TEXAS CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSOCIATION
2019 41st ANNUAL CONVENTION

2019 41st TCTGA Annual Convention

McKinney, Texas
August 23-24-25, 2019

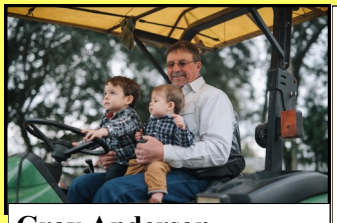
Sheraton Mckinney Hotel
1900 Gateway Blvd
McKinney, TX 75070
Reservations: (972) 549-4000
Room Rates: $99 Dble/Single
Room cut-off date: 8/5/2019

Saturday Night 41st Annual Banquet Dinner Auction & Awards!

After a day of informative educational sessions, it's time to kick up your heels! The evening will begin with a Happy Hour at 5:00 - 6:00pm with the Exhibitors. Dinner service will begin at 6:15pm and we urge you to *please be on time*.

Auction begins immediately following dinner.

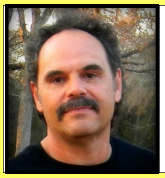
Who knows what surprises may await you…this year! The Money Raised will go to both the Scholarship Fund and Research Fund.



Gray Anderson

"Growers Workshop - From Planting to Sale"
In his presentations he will be speaking on everything in the business ranging from planting to tree sales.

Helena Chemical
"Spraying & Drift"
(1 CE Awarded)
Michael Kenty



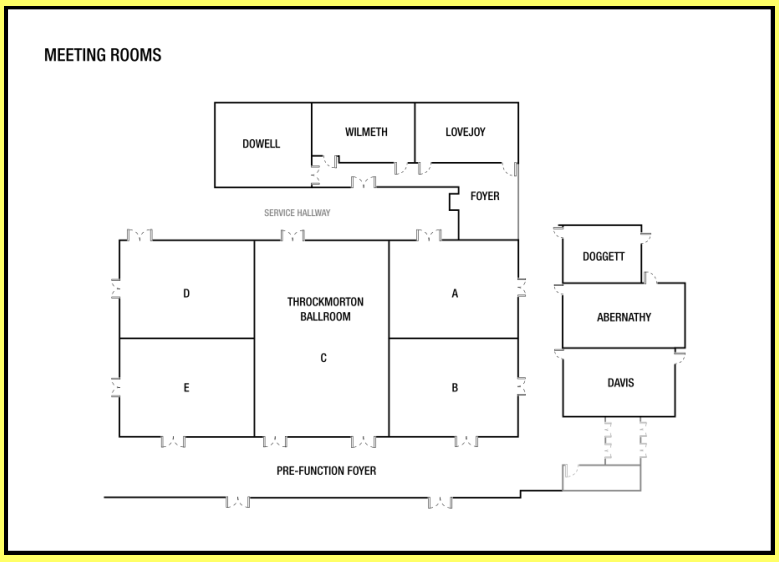
Director Western Gulf Forest Tree Improvement Program
Tree Improvement Coordinator Texas A&M Forest Service
"Texas Seed Source"
Fred Raley

Texas Farm Bureau Insurance
"Liability Risk Exposures, What About Insurance ?"
David Hanover

Christiansen & Klopack, PLLC
"LLC's"
Scott Christiansen

Collin County Extension Agent
"Pesticide Liability"
(1 CE Awarded)
Chase Brooks

Hotel Meeting Area



TCTGA President's Message

Archie Abrameit

Dear Christmas Tree Grower:

Greetings to all and a very special welcome to the many new grower s of TCTGA. We look forward to a lasting and fruitful relationship in the business of growing and marketing Christmas trees.

Special thanks to Rocky and Leigh Ann Smith of Holiday Acres for hosting the South field day and opening up their farm for members to observe their operation and track their progress in new ventures. Special thanks also to Chuck and Kama Bozeman of Yesterland Farms for hosting the North Field day and showcasing their operation's growth from humble beginnings to a major entertainment center in northeast Texas.

President elect Francis Frederick is completing the finishing touches on the program for the annual conference scheduled for the last weekend in August in McKinney. Make plans to attend and be rewarded with valuable information for your operation as well as the opportunity to network with other growers. A new growers shortcourse is scheduled for Friday afternoon that can be of great value to both new and established growers. During the annual meeting of the Association on Sunday morning the bylaws committee will bring some important updates on the bylaws for review and action. Saturday night's banquet is always a highlight with scholarship recognitions and the fun auction to benefit the scholarship and research activities. Members are encouraged to bring items for the auction.

The Association anticipates a larger selection of Virginia Pine seedlings available this coming year since there was a better seed harvest this past year and hopefully better growing conditions. Thanks to Bob Jones and the seedling committee for overseeing this aspect of the association's business. The committee is applying for a research grant through the Christmas Tree Promotion Board to assist in improving seed quality and quantity.

I trust we will all have a safe and productive year! See you in McKinney!

