



Northeast Texas Nursery Growers Association



March Newsletter

April Meeting:

This month's meeting will be held at Tawakoni Plant Farm in Wills Point on Thursday April 9th.

It will start off with a tour of the plant farm followed by dinner and the meeting.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Derald Harp, Professor of Horticulture from Texas A&M Commerce. He will be speaking on "Green Roofs." Evergreen and Perennials are planted on rooftops to help reduce the buildings cooling cost.

Please RSVP to Tawakoni Plant Farm by April 7th. (903)560-1631.

March Meeting:

The meeting was held at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler. Vinh Trieu and Douglas Holly of Foster Quan Law Firm provided the meal and spoke on hiring immigrant workers and new laws concerning them. Their firm can recruit workers on H2A visas and can handle any problems an employer or employee may encounter with foreign workers or their status with the government. For more info visit their website @ www.fosterquan.com or call them at (713)625-9200. Thank You to the Foster Quan Law firm for sponsoring the meal and providing NTNGA with such information.

Buyer's Guide Plant Listing:

There has been a problem with so many errors in the Buyer's Guide Plant Listing that it needs to be updated. The current Plant Listing will be deleted. Each grower must resubmit to Garden Graphics a list of their plant material under the appropriate headings in order to be included in next year's NTNGA Buyer's Guide. **Please resubmit your listings by Jan 2010.**

Overton Field Trials – Thursday - June 25, 2009:

The field day will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center's North Farm site. The tour will continue at the site until about 10:30, then move to the Overton Center's headquarters building, where a demonstration garden is located. Lunch will be served at about 11:30 a.m.

After lunch, the program will move inside with a presentation by Pemberton and Jimmy Turner of the Dallas Arboretum on the 2008 California Spring Showcase, also known as Pack Trials. Dr. Terri Starman, department of horticultural sciences, College Station, will give a presentation on container gardening, including results from the container trials done in cooperation with Pemberton since 2006. The program will conclude by 3 p.m.

Registration is free and includes lunch. The Overton center is located 1 mile north of downtown Overton on State Highway 3053. Coming from south of Overton, take State Highway 135 into town. At Overton's single red stop light, take a left, go across the railroad tracks and turn right immediately after the Brookshire's Supermarket. Look for the large white sign on the right side of the road identifying the Overton center.

The North Farm site is about 4 miles north of the center on Hwy. 3053. For an online map, go to <http://overton.tamu.edu/flowers/fieldday.htm>.

A Note of Condolence:

The members of NTNGA would like to express their sympathy to the family of Ann Galloway, Circle G Nursery. Ann passed away with cancer in March.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Upcoming Events:

NTNGA May Meeting - Bruce Miller Farms, Edgewood, TX – May 14th

Overton Field Trials – Texas AgriLife Research Center, Overton, TX – June 25th

TNLA Nursery Landscape Expo – Dallas, TX – Aug. 14-16th