

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NTNGA January Newsletter

The meeting in January will be held at Circle E Steaks in Canton on Thursday Jan. 11th. It is located at 1350 S. Buffalo.

Please call (903) 567-1990 for directions.

RSVP to Jade at Circle G by Jan. 8th @ (903) 963-5255.

Berger Hort. Products hosted the November meeting with 26 present. The evening begin with a tour of their manufacturing plant in Sulphur Springs and then the group moved to San Remo's Restaurant where the meeting was conducted. A big thanks to Berger for taking the time to provide the tour and for hosting the meal.

There will be a copy of the 2007 Buyer's Guide available at the January meeting to look over for any corrections that need to be made before it goes to print. Please make an effort to attend. It's in your best interest to review and make changes. Once it's printed, you can not change until next year.

The winner of the 2008 free booth at the NTNGA Trade Show was Trees USA. They did not miss a single meeting all year.

Way to go!!



Don't forget to attend the Northeast Texas Nursery Growers Association 13th Annual Trade Show in February. It will be held on Friday & Saturday, February 9 & 10, 2007 at the Mesquite Rodeo Center in Mesquite. Go to www.ntnga.com to register online. There are special hotel rates being offered to NTNGA at the Hampton Inn. Call (972) 329-3100 and ask for the NTNGA rate. \$79.00/single or \$109/suite while they last. Sign up early! Friday immediately following the close of the show we will have our famous auction benefiting the Mary Moser Scholarship. There will be a free buffet for those staying for the auction. As always, I will be coming around asking for items to be donated to the auction. So start thinking about it now, it will be here before you know it.

Member of the month: Wright Trees

Wright Trees, a 54 acre tree farm owned and operated by Keith and Marilyn Wright, is located 2.5 miles southwest of Edom, TX, on FM 2339. Keith, a native of Van, and Marilyn, imported from Houston, moved to Van from Houston in 1990, after having spent 16 years in domestic and foreign crude oil acquisitions for U.S. refineries. After becoming involved in the real estate and cattle business, Keith & Marilyn moved to Edom in 1994, onto the property that was to become Wright Trees.

After much prayer, research and consulting with friends who have been engaged in the nursery business as growers for decades, Wright Trees began operations in 2004 as growers of 15-45 gallon container-grown trees. Their desire is to provide a quality product that not only, makes money for their buyers....many products do that....but adds value, beauty and actually improves the environment for the end user.

Wright Trees currently has approximately 10 acres under production with plans for expansion of another 10 acres in 2007. Varieties include oaks, elms, maples, and Chinese Pistachio, along with five different colors of crape myrtle in 15 gallon containers.

Wright Trees would appreciate the opportunity to work with other growers, landscapers, retailers, and re-wholesalers to help them accomplish their goal of supplying their markets with healthy, vigorous, and beautiful shade/ornamental trees at competitive prices. For more information call 903-676-9002 or 903-852-2443 or email Wright Trees at wrighttrees4u@aol.com.

We would like to welcome our newest member to NTNGA: J Berry Nursery in Grand Saline



(The following were voted and approved into office for 2007)

Officers:

- President:** Greg Arnold - Lee Tree Farm
- 1st VP:** Jade Hopson - Circle G Nursery
- 2nd VP:** Ben Fisher - Tawakoni Plant Farm
- Secretary:** Lora Hinccliff - The LETCO Group, L.P.
- Treasurer:** Ronnie Chitty - NTNGA
- Newsletter:** Sandy Farnsworth - Kinney Bonded Warehouse

Board of Directors:

- Herman Vess, Chair - Bruce Miller Farms
- Jim Hartman - J Bar H Trees
- Gary Price - Trees USA
- Jack Walter - Kimbrew Walter Roses, Inc.
- Tim Michael - Jemasco

(There will not be a meeting in February due to the Trade Show)

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