

THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BAMBOO SOCIETY

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Quarterly Newsletter

Hello Friends,

The Bamboo Festival is just weeks away! We are looking forward to seeing our SEC friends and hope to meet many new folks during the weekend. We thank Stefani Oshima for her hard work coordinating this event and the North Carolina Arboretum for sharing their beautiful facilities with us! The Arboretum projects that the festival will attract many more visitors than last year, so we need the SEC to be well represented! Please join us for the dinner and business meeting on Friday night. Not only will we make final preparations for the festival, we will also be discussing the 2010 National meeting and we need your input! Safe travels to the festival!

Katie Cato

Submissions for the next newsletter are due no later than September 1, 2008. All submissions should be sent to Newsletter Editor, Katie Cato kcato@colquitt.k12.ga.us or by mail to 6275 Thigpen Trail, Doerun, GA 31744, (229) 782-7455.

Mark Your Calendar!!!

Summer SEC Business Meeting & Meal
July 11, 2008 5:00 pm

2nd Annual Bamboo Festival
at NC Arboretum
July 12-13, 2008

Fall Cleanup at Byron/
Gathering at Dick George's
October 11, 2008

ABS National Meeting
in San Francisco, CA
November 7-8, 2008

SEC Hosts ABS National Meeting
November 4-7 2010

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

July 11, 2008 at 5:00 pm

In the North Carolina Arboretum Café Area

The SEC Business Meeting will begin after dessert is served. This is an important meeting, so please make arrangements to be in Asheville that afternoon. We will finalize the festival plans and assign committees for the 2010 ABS meeting.

Menu: Broccoli-Mushroom-Swiss Quiche, fresh salad, and wholesome bread served with iced tea. Coffee and a lemon bar will be served for dessert. *The meal will be catered by Two Nutcakes.*

The cost is \$8.25 per person (\$7.25 plus \$1.00 gratuity).

If you would like to order the catered dinner, please contact Stefani Oshima no later than July 8th at 5 pm.

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(828) 685-3053 (or FAX to the same phone number).

THE 2nd ANNUAL BAMBOO FESTIVAL

At the North Carolina Arboretum

Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th

Below is a tentative festival schedule. Additional information will be provided in the festival program. Please be prepared to sign up to work the information/membership table! We need everyone's help to make the festival run smoothly. The North Carolina Arboretum is expecting even more visitors to this year's festival!

Saturday, July 12th

10:00 AM - LECTURE

Dawn in the West - A New Age for Bamboo by
Adam Turtle from Summertown, TN (Classroom 1)

11:00 AM - DEMONSTRATION

Traditional Water Features Using Bamboo by
Harry Abel from Austell, Ga. (Classroom 1)

1:00 PM - LECTURE

Bamboo - The Perfect Indoor Plants by David
Linville from Savannah, GA (Classroom 1)

2:00 PM - AUCTION

Bamboo Plants Auction with Adam Turtle as
auction caller.

Sunday, July 13th

11:00 AM - DEMONSTRATION

Bamboo Screen by Manny Johnson from Greeneville, TN (Classroom 1)

1:00 PM – LECTURE

Chinese Bamboo Resources and Utilization
by Dr. Yang from Kunming, China (Classroom 1)

3:00 PM - LECTURE

Introduction to Landscaping with Bamboo by Richard Argo from Douglasville, GA (Classroom 1)

4: 00 PM- RAFFLE DRAWING

Immediately following the lecture (Winner does not have to be present.)

DESCRIPTIONS OF PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY, 10:00 AM-CLASSROOM 1

Title: *Dawn in the West - A New Age for Bamboo*
by Adam Turtle.

The West is finally waking up to the potentials of bamboo as an agroindustrial crop. The talk will enumerate, illustrate and discuss some of the options.

Adam Turtle is co-Director of Earth Advocates Research Farm (EARF) in Southern Middle Tennessee and co-owner of 'Our' Bamboo Nursery where he and partner/wife Sue work with over 250 temperate bamboo species and forms. With over 27 years of bamboo experience and coming from a background in ethnobotanical research (non-academic), Adam speaks, writes and consults widely both in the U.S. and internationally and is a Fellow of the Linnean Society. Classes on working with Bamboo are also offered at EARF.

