

Southern Christmas Tree Association



Annual Meeting

Meridian, Mississippi
September 15th-16th, 2007

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Budget Report
1/1/07 Through 12/31/07

Category Description	1/1/07 Actual	- Budget	12/31/07 Difference
INCOME			
Annual Meeting Income:			
Exhibitors	750.00	0.00	750.00
Registration	3,019.00	0.00	3,019.00
Annual Meeting Income-Other	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00
TOTAL Annual Meeting Income	3,769.00	8,000.00	-4,231.00
Interest Inc	103.01	150.00	-46.99
Magazine Income:			
Christmas Tree News	266.00	0.00	266.00
Christmas Trees Magazine	300.00	0.00	300.00
Magazine Income-Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
TOTAL Magazine Income	566.00	500.00	66.00
Membership dues:			
2007	5,400.00	6,500.00	-1,100.00
2008	200.00	0.00	200.00
Tip Contribution	1,120.00	1,300.00	-180.00
TOTAL Membership dues	6,720.00	7,800.00	-1,080.00
Newsletter Ads	988.00	1,800.00	-812.00
Spring workshop income:			
MS	480.00	0.00	480.00
Spring workshop income-Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00
TOTAL Spring workshop income	480.00	100.00	380.00
Voluntary Contributions	50.00	100.00	-50.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,676.01	18,450.00	-5,773.99
EXPENSES			
Annual Meeting Expense:			
Print And Copy	72.74	0.00	-72.74
Tree Contest	34.19	0.00	-34.19
Annual Meeting Expense-Other	0.00	7,325.00	7,325.00
TOTAL Annual Meeting Expense	106.93	7,325.00	7,218.07
Bank Charges	12.00	25.00	13.00
Business Office:			
Contract	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Insurance	109.00	150.00	41.00
Office Supplies	0.00	200.00	200.00
Print and Copy	0.00	200.00	200.00
Telephone	384.19	600.00	215.81
TOTAL Business Office	4,493.19	5,150.00	656.81
Director's meetings	-2.56	200.00	202.56
Internet	251.88	250.00	-1.88
Magazine:			
Christmas Tree Newspaper	272.00	0.00	-272.00
Christmas Trees Magazine	234.50	0.00	-234.50
Magazine-Other	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL Magazine	506.50	500.00	-6.50
NCTA TIP Contribution	1,020.00	1,300.00	280.00
Newsletter Expense	320.79	500.00	179.21
Postage and UPS	192.88	700.00	507.12
Spring workshop expenses:			
MS	543.64	500.00	-43.64
TOTAL Spring workshop expenses	543.64	500.00	-43.64
Travel	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,445.25	18,450.00	11,004.75
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	5,230.76	0.00	5,230.76

Account balance
as of 9/12/07
is \$17,311.25

SCTA BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Members of SCTA will be asked to vote on the following two amendments during the business session of the annual meeting: The first is an amendment to our election procedure allowing nominations for officer/directors positions from the floor. The second amendment concerns clarification of election procedures of our National Director. Both amendments are presented below:

ARTICLE V.—ELECTIONS

Section 4. During a special or annual meeting of the Association, the President will begin the election process by asking if there are any nominations from the floor to add to the list of candidates. Once nominations are closed, the President will introduce the nominees to the membership. Each nominee will then be allowed to address the members present for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes with no seconding speeches. *(Section 5. The statement "The President shall advise the members present that floor nominations are not accepted as specified by the Association Bylaws" will be removed.)*

ARTICLE II—GOVERNING BODY

Section 3. Nominees for the position of National Director to the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) shall be selected by all SCTA members. The National Director will then be elected by a vote of SCTA Association members who are members of NCTA. National Director nominees shall be current members of the SCTA and NCTA at all times if elected. The National Director shall be an ex-officio, voting member of the Board of Directors and the term of office will be determined by NCTA bylaws.



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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

(Tentative Agenda)

Friday, September 14th, 2007
Holiday Inn Northeast—Meridian, MS

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- 2:00 p.m. Exhibitor setup begins—Holiday Inn, Azalea room
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Dinner — (Dutch treat, meet in lobby at 6:45 p.m.)
- 8:45 p.m. Board of Directors meeting — Holiday Inn, Magnolia room

Saturday, September 15th, 2007
Camellia room—Holiday Inn—Meridian, MS

40/13 = 307 lbs/acre

307 lbs/acre / 1000 trees/acre =

.307 lbs/tree

.307 lbs/tree * 16oz/lb = 5oz/tree

- 7:45 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 8:00 a.m. Registration of Christmas trees for contest (Tommy McDaniel—Chairman)
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and opening comments
Tommy McDaniel, SCTA President
matching funds Dr. Lester Spell, MS Agriculture Commissioner
- 9:00 a.m. Meeting nutritional requirements of trees through soil amendments and foliar fertilizers
Trey Curry, Helena Chemical Company
A&L Labs Memphis, TN V.P. pH 5.5 LC pH 6.0
- 10:00 a.m. Break—Visit Vendors and vote on Christmas trees
- 10:30 a.m. Does spraying colorant prevent diseases? Disease identification and treatment
Dr. David Ingram, Plant Pathologist, Mississippi State University
Pestalotia DR. Vance Watson
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. National Directors Report: Fire Safety, Trees for Troops, 2008 & 2009 National Conventions, Market Expansion Campaign, Yuletide Tree Gift Program, Tree Assistance Program
Steve Mannhard, SCTA National Director.
- 2:00 p.m. Break - Visit Vendors
- 2:15 p.m. Do I really need an internet website? Where do I start?
Roundtable discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Alternate income producing crops for Christmas tree farms
Wayne Porter, Area Horticulture Agent
- 3:30 p.m. SCTA Business Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet
Note: There will be an *auction at the conclusion of the banquet to raise funds for the SCTA. Everyone please bring an item that can be included in the auction.

