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SPS Fall Meeting

The Southeastern Palm Society will meet on Saturday, October 12, 2013, at two wonderful sites in Glen Saint Mary, Florida. They are:

- Glen Saint Mary Nurseries, and
- North Glen, the home and garden of SPS members Kyle and Jeanette Brown.

Glen Saint Mary is located in northeastern Florida at Exit 333 on I-10 between I-75 to the west and Jacksonville to the east.

Glen Saint Mary Nurseries was established in 1882 by George Lindley Taber. It's the oldest nursery in Florida and has been operated by the family without interruption for 131 years. The current president of the company, G.L. "Lin" Taber III and his wife Magi, will be our hosts for the morning. Lin and Magi's home was built by his grandfather in 1883. The nursery was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 2003. We will see several of the homes, the office and other historic buildings on our tour.

Lin's father, G.L. Taber Jr, introduced numerous ornamental plants to the trade, most notable being the George Taber azalea, named for the founder. Also of historic interest is the Old National Road which runs through the nursery. This was at the time of the nursery's founding on the only road from Jacksonville to Tallahassee. Visit online at www.gsmnurseries.com.

North Glen was settled by Kyle and Jeanette Brown in 1973 after Kyle received his PhD from North Carolina State University. Their love of plants led them to begin planting trees (especially palms!) and other plants right away. Many of the palms and other plants have been in the ground for at or near 40 years. In addition to the standard palms expected in north Florida, a number of marginal species and hybrids are also in the ground. Of interest too, are numerous dwarf, variegated and juvenile foliage forms of several species.

In the container palm collection are many interesting tropical palms not commonly seen in north Florida. If cycads are your fancy then you will have plenty to see. Kyle loves to push the envelope by trying many coniferous evergreens not common in north Florida. You will also see agaves and other dry land species thriving in our heat and humidity.

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SPS Calendar

2013

SPS Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2013
Glen Saint Mary Nurseries and
North Glen, the garden of Kyle
and Jeanette Brown
Glen St Mary, Florida

Southeastern Citrus Exposition

Friday and Saturday,
November 15-16, 2013
Clanton, Alabama (see page 4)

2014

SPS Meetings

Under consideration are prime locations in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. More details forthcoming in the winter issue.

International Palm Society

Biennial

May 24-30, 2014
Miami and Key West
Visit www.palms.org for details.

Agenda

Morning

Glen Saint Mary Nurseries
7703 Glen Nursery Road
Glen Saint Mary FL 32040
www.gsmnurseries.com

Directions: From I-10 take Exit 333 and go south on CR 125 about 1/3 mile. Turn right on Glen Nursery Road and proceed to first house on the left. Pull in and park; the meeting will begin at house.

9:00 am SPS Board Meeting
10:00 am Welcome and announcements.
10:15 am Tour of the historic buildings and grounds of Glen Saint Mary Nurseries

Lunch

Your choice of San Jose Mexican, Woody's Barbeque, Sixth Street Steakhouse, Pizza Hut, Crystal River Seafood, Pier Six Sea Food and Steaks.

Afternoon

North Glen, the home and garden of Kyle and Jeanette Brown
11818 N County Road 125
Glen Saint Mary, Florida 32040

From Glen Saint Marys Nursery, go back to I-10 and continue north 1 mile, cross US 90 at the traffic light, and continue north on CR 125 for another 1.25 miles. Turn left and follow directions to park.

1:30 pm Plant sale
2.00 pm Tour of the garden

Lodging

Macclenny at I-10, Exit 335 (SR 121): Travel Lodge, EconoLodge, American Inn

West Jacksonville: I-10 at Exit 351 (Chaffee Road): Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Best Western Hotel

Restaurants

Fast food: Burger King, Wendy's, Zaxby's, Hardee's, Domino's Pizza, Firehouse Subs, McDonalds, Subway, Taco Bell, China Dragon

Dine in: San Jose Mexican, Woody's Barbeque, Sixth Street Steakhouse, Pizza Hut, Crystal River Seafood, Pier Six Sea Food and Steaks

More

For those wanting to take advantage of a longer stay we suggest [Kanapaha Gardens](#) and the [Florida Museum of Natural History/ Butterfly Rainforest](#) in Gainesville (58 miles south), [Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens](#) (45 miles east) or St. Augustine (72 miles southeast).