SATURDAY, 1:00 PM-CLASSROOM 1

Title: *The Perfect Indoor Plant* by David Linvill

We will briefly go over how bamboo is used all over the world and then talk about various traits of bamboo that make it so desirable such as color, variegation, texture, size, internode and node difference and more. We will also cover how to grow bamboo indoors and how to care for it and how easy it is to share with friends.

David Linvill is the University of Georgia's Horticulture County Agent for Savannah, Georgia for past 16 years and also past interim Superintendent of the famous Coastal Garden and Bamboo Farm. David co-wrote "Growing Bamboo in Georgia" which is available on the web.

SUNDAY, 1:00 PM-CLASSROOM 1

Title: *Chinese Bamboo Resources and Utilization*
By Dr. Yang

Dr. Yang Yuming, Professor and PhD, is vice president of Southwest Forestry College, Kunming, Yunnan Province, China. He is the Director of the Institute of Bamboo and Rattan Research, Southwest Forestry College since 1997.

Sunday, 3:00 PM, Classroom 1

Title: *Introduction to Landscaping with Running Bamboo* by Richard Argo

Landscaping with running bamboo offers the promise of a serene grove, a hardy "green screen," and a plant that provides canes for crafting and shoots for cooking. However, not all types of bamboo are suited for all site conditions, and establishing an invasive plant in a neighborhood setting can pose unique challenges. Richard will present an overview of how different species of running bamboo can be used successfully to achieve a variety of landscaping goals for homes and business. He will also discuss bamboo sources, common myths, dealing with bamboo spread, and more. The lecture concludes with a question and answer session.

Richard Argo opened Argo Bamboo Farm (west of Atlanta) in 2002. In the place where his grandfather once grew traditional Southern row crops, the farm now grows and sells the types of running bamboo most often sought by homeowners, gardeners, and landscapers in the Atlanta Metro area and surrounding region.

FESTIVAL VENDORS:

Sources for Bamboo Plants:

Haiku Bamboo Nursery
Keiji and Stefani Oshima
Hendersonville, NC www.haikubamboonursery.com

Argo Bamboo Farm
Richard Argo
Douglasville, GA www.GeorgiaBamboo.com

Georgia Bamboo
Robby Russell & Mike Hotchkiss
Perry, GA www.gabamboo.com

Thigpen Trail Bamboo Farm
Katie & Tracy Cato
Doerun, GA www.thigpenrailbamboo.com

Sources for Bamboo Products:

Haiku Bamboo Poles/Crafts/Products Warehouse
Hendersonville, NC www.haikubamboonursery.com

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Bamboo Charcoal, Bamboo Soap, Bamboo Socks, Bamboo Washcloths
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Bamboo Art work, Walking sticks, Didgeridoos, Sculpture
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Bamboo Screen
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LET'S MAKE THE FESTIVAL AUCTION A BIG SUCCESS!

If you have not done so already, please consider donating plants and bamboo products for the festival auction!
We need to generate as much money as we can with auctions this year and next in order to help offset the costs of hosting the 2010 National ABS Meeting in Savannah. Tom Harlow has been working hard as auction coordinator, emailing chapter members and personally contacting the bamboo nurseries by phone. **Contact Tom Harlow (423) 638-4290** if you would like to donate items- even if you cannot attend the festival. Board members and festival organizers have made special considerations in scheduling the auction in an effort to optimize attendance. Anyone who wants to see what's been donated so far can see it here:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=p46U5D2loR3T-QNXZ4i5QLw>

They may also send Tom an email (tharlow@yahoo.com), and he'll send them the link.

SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

Spring Bamboo Gathering at Haiku Bamboo Nursery

Keiji and Stefani Oshima hosted a **Spring Bamboo Gathering** at Haiku Bamboo Nursery in Hendersonville, North Carolina on Saturday, April 26th. Members from the surrounding Carolina area attended this event.

The gathering was timed perfectly to see new bamboo shoots. Keiji cut new bamboo shoots, leaving on the skin while boiling. Then he drained them in a colander and let them cool. When cool, he peeled off the skin and arranged them on a pretty platter. The bamboo shoots were dipped in soy sauce and Wasabi. Wonderful asparagus-like flavor! Many of those gathered had never tasted fresh bamboo shoots before!

After that, everyone walked outside to the bamboo grove area to talk/examine before the thunderstorm came in. A good time was had by all! Stefani will announce the location of the next gathering to do more exploring and learning in the Carolina area. Call Stefani Oshima at (828) 685-3053 for more information.