Sunday, September 16th, 2007
Lazy Acres Plantation, LLC.—Chunky, MS

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service at Farm
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome to Lazy Acres Plantation, LLC—*Michael and Cathy May*
- 9:10 a.m. How to properly display and market pre-cut trees at your farm—*Steve Mannhard*
- 9:40 a.m. Ideas for school tours: Lazy Acres hosts between 2 and 3 thousand kids on tour each year. *Learn ideas to add excitement and education to your school tours.*
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- 10:40 a.m. Hay ride/walking tour of Lazy Acres—*Can you find the Snowman tree?*
- 11:30 a.m. Pig Races—*Cheer as Porky, Wilbur, Squeaky, and Elvis race for the "Finish Swine"!!*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Bonus Session—The Pumpkin Patch Experience
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NOTES

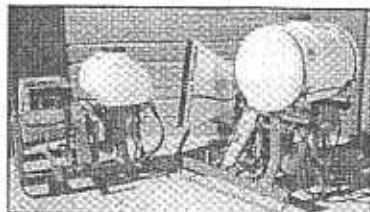
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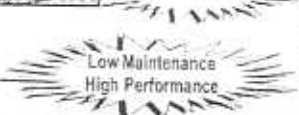
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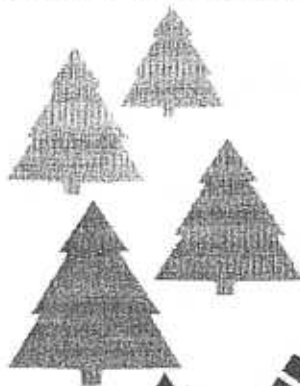
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TREE CONTEST

The annual tree contest will include all 3 states (AL, LA, and MS). The tree contest will be a popular vote based on the guidelines printed below.

Please remember that all contest trees must be no taller than 8 foot. Trees must be checked in with the tree contest chairman by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15th.

GUIDELINES—CHRISTMAS TREE JUDGING
(Included for reference only. Please make every effort to judge quality in each category below.)

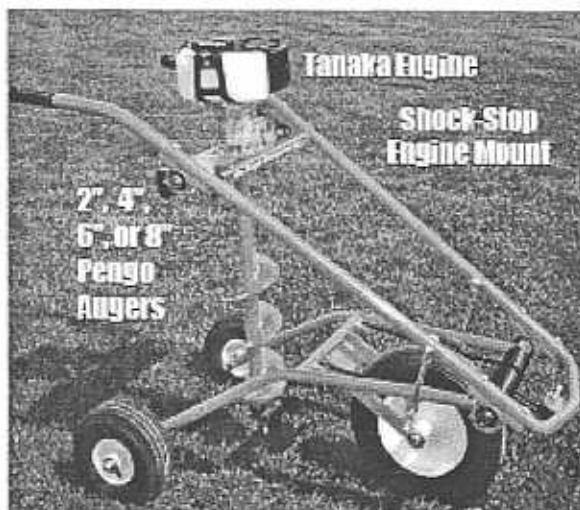
	Percentage
FOLIAGE: (50%)	
Presence of insects and/or diseases	10%
Density (appropriate for species)	10%
Uniformity or balance (gaps, crown thinness, internal structure, weak branches or whorls)	10%
Quality of cultural work (long branches, multiple tops)	10%
Cleanliness	10%
HANDLE: (10%)	
Length (min. = 6"; max. = 12")	
Well trimmed	10%
TAPER: (10%)	
Pines 40-90%, Firs, Spruces, Other 40-70%	10%
TOP: (10%)	
Proper length, proportional to taper, full top, good needle coverage	10%
MARKETABILITY: (20%)	
Consumer acceptance (first impression, color, taper, etc.)	10%
Number of good faces (USDA Standards)	10%

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Membership Report:

Alabama.....	14
Louisiana.....	24
Mississippi.....	22
Other states.....	6
Total.....	66



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**DIRECTIONS TO THE
VILLAGE KITCHEN
FOR SATURDAY'S BANQUET**
(Travel time approximately 15 minutes)

From the Holiday Inn parking lot turn **RIGHT** on Hwy 11 & 80 and get into the left lane.

Turn **LEFT** at the traffic light and take an immediate **RIGHT** onto Interstate 20 West.

Drive approximately 4 miles then take **EXIT 150** (Philadelphia/Meridian Airport Exit).

From the exit ramp turn **RIGHT** and then get in the left hand lane.

At the traffic light go **LEFT** on Hwy 19N.

At the **SECOND** traffic light go **LEFT** on Hwy. 19 N.

Go 1.7 miles to the **FIFTH** traffic light then turn **RIGHT**.

Go approximately 100 yards and turn **LEFT** just past the **DOLLAR GENERAL**.

**DIRECTIONS TO
LAZY ACRES PLANTATION, LLC**
(Travel time approximately 25 minutes)

From the Holiday Inn parking lot turn **RIGHT** on Hwy 11 & 80 and get into the left lane.

Turn **LEFT** at the traffic light and take an immediate **RIGHT** onto Interstate 20 West.

Stay on Interstate 20 West all the way to the **CHUNKY EXIT #121**.

Turn **RIGHT** off the exit and go 1 mile.

Turn **LEFT** on **LAZY ACRES ROAD**. Go 1 mile to farm on **RIGHT**.

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH DIRECTIONS OR ANYTHING ELSE DURING THIS MEETING, PLEASE CALL MICHAEL MAY AT 601-917-4196.