



NTNGA – JULY NEWSLETTER

A great time was had by all at the June meeting held at Bruce Miller Farms. Thanks to Bruce and his staff for all their hard work along with Jemasco, Abott-Ipco and NTNGA for co-sponsoring the meal. I heard the steaks were great!

The meeting in July will be hosted by Trees USA.

It will begin with a tour of their Sand Flat location at 5:00 p.m. on July 13th located at 10325 CR 313 E Tyler, TX.

The meeting will be held at the Last Country Store and Cafe on 10399 U.S. Hwy 69 N. Tyler, TX beginning at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. If you need further directions please call (903) 526-4117.

Please call Gary Price and R.S.V. P at (903) 882-8610 ext 105.

Directions to the Sand Flat location are: Take the FM 2015 Exit from I-20 (Exit #565), Go North on FM 2015 to the stop sign (approx. 1.5 miles) at the stop sign turn left onto CR 313 (Sand Flat Rd.) The farm is .4 miles on the right.

Don't forget.....Bring your brochures or plant listings as to what you have available to the monthly meetings....a table will be set up to display the information on to help promote member services.

NTNGA will not have a monthly meeting in August due to the TNLA trade show. The September meeting will be a joint meeting with TNLA at Vital Earth Resources in Gladewater on September 28, 2006. Details will be in the September newsletter.

TNLA NURSERY / LANDSCAPE EXPO

HENRY B GONZALES CONVENTION CENTER – SAN ANTONIO

AUGUST 18-20

Nursery/Landscape Expo is for people who do business in Texas!

Offering in one place, at one time, the opportunity to experience one of the most comprehensive collections of plant material, horticultural supplies and equipment, and industry education.

Over 9,000 attendees from 45 states and 13 countries for networking/learning. Easier than ever to see how Texas is upward!

Experience the NEW and IMPROVED "Outdoor Product Showcase" - TNLA will bring back the popular "Outdoor Product Showcase" for those attendees that want to "Try-Before-You-Buy"! The Showcase will be near the convention center, but hours will be in the evening to avoid conflict with indoor show hours, and to keep attendees cooler. This year's Showcase will be Thursday, August 17, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a free Texas BBQ for industry attendees only.

Pre-Expo Education Conference. This Education Conference will offer retail, landscape, grower, supplier, licensed irrigator, and pesticide applicator personnel a multitude of sessions and opportunities to learn.

For more info, please contact TNLA (800.880.0343) or visit their website @ www.tnlaonline.org.

Have you checked out the new website? www.ntnga.com

Please contact me for your log on and a password to make changes to your info in the buyers guide section. 903.509.8803 or 888.878.1166.

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Member of the Month: Briggate Farms, LLC

The concept for Briggate Farms, LLC began in 1995, the year Terry and Brian Briggs married. Their plan to own a wholesale nursery came about partly from a desire to promote and utilize more native and low-water use plants in the Texas landscape, and partly to move from the Houston area and live the country life. The Briggs began looking for suitable property to start the nursery in 1999, and in 2000, settled on a 42-acre tract in south Cherokee County that met the needs of the nursery plan, and also reminded Terry a bit of her home state of North Carolina.

Seven years of attending night school at Houston Community College while working full time earned Terry her A.A.S. in Horticulture in 2002. During the years 2000-2003, the Briggs spent their weekends commuting to the property to get it ready for construction, and in August 2003, Terry moved into a travel trailer on the site to begin the design phase of the nursery while taking agronomy, biology and related horticulture classes at Stephen F. Austin University.

2004 saw the Briggs family together again in Rusk. The move out of Houston complete, they could now focus on building their nursery and new life.

The company became official on March 7, 2005, and construction began with Brian and Terry doing most of the work themselves. During 2005, Terry applied for and was granted status as a Historically Underutilized Business, and also joined the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association. The company became a member of NTNGA in February of 2006.

Throughout Terry's education, she has remained interested in the political aspect of the nursery industry, with attention to the increasing threat of governmental water control. That has driven her desire to improve the availability of xeriscape and low-water use plants in the market.

The company's focus is in container-grown ornamental grasses and shade/ornamental trees, with an interest in Texas native species. Currently, they have approximately two acres in container production, with plans to expand to four acres by mid-2007, adding drip-irrigation for above-ground tree lines, and a propagation house.

Briggate Farms' commitment to producing quality plant material and their ability to be flexible and recognize opportunity is the foundation upon which they will build their business.

Briggate Farms is located on CR 1201, 3.5 miles south of Hwy. 84 and FM 2962 in Rusk. Hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, and Saturday by appointment.

O Flag of our Union

O flag of our Union,
To you we'll be true,
To your red and white stripes,
And your stars on the blue;
The emblem of freedom,
The symbol of right,
We children salute you,
O flag fair and bright!

** A poem taught in American classrooms nearly a century ago.*



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Happy 4th of July!