



Lanett, Alabama
September 12th-14th, 2008

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Budget report page

SCTA ANNUAL TREE CONTEST RULES

(Proposed)

The Southern Christmas Tree Association (SCTA) shall hold an tree contest at its annual Fall meeting for the purpose of promoting and rewarding excellence in the production of Christmas trees in the region and establishing eligibility of the winners for NCTA's National Christmas Tree Contest.

ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRANTS

- All current members of SCTA are eligible to enter a tree in the contest.
- Members may enter more than one tree in the contest, but only ONE tree per species.
- Each tree entered must be set up in the established display area not later than 9:00 am of the first day of the annual meeting.

REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRIES

- All classes of commercially grown Christmas trees are eligible for entry in the contest, including both cut trees and container-grown trees. There will be no separate classes or categories of trees.
- Eligible trees must be no less than 6 ft. in height and no more than 8 ft. in height measured from the bottom of the handle to the tip of the leader.
- In the case of container trees, it will be measured from the bottom of the pot to the top of the leader. The container can be any size or shape except that the diameter of the top of pot cannot exceed 24 in.
- Entries cannot be artificially colored or flocked.
- Entries cannot have branches or limbs that are wired, tied, or inserted in any fashion within the tree.
- Any tree failing to meet these requirements will be declared ineligible by the contest chairperson.

ENTRY AND BALLOTING PROCEDURES

- Members who enter a tree in the contest will notify the contest chairperson of their entry prior to the entry deadline.
- The President of SCTA will appoint a three-person contest committee with a chairperson to supervise the contest procedures, balloting, and announcement of awards.
- The chairperson will attach a numbered tag to each entry and maintain a log of each entry detailing the entrant and the assigned number of his/her tree
- The Association Secretary will prepare ballots prior to the beginning of the meeting and include them in the registration packet.
- Balloting for the tree contest must conclude not later than 1:00 pm of the first day of the annual meeting. Ballots will be collected by the contest chairperson and counted by the three-person contest committee.

CONTEST AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A first, second, and third place award will be presented to the entries from each state that received the most votes.
- A contest Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will also be awarded to the two entrants receiving the most votes from among the winners from the three states.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will have the honor of representing the SCTA at the National Contest sponsored by NCTA in the following year's Annual NCTA Contest.

SCTA

Encouraging the production and sale of quality, southern grown Christmas trees.

Membership Report:

Alabama.....	14
Louisiana.....	30
Mississippi.....	22
Other states.....	4
Total.....	70

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2008 Annual Meeting

Friday September 12th 2008

West Point Depot – West Point, GA US Hwy 29

5:00 p.m. Exhibitor setup begins – Depot

7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Dinner – (Dutch treat meet at the Depot)

8:45 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting – Depot

Saturday September 13th 2008

West Point Depot – West Point, GA

7:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open **(all times are central daylight saving time)**

8:00 a.m. Registration of Christmas Trees for contest

8:45 a.m. Welcome and opening comments
Ray Gilbert, SCTA President

9:00 a.m. New research on fertility of Leyland Cypress
Dr. Ken Tilt, Auburn University

9:30 a.m. Diseases & Control of Leyland & Arizona Cypress and Virginia Pine
Dr. Austin Hagan, Auburn University

10:00 a.m. Choose & Cut Farms and Credit & Debit Cards
DeAnna Merritt-Jackson – RBSLynk

10:15 a.m. Break – Visit Vendors and vote on Christmas Trees

10:45 a.m. Fire Ant Control
Dr Kathy Flanders, Auburn University & William East, Auburn Horticulture Agent

11:15 a.m. Irrigation Options for Christmas Trees
William East – Commercial Extension Specialist

11:45 a.m. Lunch (On your own at area restaurants)

1:15 p.m. Choose & Cut Farms and the Internet
Kenny Carroll & Ray Gilbert

1:45 p.m. Setting up a Retail Gift Shop
Carlene Walker, Pine Hill Farm

2:15 pm Break – Visit Vendors and vote on Christmas Trees

2:45 p.m. National Director Report
Bentley Curry

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 SCTA. Everyone please bring an item that can be included in the auction.

Sunday September 14th 2008

Gilbert Christmas Tree Farm – Lanett, AL

8:30 a.m. Worship Service at Farm

9:00 a.m. Welcome to Gilbert Christmas Tree Farm – Ray & Joan Gilbert

9:15 a.m. Walking / Ride Tour of Farm

See site demo of Christmas Tree Irrigation - William East

See result of fertilization study - Ken Tilt

11:30 am Lunch at the farm

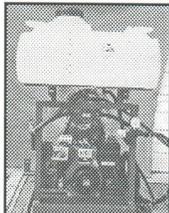
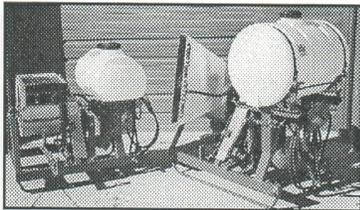
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TREE CONTEST

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 13th.

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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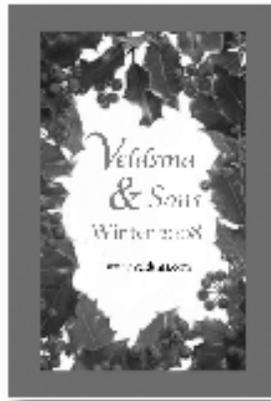
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