



88th Annual Texas Pecan Growers Conference & Trade Show

July 12-15, 2009
Mesquite, TX

DON'T MISS IT!!

Dear TPGA Members and Friends:

We are going back to Mesquite, Texas for our 88th Annual TPGA Conference and Trade Show and we hope you will mark your calendar for July 12-15 and make your hotel reservations! Our conference will take place at the convenient Mesquite Convention Center which is attached to the Hampton Inn and Suites, next to the Mesquite Championship Rodeo on the east side of Dallas. Many of you will remember this as the site of our 2000 annual conference and they are anxious to welcome us back to this spacious venue.

Our room rate at the Hampton Inn and Suites is \$110 for a standard room, single or double occupancy, or \$130 for a suite, single or double occupancy. For reservations, call the Hampton at 972-882-1804 or make reservations online at our personalized group page:

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/DALHSHX-TPG-20090711/index.jhtml>

You can also link to this reservations site at our web site, <http://www.tpga.org> -- click on the Annual Conference page.

The Hampton Inn is not large enough to accommodate our entire group but overflow rooms are available at a convenient Holiday Inn Express just across the street. The rate for our group at the Holiday Inn Express is \$99. Call the hotel for reservations, 972-288-9900. Free breakfast is provided at both hotels as well as free parking. Each room includes in-room coffee maker, luxurious bedding and more.

The Hampton Inn & Suites is just off I-635, south of Interstate 30. Take Exit 4 (Military/Scyene) off 635. The Holiday Inn Express is at the same exit, just north of the Hampton. Both hotels are on the west side of 635. Our conference rate will be honored for three days prior to and after the conference -- as long as the hotel has rooms available -- for those who want to spend a few extra days. Be sure to indicate that you are with the Texas Pecan Growers.

We are emailing occasional notices and additional information to TPGA members. If you have not received email from us recently, please email Cindy and give her your current email address — cindywise@tpga.org



TPGA will have a block of discounted tickets on Saturday night, July 11, for the World Championship Mesquite Rodeo (the facility adjoins our hotel!). We will get this information to everyone who registers for the TPGA Annual Conference.

Our agenda for Sunday activities includes registration from 1-5 p.m. and a Grand Opening Reception in the exhibit hall that evening. Dinner on your own. We encourage you to please check in and get your registration materials on Sunday afternoon. The Mini Shortcourse, sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension will kick off first thing Monday morning. Our educational program will continue Monday afternoon and Tuesday. Wednesday morning we will travel one hour south to Corsicana for a tour of Navarro Pecan Co. You will be able to drive your own vehicle and head home from Corsicana or be driven to and from Corsicana via chartered bus -- whichever you prefer.

Monday at noon, we will have an awards luncheon which we hope you will all participate in. Several TPGA members will be honored with Life Membership, our highest non-technical award.

Monday evening we have a festive, fun-filled event scheduled at Double D Ranch, less than 10 minutes from the hotel. Great food and an outstanding musical treat are in store for you there!

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The educational program is going to feature some exciting things going on in Texas and in the pecan industry at this time. The salmonella issue will be addressed -- this is important for all pecan growers to hear. We will also have a "workshop" focusing on the export market to China. This special event is being made possible by Specialty Crop Funding made available through Texas Dept. of Agriculture. Some speakers are still pending and we will have updates on the educational program to send you shortly -- please make sure we have a current email address for you. CEU's will be available including 1 hour of laws & regs for those hearing Billy Higginbotham's talk on feral hog control.

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SUNDAY

Conference registration will be from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Please plan to arrive on Sunday and pick up your registration packet before the reception. The trade show and State Pecan Show will be open at 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Monday morning we will begin with the annual Mini Shortcourse. Several CEUs will be available by participating. The educational program will then continue from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Monday afternoon. The trade show will be open all day Monday. TPGA's President's Luncheon will take place at noon. We hope to have a large crowd participate. The hotel does not have an on-site restaurant for lunch. Some special friends will be honored.

Monday evening, we'll head to the Double D Ranch for a great evening of BBQ by Eddie Dean (a favorite of George Bush) and musical program by the Dave Tanner Band (all indoors!). Dave Tanner does a great show and then will provide music for dancing. The Ranch is only 5-10 minutes from the hotel. Transportation is not provided but folks should be able to carpool if they don't want to drive. Horseshoes are available as well as other activities. Alcohol is not sold at the ranch; however, there will be an opportunity to purchase drink tickets in advance.

