



SPS Summer Meeting

Join us on Saturday, August 1, 2015, for the SPS summer meeting at the garden of Bill and Brenda Huie in Tyrone, Georgia, which is just southwest of Atlanta.

As those who've already attended SPS meetings at the Huie's know, their garden features mature palms, including many that push the limits of cold tolerance in the Atlanta area. And true to his experimental nature, Bill also grows a number of citrus trees, bamboo and tall redwoods.

The day will include a hardy citrus theme. Tom McClendon will speak on cold-hardy citrus for Zones 7 and 8 in the Southeast, and will give a demonstration of budding and taking citrus cuttings.

Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chairs for comfortable seating.

After lunch, we'll have the opportunity to visit [Nearly Native Nursery](#). The nursery has interesting display gardens and an exceptional selection of mostly native plants, many of which we'll never see in a garden center. If the cool plants aren't enough, there is also a very safely-caged display of snakes native to the Southeast.

Remember, both members and non-members are welcome at SPS meetings. So bring a friend or two. See you there!

Agenda

9:00 am	Board meeting
10:00 am	Welcome and announcements
10:15 am	Tom McClendon's presentation on cold-hardy citrus
11:00 am	Tour the Huie garden
12:00 noon	Lunch (provided)
Afternoon	Nearly Native Nursery

Directions

Bill and Brenda Huie
155 Chimney Spring
Tyrone GA 30290

The Huie's home and garden ([map](#)) is about 10 minutes from Exit 61 on I-85 just southwest of Atlanta. From Exit 61 go south on Senoia Road/GA Hwy 74 for 4.8 miles. Turn left on Tyrone Road and continue for 0.5 miles. Then turn right on Farr Road. Take the third left onto Chimney Springs Road. The Huie's home is on the right.

SPS Calendar

SPS Summer Meeting

The garden of Bill and Brenda Huie, Tyrone, Georgia (near Atlanta)

10:00 am

Saturday, August 1, 2015

SPS Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 10, 2015

10:00 am

The garden of Jeff Stevens, Apison, Tennessee (near Chattanooga)

[Southeastern Citrus Exposition](#)

Sunday evening, November 20, and Saturday, November 21, 2015

Cypress Gardens, Moncks Corner, South Carolina (near Charleston)

SPS Winter Meeting

Location to be determined

Saturday, February 27, 2016

From the Huie's, it's about 25 minutes to Nearly Native Nursery ([map](#)).

[Nearly Native Nursery](#)

776 McBride Road
Fayetteville GA 30215
770-460-6284

Turn left onto Farr Road and continue 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Dogwood Trail and continue 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Tyrone Road and continue 1.5 miles. Turn left onto GA 54 and continue 4.2 miles into Fayetteville. From Fayetteville, take GA Hwy 85 south and continue about 4.5 miles. McBride Road is on the left, though a left turn is not permitted. Continue south until a U-turn is possible. Then go back north and turn right on McBride Road. The nursery is immediately on the right.

SPS Membership

With consideration and appreciation of our enthusiastic and patient members, the Southeastern Palm Society is extending free membership for 2015 to those who were members in 2014. That's right: If you were a member in 2014, there are *no dues* for 2015. Look for more *Southeastern Palms* journals soon, as well as confirmation of your membership status.

Also, if you are one of the few who already renewed your membership for 2015 at the \$25 level, your membership is automatically extended to 2018, for the free year of 2015 plus an additional three years. The 3-year extension is offered because we're soon converting to a much lower-cost web-based membership on an updated website.

In both cases, thank you for your ongoing support of the Southeastern Palm Society!

SPS Spring Meeting Report

The Aquinas High School garden and the garden of Joe LeVert in Augusta, Georgia, were the sites of the SPS spring meeting and plant sale on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

It was a delight to see how well the palm, cycad, citrus and subtropical collections at both gardens came through the past two hard winters. Joe gave an excellent tour of the happy survivors, which far, far outnumbered the lost. Though two notable stumps at the school sadly were those of the unusual *Livistona nitida* and the graceful *Eucalyptus nicholii*.

Looking toward hotter weather, a new addition to Joe's garden, and new to many of us, was the tropical *Stephanotis floribunda*, Madagascar jasmine, which offers an intoxicating scent completely out of proportion to its small white flowers. This highlights one of

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Joe's landscaping techniques: placing striking tropical plants among hardy specimens.

A good number of palms, cycads, ginger lilies and banana plants changed hands at the spring plant sale before the group moved a few miles east across the Savannah River to Woodlanders in Aiken, South Carolina.

Bob McCartney and several of his staff greeted us that afternoon on the last day of the Woodlanders open house plant sale. None of us left empty handed, and some, as always, wished we'd gone home with even more.

Bob soon surprised us (one of his best characteristics) by taking us on an impromptu tour of the Aiken oak collection (*quercetum*) he established over recent years. The plantings consists of oaks grown from Bob's own seed gatherings plus the offerings of [International Oak Society](#) members. The *quercetum* extends about a mile along Park Avenue SE and a mile along Beaufort Street SE. It contains everything from evergreen and semi-evergreen seedlings of Portuguese and Spanish oaks to mature trees from Mexico and the United States. Many are a great fit with the admiration shared by so many SPS members for broadleaf evergreens.

The day was an amazing opportunity to satisfy so many interests!

Spring meeting photos

Above: A light shower in the Aquinas High School palm grove didn't really dampen anyone. Host Joe LeVert (right) provided horticultural variety, history and plant culture.

Center: One of Joe's landscaping techniques is to spike a garden of generally hardy plants with striking tropicals. Here bromeliads add fiery color to the shade cast by a palmetto.

Below: Bob McCartney of Woodlanders gave the group an impromptu and exclusive tour of the oak collection in Aiken, South Carolina. Many of these oaks from warmer parts of the world are evergreen or semi-evergreen. A true plantsman, Bob can't resist pulling out the pruners to remove a redundant twig from a specimen of the evergreen Tex-Mex oak *Quercus canbyi*.



Photos: Jeff Stevens