If you are hosting or involved in a local bamboo related event, please let us know! Email info to Katie Cato at kcato@colquitt.k12.ga.us with pictures attached.

Other Upcoming Events:

Fall Clean-Up Day at Byron/ Gathering at Dick George's Gardens

October 11, 2008

There will be a cleanup day in the bamboo groves of the USDA temperate bamboo germplasm collection on October 11th, 2008, at 9 am at the USDA Southeastern Fruit and Tree Nut Research Laboratory in Byron, GA. There are 90 accessions of over 70 species and cultivars of bamboo. Participants can dig plants and take home poles thinned from the groves. Anyone wanting to dig more than a few plants is encouraged to make an appointment to dig on Friday, October 10. Contact Melanie Harrison Dunn, (770) 412-4097 for more information.

DIRECTIONS: To get to the USDA Lab take I-75 to exit 149 and head east on GA49 (left turn if coming from the north and right if coming from the south). Approximately one block from the interstate, turn right on Dunbar Rd. (just past the Krystal) and go 1/4 mile. The entrance to the Lab is on the left.

We are combining the fall Byron cleanup day with a gathering at chapter member Dick George's 100-year old homestead in Macon, GA. Dick and wife Rusty live a short twenty-minute drive from the Byron USDA station, so we will be gathering there after the cleanup work is done. Dick is a master gardener and his extensive gardens incorporate several varieties of bamboo among many other diverse plantings.

Dick and Rusty are looking forward to hosting the chapter social. **If there will be family members who won't attend the cleanup, they're welcome to come to the George's early and cool-out. (It should still be warm enough to swim in their 50' lap pool.) And those who'd like to camp there on Friday/Saturday are invited.** (The George's hosted a benefit in May for the local Loaves & Fishes ministry which more than 75 attended.) **In addition to a large parking area for RVs, there are lots of tent sites and a 60' covered front porch if you just want to bring a cot!**

Dick & Rusty are offering pizza, salad and desert for Saturday's supper, with all donations going to the Chapter treasury. (You're encouraged to BYOB for libations other than soft drinks.) Their kitchen is available for anyone who can prepare a dish with bamboo shoots for the group. Anyone with dietary restrictions or concerns, please contact Dick ahead of time so that we can accommodate everyone who wants to attend.

They do need to know how many to plan for, including overnight stays. Please email Dick at rsgeorge@mindspring.com or call them @ 478 471-1315 at least several days before the event.

DIRECTIONS: Leave Byron on I-75 North and take I-475 North when it branches left from I-75. Get off at Zebulon Road Exit (#9) and go right (toward Macon) for 1.7 miles. Lowes and Walmart on left and Kroger on right. Continue on Zebulon Road through traffic light intersection where Bass Road (left) turns into Foster Road (right). In about 1/2 mile, at the end of large Carlyle Place development on right, look for two rural mail boxes, stucco marker with "5276" and "Private Drive" sign. Turn right up long driveway to parking lot.

2008 ABS General Meeting

November 7-8

San Francisco, CA

"Urban Bamboo" will be the theme for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Bamboo Society which will be held at the San Francisco Zoo. November is the time of the year when San Francisco is at its most beautiful. The weather is mellow and trees are just starting to take on fall colors, and it is a great time for the ABS Annual meeting. Mark your calendars for November 7 & 8 – plus the optional days for the ABS events in San Francisco!

Members of the Northern California Chapter of the ABS (NCC) are inviting specialists from around the country and the world to this event that will be held at the San Francisco Zoo, located on San Francisco's western shoreline. The sixty acre Zoo has a well-established bamboo landscape utilizing many species which grow in the unique summer fog for which the region is famous. Participants will be given time to wander the Zoo grounds and enjoy the grand collection of flora and fauna — it's one of the finest Zoos in the nation!

REGISTRATION and OPTIONAL EVENT fees have not yet been determined but will be listed here when available. For additional coverage, see the upcoming June and August issues of BAMBOO, the Magazine of the American Bamboo Society. Changes in the program dates and times may occur as arrangements become finalized. Please refer to the ABS website <http://www.americanbamboo.org> where there is a link for the Annual Meeting

SEC Library Report

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There is no report at this time.

A list of available books and videos can be seen on the SEC website or can be requested from the librarian.

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