsen, US National Arboretum
9:20 AM	Question and Answer Session
9:35 AM	Refreshment Break, Hill Atrium
9:55 AM	Charlie Parkerson SR-IPPS Student Research Competition, Dr. Mack Thetford, University of Florida
10:00 AM	First Student Presentation
10:15 AM	Second Student Presentation
10:30 AM	Third Student Presentation
10:45 AM	Fourth Student Presentation
11:00 AM	Question and Answer Session
11:10 AM	Break
11:20 AM	Alternatives to Loose-fill Media for Improved Plug Handling, Ben Sanders, Griffith Propagation Nursery, Inc.
11:40 AM	Understanding Phosphorus in Container- Based Nursery Production, Dr. Jake Shreckhise, USDA-ARS
Noon	Question and Answer Session

12:20 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch on your own
1:45PM	Substrate Stratification: Layering Media to Help Improve Rooting, Resource Efficiency, and Cost, Dr. Jeb Fields, Louisiana State University
2:05 PM	Sustainable Landscapes and Gardens for Florida, Dr. Sandy Wilson, University of Florida
2:25 PM	Not Your Mother's Meatballs: Gardening Trends and the Future of Boxwood, Lindsay Day, Garden Media Group
2:45 PM	Question and Answer Session
3:00 PM	Refreshment Break, Hill Atrium, Visit with Sponsors
3:20 PM	Reflections on 40-years of Plant Introductions: The Successes, Near Misses, and the Future, Dr. Michael Dirr, Premier Introductions Inc.
4:00 PM	Chasing the Mighty: Asexual Propagation of Oaks, Dwayne Moon, Moon Tree Farm
4:20 PM	Question and Answer Session
4:30 PM	Visit Posters and talk with the Student Authors
4:45 PM	Auction Closes, Masters Hall
6:00 PM	Social, Galleria
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Live Auction, Magnolia Ballroom
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Auction Check out Conference Registration Desk

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration Open
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Fellows Breakfast, Magnolia Ballroom, Salon 5
7:30 AM	Load Tour buses, Carlton Street Exit
8:00 AM	Buses Depart Tour stops: Bailey Innovations James Greenhouses Moon Tree Farm, Inc. Atlanta Botanical Garden - Gainesville, GA

Today's lunch is sponsored by James Greenhouses

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception in the UGA Trial Gardens
8:00 PM	Ice Cream Social, Hill Atrium
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Question Box, Mahler Hall

Thursday, October 20

7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration Open
8:00 AM	Opening Remarks, Bobby Green, 2021-22 Southern Region President, Mahler Hall
8:10 AM	Zoo Horticulture: Growing Plants with Wild Appeal, Eric Shealy, Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens
8:30 AM	Window of Opportunity for Woody Stem Cuttings, Dr. Donglin Zhang, University of Georgia
8:50 AM	New Plants from the Mountain Crop Improvement Lab, Irene Palmer, North Carolina State University
9:10 AM	Question and Answer Session
9:25 AM	IPPS-SR Annual Business Meeting
10:25 AM	Break, Hill Atrium
10:45 AM	Introduction to H2A Dan Bremer, AgWorksH2, LLC
11:05 AM	Translating the European Approach to Domestic Plant Production, Laura Kline, The Plant Company
11:25 AM	2023 International Tour, Brie Arthur, Brie Grows
11:45 AM	Southern Region 2023, Durham, NC, Dr. Liz Riley, Alamance Community College & Dana Massey, Plantworks Nursery
12:05 PM	Questions and Answer Session Adjourn
12:30 P.M.	Board Lunch and Meeting, Magnolia Ballroom, Salon 5
1:30 - 3:30 P.M.	Tour of Dr. Donglin Zhang's research, UGA Hort Farm, 1221 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville, GA Contact Dr. Zhang, if transportation needed, @ donglin@uga.edu.

2022 IPPS-SR Tour Description

Monday Tours



Classic Groundcovers, Inc.

Classic Groundcovers, Inc is a wholesale nursery growing 120 varieties of groundcover and perennial plants. The nursery is based on 80 acres with 100,000 square feet of greenhouse space. Selling both containerized and bare root plants, along with “no minimum”, Classic has a unique niche in the wholesale nursery industry. Classic’s customers are landscapers, garden centers, wholesalers, growers, and municipalities, as well as being a source for several internet retailers. Daily/year-round shipping is via UPS and LTL companies. Classic maintains a strong company culture, portrayed in its marketing program and reflected in both long term employee and customer retention. Customer service is always the top priority at Classic. Service is whatever the Classic team can do to help their customers be successful. The standard operating procedure at Classic is for service to be provided in an immediate manner. Since 1963, Classic Groundcovers is “The Home of Sudden Service”.