TUESDAY

The trade show will open at 8 a.m. The educational program will get underway at 8:30 a.m. The educational program will continue until 5 p.m. On Tuesday evening you will be on your own, so gather a few friends and select one of the many wonderful restaurants in the vicinity -- we will have some recommendations for you. But don't leave on Tuesday! You will want to be around for the tour on Wednesday morning.

SPOUSES: We have a tour lined up on Tuesday that will include heading to downtown Dallas to visit Pioneer Plaza, the Sixth Floor Museum and then to lunch at Walt Garrison's Rodeo Bar & Grill in the Adolphus Hotel. Cost for admissions and bus transportation is \$25, and you will pay for your own lunch. The tour will depart on Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. and return after lunch between 1:30 - 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

What fun you will have on our tour Wednesday morning! Navarro Pecan Company in Corsicana has graciously consented to host a tour of its shelling plant. We'll also visit and grab lunch at Collin Street Bakery's new retail store on I-45, and make a short stop at the Russell Stover's Factory Outlet. You can drive your own vehicle there and head home afterwards, or sign up for charter bus transportation from the hotel in Mesquite. It is an easy one-hour drive south of Mesquite. You will need to pre-select your lunch choice at the TPGA meeting on Tuesday and pay individually at the restaurant (easily less than \$10). There is no charge for the tour (except for your lunch) unless you choose charter bus transportation to and from Mesquite. That is \$15 per person. We will need at least 35 bus riders to provide this service. If we do not get that many, we will refund this money for those who sign up.

TPGA DUES

Most TPGA memberships expire on June 30 (you can check your label to confirm; 090630 means your expiration date is June 30, 2009). If so, please take the opportunity to renew your membership at the time you register for the conference. If you are unable to attend the conference this year, the registration form may still be used for membership renewal. We greatly appreciate your support. Your dues support valuable research and promotion.

Please give us a call if you have any questions regarding the conference.

BRISON SCHOLARSHIP

This mailing is the only time each year we mention the \$1,000 Fred Brison scholarship presented annually by the Texas Pecan Growers Association to a student in the horticulture department at Texas A&M University. If you are interested in contributing to our scholarship fund, you may use the registration form to do so (bottom left).

RECAP OF CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, July 12, 2009
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Trade Show Setup (trade show not open for viewing until reception time)
1-5 p.m. Conference Registration
2 p.m. TPGA Board of Directors Meeting
5:30-7 p.m. Grand Opening Reception
Monday, July 13, 2009
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration and Trade Show Open
8:30 a.m. Mini Pecan Shortcourse, sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension
Noon President's Awards Luncheon
1:30 - 5 p.m. Educational Program
6:30 - 10 p.m. Dinner and Music at Double D Ranch
Tuesday, July 14, 2009
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration and Trade Show Open
8:30-Noon Educational Program
9:30 a.m.? Spouse's Tour (time subject to change)
Noon-1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:15-5 p.m. Educational Program
Evening Dinner on your own
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
8 a.m. - Noon Navarro Pecan Co. Tour

Visit
www.tpga.org
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updates



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____ County _____

Please include names of all registrants in order that we may have name tags for them (badges will be mandatory for admittance to conference meetings and activities) : _____

1. Conference Registration Fee
(2 adults of same family only, per registration)
Check one
 TPGA Member, Early Registration discount: \$60
 (prior to June 22)
 TPGA Member, registering after June 22: \$70
 Non-Member: \$85

4. 2009-2010 Membership Dues
(please check appropriate category)

No. of bearing trees	Rate
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-100	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-500	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1,000	\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> 5,000-10,000	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> 10,000 & up	\$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (Industry) Membership	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Scientist	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-State Grower (non-voting)	\$40

2. Tickets for Special Events

# of tickets	Amount enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>TPGA President's Luncheon</u> , Monday, July 13, Noon. Luncheon, Awards Program. \$22 per person.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Double D Ranch</u> Monday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. (BBQ dinner by Eddie Dean, entertainment by Dave Tanner Band). \$40 per person. Trans- portation not provided. Carpooling available.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse's Tour, Tuesday, 9-1:30, \$25 (does not include cost of lunch).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Navarro Pecan Co. Tour</u> , Corsicana, TX. Wed., July 15. No charge for tour; pay own lunch at Collin Street Bakery Retail Store. How many to attend? _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>CHARTER BUS transportation to and from Navarro Pecan Co. tour</u> . \$15 per per- son. Depart hotel at 8 a.m.; return to hotel at 12:30 p.m. (this is optional, see letter)
Total amount for special events: _____	

(Membership dues may qualify as a business expense, but not a charitable contribution)

Please complete this section!