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Summer Meeting Report

Robert Craddock's gardening skills and variety of interests impressed everyone who attended the SPS summer meeting on Saturday, August 3, 2013. In midsummer his garden in Hardy, Virginia, produced vistas reminiscent of Caribbean islands or China. Though a long drive for some, the day and the company of gardeners were well worth it. Thanks Robert!



Photos:

- Upper right: Some of the happy attendees (photo: Kathy Denton)
- Right: Bananas and bamboo (photo and following photos: Jeff Stevens)
- Lower right: Robert with a cabin he built from rescued logs of the American chestnut
- Below: A grouping of hardy plants that evokes the tropics.



Fall Fruit Harvest and Southeastern Citrus Exposition to Be Held in Alabama

This fall, two excellent fruit production workshops that should be of interest to both home fruit hobbyists and commercial growers will be held in Chilton County, Alabama. The Chilton Research and Extension Center (CREC) will host its annual Fall Fruit Harvest Workshop on October 17 and for the first time in its ten year history, the Southeastern Citrus Expo will come to Alabama on November 15-16.

The **Fall Fruit Harvest Workshop** will be held at the CREC in Clanton on Thursday, October 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Educational presentations will include grapes, muscadines, kiwifruit, chestnuts, satsumas, pomegranates, fall fruiting primocane blackberries, oriental persimmons, apples, and pears. Research plots will be visited and fruit production with high tunnels will also be featured.

Jim Pitts, CREC Superintendent notes, "A wide variety of fruits will be available for tasting including AU Golden Dragon and AU Golden Sunshine gold kiwifruit, satsumas, persimmons, blackberries, muscadines, apples, peaches, tomatoes, pomegranates, pears, arguta kiwi, grapes, and peaches. We should also be harvesting chestnuts, Virginia peanuts and maybe some sweet sorghum at that time as well."

Anyone interested in growing fruits for fall harvest will enjoy this program. The meeting is free and open to anyone who is interested in growing or marketing fruit crops for commercial or home use.

For more information, contact Gary Gray, graygar@aces.edu, (334) 539-2128 or Elina Coneva, edc0001@aces.edu, (334) 844-7230.

The **Southeastern Citrus Expo** is coming to Alabama for its Tenth Anniversary Annual Meeting. This meeting attracts commercial growers and backyard citrus hobbyists alike, from across the Southeastern United States who come to learn and teach, as well as buy, sell and share their favorite citrus fruit and plants.

Did you know that in Central Alabama we can grow delicious semi-hardy citrus like satsuma mandarin and Meyer lemon with some freeze protection when temperatures drop into the mid-twenties and below? We can also grow several varieties of hardy citrus like Ichang lemon, Morton citrange, and Thomasville citrangequats without cold protection. If that interests you, then you'd really enjoy the Southeastern Citrus Expo.



Photo : Courtesy of the Southeastern Citrus Expo.

The 2013 Southeastern Citrus Expo will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 15-16 in Chilton County.

On Friday, pre-conference tours will be provided at several Central Alabama farms from 9:00 to 3:00 pm followed by the evening “Meet and Greet and Citruholics Banquet” at Peach Park in Clanton. Farms hosting pre-conference tours will include John Neighbors’ Fruit Farm near Alexander City, [Petals from the Past](#) in Jemison, [Chilton Research and Extension Center](#) in Clanton, and others. Saturday’s program will consist of educational presentations, trade show, and fruit contests at the Jefferson State Community College auditorium in Clanton from 9:00 to 3:00 pm, with registration starting at 8:00 am.

Speakers and presentations will include:

- John Neighbors, “Growing and Marketing Satsuma Mandarins in Central Alabama”
- Hayes Jackson, “Unusual and Cold-Hardy Citrus for the Backyard Hobbyist”
- Dallas Hartzog, “Developing a Citrus Industry in the Wiregrass Region of Alabama”
- Updates on the citrus quarantine, citrus greening and Asian citrus psyllid
- A grower panel discussion/question and answer session.

Petals from the Past Nursery will host the post-conference tour and fruit tasting at the nursery with an array of their citrus, golden kiwifruit, and more for participants to enjoy.

There will be a fee for registration and meals, to be determined and available online soon.

For more information on the Southeastern Citrus Expo, contact Arlie or Jason Powell at Petals from the Past, at info@petalsfromthepast.com or (205) 646-0069, or Gary Gray at (334) 539-2128.

Also see the Expo Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SoutheasternCitrusExpo for more details and pre-registration information which will be coming soon.



Photo: Courtesy of the Southeastern Citrus Expo.