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia was established in 1968. We have 313 acres with 5 miles of trails through the natural areas and 33 acres of formal garden space. As a unit of Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia, the State Botanical Garden of Georgia creates and nurtures an environment for learning, inspiration and engagement through horticulture, conservation, science based programs and lasting partnerships. Our vision is to be a garden that celebrates the best in southern horticulture, natural heritage, and culture through excellence in gardening displays and practices, and stewardship of healthy natural eco-systems.



Angel Creek Nursery

Angel Creek Nursery is a full-spectrum production nursery that propagates by cuttings or seed, grows to liner size in container and bare root, and also produces full-sized balled & burlapped landscape material. We are currently focusing on producing high-quality clonal oak liners from cuttings in addition to our normal Southeastern US landscape mix.

Griffith Propagation Nursery, Inc.

Griffith Propagation Nursery, Inc. was established by Mark Griffith in 1982 in rural Oconee County, GA. Now encompassing 20 acres, which includes a repurposed hog farm, the nursery is a leading supplier of wholesale quality liners of woody ornamentals with the focus on supplying vigorous, quality material with good service and at a fair price. Griffith Nursery continues to offer new introductions in addition to offering proven plants of interest. After graduating from UGA's business program, son Taylor has joined the nursery bringing fresh perspectives and ideas. Griffith Nursery is a licensed propagator for Encore® Azalea, Endless Summer®, First Editions®, Gardeners Confidence® and Southern Living® plant collections.



Premier Introductions Inc.,

Premier Introductions Inc., established January 1, 2020, is a plant breeding company located on 15 acres adjacent to Griffith Propagation Nursery Inc. Dr. Michael Dirr, Jeff Beasley and Mark Griffith are the owners. Their goal is to supply superior genetics, in many genera, to the nursery industry. Many of the plants you grow today were created by the PII trio.

PII

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Bailey Innovations

Bailey Innovations is a plant breeding and trialing company based just outside of Athens, GA. We specialize in creating exciting, new introductions for the First Editions® brand of shrubs and trees as well as the Endless Summer® brand of Hydrangea macrophylla. Our attention to detail and rigorous trialing process ensures that our plants are thoroughly vetted before they find their way to the market. We want our growers and gardeners to have success with our plants, so they have confidence to implement bold and beautiful designs, whether in a home garden or a commercial landscape.



James Greenhouses

James Greenhouses is a family-owned and operated propagation facility in Colbert, GA. We specialize in rooting herbaceous perennials from cuttings and tissue culture. Major programs include Heuger Helleborus, Virus Free Hosta, Drift and Knockout Roses from Star Roses and seasonal flowering tropicals. With a full-time staff of 50 employees, we produce over 10 million young plants annually, which are distributed throughout North America.



Moon's Tree Farm

Moon's Tree Farm is a 500 acre wholesale tree grower, located in Washington, Georgia, which originated over 30 years ago. In its pursuit of new and improved plant selections, Moon's Tree Farm formed Southern Selections, LLC, to introduce some of the most sought-after, urban-tolerant tree cultivars in the industry today. Through the years, Moon's has been blessed and has earned a reputation for propagating, growing, and selecting unique varieties offered for today's challenging environments.



The Atlanta Botanical Garden-Gainesville

The Atlanta Botanical Garden-Gainesville opened in May of 2015 as a satellite location of the Atlanta garden. The 165 acres of land was given as a gift in 2001 from the Smithgall family to help preserve it for future generations. About 20 acres has been developed at this time including a half mile entry road, visitor center, 2000 seat amphitheater, event lawn and perennial border, main woodland garden, 1.5 miles hiking trails, and a Children's Garden. Much of the plant material in the garden was propagated and grown on site at the greenhouse/nursery facility in the years leading up to opening. This helped create an extremely diverse garden that has established quickly over the last 7 years. Specialty collections include Hamamelis, Magnolia, Hydrangea, and species Acer. Both of the Magnolia and Acer collection are part of a nationally accredited multi-institution collection.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

2023 (Oct 28 – Nov 1) Durham, NC

2024 (Oct 26 – Oct 30) Tulsa, OK

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Charles H. Parkerson, 1993
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Buddy Martin, 1999
Richard Marshall, 2000
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Bob Smart, 2007
Stewart Chandler, 2008
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Recipients of Southern Region's Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit

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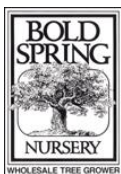
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