Fill in the following:

1. Registration fee (exhibitors don't pay reg. fee) . _____
 2. Total \$ amount for tickets to special events _____
 3. Scholarship/Endowment Fund _____
 4. Membership Dues _____
- Total amount enclosed _____

3. Contributions:

- Fred R. Brison Scholarship Fund: _____
- Texas A&M Pecan Endowment: _____
- J. Benton Storey Scholarship: _____

Mail this registration form, along with check or
money order to:
 Texas Pecan Growers Association,
 4348 Carter Creek, Suite 101, Bryan, TX 77802
 (979) 846-3285; fax (979) 846-1752
 e-mail: pecans@tpga.org • www.tpga.org

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SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Exhibit Set-Up (not open to public)
1-5 p.m. Conference Registration
2 p.m. TPGA Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 - 7 p.m. Grand Opening Reception, Exhibit Hall

MONDAY, JULY 13

- 8 a.m. Conference Registration
8:30 a.m. - Noon MINI PECAN SHORTCOURSE (Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension)

NOON PRESIDENT'S AWARDS LUNCHEON

PRELIMINARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- 1:30 p.m. "Welcome & President's Address" — Paul Lollar, President, TPGA, Dublin, TX
1: 45 p.m. "Feral Hog Control - What's Legal and What's Not" — Billy Higginbotham, Texas AgriLife Extension, Overton, TX (1 hour Laws & Regs CEU)
2:45 p.m. "Mandan and Apalachee: New USDA Pecan Varieties" — Tommy E. Thompson and L.J. Grauke, USDA-ARS, Somerville, TX
3:15 p.m. COFFEE BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
3:45 p.m. Door Prize Drawing
3:50 p.m. "Texas Pecan Board Annual Report" — B. Michael Adams, President, Texas Pecan Board, Henderson, TX
4:20 p.m. "Formosan Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes formosanus* Shiraki): An Emerging Threat to Pecan Agroecosystems?" - Robert Puckett, Texas AgriLife Research, TAMU, College Station, TX
4:40 p.m. "Sharpshooters and Xylella: A Newly Recognized Insect/Disease Complex for Pecan " - Bill Ree, IPM Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension, Bryan, TX

6:30 - 10 p.m. DOUBLE D RANCH -- BBQ Buffet Dinner by Eddie Dean, Dave Tanner Band and FUN!

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Trade Show Open and Conference Registration
8:30 a.m. "PecanIPM Pipe" - Dr. Marvin Harris, Professor, Dept. of Entomology, TAMU, College Station, TX
8:50 a.m. "Screening Pecan Germplasm for Resistance to Blackmargined Aphids" - Sarah Skrivanek (Master's Student), Dept. of Entomology, TAMU, College Station, TX
9:10 a.m. "Defining the Web-Delivered Decision Window for Pecan Nut Casebearer" - Paul Rhine (Master's Student), Dept. of Entomology, TAMU, College Station, TX
9:30 a.m. "Fire Ant Management in Pecans" - Alejandro Calixto (Post Doctoral Student), Dept. of Entomology, TAMU, College Station, TX
9:50 a.m. COFFEE BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
10:20 a.m. Door Prize Drawing
10:25 a.m. "Salmonella and Pecans" - George M. Martin, President, Navarro Pecan Co., and Daniel J. Zedan, President, Nature's Finest Foods
11:10 a.m. "Rainwater Capture for Irrigation and In-Home Use" - Billy Kniffen, Texas AgriLife Extension, Menard, TX
NOON Lunch on Your Own
1:15 p.m. "CHINA - A Taste for Pecans?" - Speaker from China to be announced
1:50 p.m. "TPGA at SIAL China Trade Show" - Report from Tim Montz, Grower and TPGA Vice President, Wichita Falls, TX and Cindy Wise, TPGA Executive VP, Bryan, TX
2:10 p.m. "Export Tools and Opportunities" — Terry Ovalle, State Coordinator for International Marketing, Texas Department of Agriculture
2:30 p.m. "What GO TEXAN Can Do For You" — Richard De Los Santos, Marketing Coordinator for Horticulture, Produce and Forestry, Texas Department of Agriculture
2:50 p.m. Coffee Break
3:20 p.m. Door Prize Drawing
3:30 p.m. "Retail Marketing" - Jill Nichols, Pecan Shed, Wichita Falls, TX and Richard Luttrell, White Star Farm, Leander, TX
4:10 p.m. Topic Pending - To Be Announced
4:40 p.m. "2009 U.S. Pecan Crop Guesstimate" — Kenneth Pape, Seguin, & Kyle Brookshier, Van Horn, TX

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- 8 a.m. - Noon Navarro Pecan Company Tour, Corsicana, TX