Archie Abrameit,
TCTGA President

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Friday – August 23

10:00am - 5:00pm	Registration	Throckmorton B
10:00am - 1:00pm	**Board of Directors Meeting/luncheon**	LoveJoy
1:00pm - 5:00pm	TOPIC: Growers Workshop: *From Planting to Harvest —Panel of Growers*	Throckmorton C
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Exhibitor Set-up	Throckmorton A&B

Saturday - August 24

7:00am - 8:00am	Exhibitors Set-up	Throckmorton A&B
7:00am - 3:00pm	Registration	Throckmorton B
7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Throckmorton C
8:00am - 8:15am	**Welcome & Invocation**	Throckmorton C
8:15am - 9:15am	TOPIC: Helena Chemical: Michael Kenty "Spraying & Drift" (1 CE)	Throckmorton C
9:15am - 10:15am	TOPIC: *Texas A & M : Fred Raley - "Texas Seed Sourse"*	Throckmorton C
10:15am - 11:00am	**BREAK With Exhibitors**	Throckmorton A&B
11:00am - 12:00pm	*TOPIC: Farm Bureau :* David Hanover - "Liability Risk Exposures, What About Insurance?"	Throckmorton C
12:00pm - 1:15pm	LUNCHEON With Exhibitors	Throckmorton C
1:30pm - 2:45pm	TOPIC: *Christiansen & Klopack, PLLC : Scott Christiansen - "LLC's"*	Throckmorton C
2:45pm - 3:30pm	**BREAK** With Exhibitors	Throckmorton A&B
3:30pm - 4:45pm	TOPIC: *Collin County Extension Agent : Chase Brooke - "Pesticide Liability"* (1 CE)	Throckmorton C
5:00pm - 6:00pm	**Happy Hour with Exhibitors**	Throckmorton C
7:00pm	***Banquet/Recognitions/Auction***	Throckmorton C

Sunday - August 25

7:00am - 7:45am	Breakfast	Throckmorton C
8:00am - 8:15am	President – And Conference Chair Announcements:	Throckmorton C
8:15am - 9:00am	TOPIC: *Questions / Answers Session*	Throckmorton C
9:00am - 9:45am	Visit & Buying Opportunity With Exhibitors	Throckmorton A&B
9:45am - 10:30am	"REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETINGS/ELECTIONS" (North Region/South Region)	
	North Region	Throckmorton C
	South Region	LoveJoy
10:45am - 12:30pm	"ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON"	Throckmorton C

2019 TEXAS CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

August 23,24,25 2019 — Sheraton McKinney Hotel, McKinney, TX

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE SEE: WWW.TEXASCHRISTMASTREES.COM

Farm to Appear on Badge (DBA) _____

Address:_____ City:_____ State: _____ Zip _____

County:_____ Phone (_____)_____ Cell: (_____)_____Fax (_____) _____

Email:_____ **Current Member: Yes____ No____ New Attendee: Yes_____ No____**

(VOTER NAME)_____

Will you be donating a prize for the live auction? Yes___ No___ Items:_____

Attendees	First Name:	Last Name:
First Registrant		
Second Registrant		
Third Registrant		

Registration Type Conference Registration Includes: **Saturday classes, Sat. lunch, Sat. Happy hour, banquet and auction, Sunday classes, breakfast, lunch**	**Paid by 08/16/19 Early Bird Rates**	**On Site**	**Amount due**
1) **Registration for: TCTGA Member (1 PERSON)** (All Conference Registration Benefits Listed Above)	**$135**	**$150**	$_____
2) **Registration for: TCTGA Member (2 PEOPLE)** (All Conference Registration Benefits Listed Above)	**$270**	**$300**	$_____
3) **Registration for: TCTGA Member (3 PEOPLE)** (All Conference Registration Benefits Listed Above)	**$390**	**$420**	$_____
4) **Non– Member TCTGA Registration: (Registration Categories (=) ____Participants)** (All Conference Registration Benefits Listed Above)	**$150 ea**	**$175 ea**	$_____
5) **Special Friday Growers Workshop: (Number of Attendees (=) ____ X)** Hear from long-time TCTGA Christmas Tree Farmer Gray Anderson of Grant Farms on what it takes to start and maintain a farm. -In his presentations he will be speaking on everything in the business ranging from planting to tree sales.	**$45 ea**	**$55 ea**	$_____

Payment Information

TOTAL DUE: $_____

Check , Money Order, Mail, Check

Fax this registration form to 254-613-9099

Mail your **Check** payable to: **TCTGA, 2202 S. 51st Street, Temple, TX 76504**

Questions... Please Call: TCTGA Headquarters 512-850-0365

Payment MUST be received 7 business days prior to meeting to avoid the $50 late fee.

Check One: □ **Visa** □ **MasterCard** □ **Discover** □ **American Express**

Card Number:_____ Expiration Date:_____ Total Amount: $_____

Name on Card (please print): _____ Signature:_____

Billing Address: _____City:_____ Zip_____

Refund Policy: **All cancellation notices must be made in writing by 8/16/2019 and a $25 administrative fee will be charged. No refunds after August 16, 2019.**

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