## **ACTA Annual Christmas Tree Meeting 1999**

## SHARING OUR SUCESSES AND FAILURES: THE PURPOSE OF OUR ASSOCIATION IS TO LEARN TOGETHER

September 17, 18 and 19 at the Quality Inn Beachside Resort Hotel, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Sponsored by Alabama Christmas Tree Association in cooperation with: Alabama Cooperative Extension System And Fontaine's Choose and Cut Christmas Tree Farm

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Early bird arrivals: Set up Christmas trees and wreaths for judging; set up exhibitions; meet at 6:30 p.m. at the registration table if you would like to go to dinner together.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 A.M. - Registration begins. Visit exhibitions.

8:30 A.M. - Opening bell and official welcome by BEN GRAVES, President

8:45-9:15 A.M. - KEN TILT, Auburn University, Growing Your Own Christmas Tree Seedlings

9:15-9:45 A.M. - NANCY ZEIGLER, Zeigler's Christmas Tree Farm, Sylacauga - Tis the Season for TV, Radio and Print Media

9:45-10:05 A.M. - CHAZZ HESSELEIN, Auburn University - Research Results for Use of Growth Regulators for Shaping Leyland Cypress

10:05-10:20 A.M. - Break

10:20-11:20 A.M. - Membership Sharing Time

11:20-12:15 P.M. - Business Meeting

12:15-12:45 P.M. - Travel to George and Jean Fontaine's Choose and Cut Farm, Silverhill, AL

12:45-1:45 P.M.- Lunch on the Farm sponsored by Alabama Farmers Federation.

1:45-5:00 P.M. - Farm Tour and Demonstrations

5:00 P.M. - Return to Quality Inn

6:30-7:30 P.M. - Pre-dinner get-together-and-talk-about-it. Silent auction continues.

7:30-8:30 P.M. - Down-Home-Alabama Get Together. Good people, good food (Seafood Buffet, with chicken for the non-seafood eaters), awards and door prizes.

8:30-UNTIL...Young folks and young-at-heart continue on. Old folks take an evening stroll along the beach.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 A.M. - Breakfast at the Quality Inn (additional time for sharing). Visit other Christmas Tree Farms on your own.

Christmas Tree info and newsletter on the WEB Questions: E-mail me: (Ken Tilt) at ktilt@acesag.auburn.edu. Alabama Christmas Tree information on the Web. You can see our landscape horticulture page now at: http://www.ag.auburn.edu/landscape/



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