



Alabama Soil & Water Conservation Society Newsletter

**Alabama Soil and Water
Conservation Society**

Summer 2005



Ben Moore, President

Hello Everyone,

Each of you are invited to join us in Birmingham for our SWCS Annual Meeting. "Managing our landscape for multiple use."

We have a great line-up of speakers, participants and ac-

tivities: see page 2-3 for Program agenda.

Pre-registration is still available; that form can be found on page 7 and on our SWCS website: www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu/.

Registration on-site will also be available.

Please make plans to attend your Annual meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

See you in Birmingham,
Ben



Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Society
Annual Meeting

**Presidents News
Annual Meeting News**

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June 8-10, 2005
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
2612 Lane Park Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

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Wednesday, June 8, 2005

Moderator:

- 7:30 – 9:30..... Registration
- 8:00 – 9:00 Home Builders Association QCI Session
- 9:30 – 10:00 Opening Session
Ben Moore, President, Alabama Chapter of SWCS
- 10:00 – 4:00 Field Trip
Meet in Lobby at the Botanical Garden
- 5:00 – 6:00 Get Acquainted Hour
Exhibit Area

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Moderator:

- 7:00 - 8:00 Continental Breakfast
Exhibit Area
- 8:30 – 9:15 Managing our Landscapes for Multiple Uses
Ben Northcutt, Executive Director
International Erosion Control Association, Steamboat Springs, CO
- 9:15 – 10:00 Managing our Landscapes for Multiple Uses, The Municipal Approach
Larry Watts, Executive Director
Regional Planning Commission, Birmingham, AL
- 10:00 – 10:30 Break in the Exhibit Area
- 10:30 – 11:15 Managing our Landscapes for Multiple Uses, The Ag Approach
Dr. Gaines Smith, Interim Director
Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn, AL
- 11:15 – 12:00..... Managing our Landscapes for Multiple Uses, The Forestry Approach
Tim Albritton, State Staff Forester
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Auburn, AL
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch (onsite) and walking tour of gardens

1:30 – 2:10 Wetlands – Functions and Values
Graeme Lockaby, Acting Associate Dean
School of Forestry, Auburn University, AL

2:10 – 2:50 Wetlands – Regulations
Cindy House-Pearson, Environmental Protection Specialist
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile, AL

2:50 – 3:20 Break in the Exhibit Area

3:20 – 4:00 Wetlands – Mitigation Banking
Cynthia Robinson, Founder
Flint Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank, Hartselle, AL

4:00 – 4:40 Wetlands – Plant Materials
Don Surrency, Plant Materials Specialist
Jimmy Carter Plant Materials Center, Americus, GA

4:45 – 5:30 Committee Meetings
CCA, CPESC, IECA-SE Chapter

6:30 Dinner, Fish Fry
Zoo Pavilion

Friday, June 10, 2005

Moderator:

7:00 – 8:00 Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Area

8:00 – 9:30 Business Session
Ben Moore, President, Alabama Chapter of SWCS

9:30 – 10:00 Break in the Exhibit Area

10:00 – 10:35 Deer Overpopulation at Oak Mountain State Park
Keener Morrow, Naturalist, Oak Mountain State Park
Birmingham, AL

10:35 – 11:10 Invasive Plant Species
Howard Peavey, State Agronomist, Alabama Department of Transportation
Montgomery, AL

11:10 – 11:45 Forever Wild Program
Greg Lein, Assistant Director of the Alabama State Lands Division
Montgomery, AL

11:45 – 11:50 Meeting Wrap-up
Tracy Cole, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Rainsville, AL

CPESC Committee

By: Earl Norton

CPESC News

Congratulations to new CPESCs Brian Lassater (ALDOT) and Richard Nichols (ALDOT) and CPESC In-training Alan Blackwell (Goodwyn, Mills and Ca-wood, Inc.).

The AL Chapter of SWCS 2005 Annual Meeting at Birmingham will be an excellent opportunity for earning continuing education and professional development hours. Other opportunities this year will include Red Water Blues Field Days in late summer and seminars that will be available through the Auburn Uni-

versity Technology Transfer Center (better known as T²).

The Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee homepage now shows numerous activities in erosion and sediment control. Dates and registration information for field days and seminars will be shown there as the dates are firmed. The site URL is www.swcc.state.al.us.

The new Field Guide for Erosion and Sediment Control on Construction Sites in Alabama is now available for purchase through an arrangement between the AL

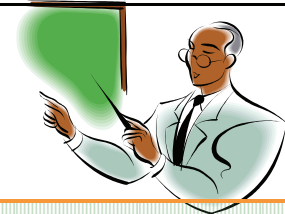
Chapter SWCS and the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation Foundation (see the Soil and Water Conservation Committee homepage for ordering information). Later in the year a limited supply will be available at Soil and Water Conservation District offices.

Hope to see many of you next month at Birmingham.

Earl Norton, Chairman

CPESC Committee

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 8,9 &10 BIRMINGHAM, AL.

SOUTHERN REGION STORMWATER AND EROSION CONTROL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2-6- PEACHTREE CITY, GA

PLEASE EMAIL JOYCE WITH INFORMATION TO GO IN THE NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE EMAIL DEANA WITH INFORMATION TO GO THE WEBSITE.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

SEMINARS

TO BE SCHEDULED - PROBABLY AUGUST, 2005

CPESC EXAM REVIEW COURSE AND EXAM

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - CLANTON, AL

RED WATER BLUES FIELD DAYS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 DECATUR

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 PRATTVILLE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 ENTERPRISE

OCTOBER 13, 2005 MOBILE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RED WATER BLUES FIELD DAYS GO TO:

WWW.SWCC.STATE.AL.US

Science Fair Winners 2005

Science Fair Competition



Senior Winner Mark Menn standing in front of his winning exhibit.

East Team Science Fair Competition

The SWCS chapter is a proud sponsor of Science Fair Competitions across the state.

The chapter provides judges; a certificate; and awards a monetary gift to the winners in the soil division competition.

Thanks to all of you who give of your time; providing a good example of outreach for our Chapter.



Hannah Young was the Junior Division winner.

East Team Science Fair Competition

SWCS

Alabama Chapter

Visit our Website: <http://www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu/>

To place information on our website contact **Deana L. Mann.**



Alabama Science and Engineering Fair, April 1, 2005

The results of the Alabama Science and Engineering Fair, April 1, 2005. [Sorry, no photos are available.]

Junior Division - **William "Trey" Gordon III**, 6th grade from R.L. Young Elementary School, Talladega, with a project entitled FARMLANDS: HOW IMPORTANT ARE THEY?.

Senior Division - **Rebecca Bradford**, 11th grade from Brooks High School, Killen, with a project entitled BACTERIAL POPULATION COMPARISONS FOLLOWING HERBICIDE TREATMENTS OF SOIL..

Both winners were presented with a certificate and a money order in the amount of \$100.

Thanks for the opportunity to judge the event, it was enjoyable.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The SWCS Chapter in Alabama is now approximately 150 members strong and growing! To continue that growth and encourage new membership, the Chapter has approved special incentives.

This year for new memberships.

* A non-member that registers for the upcoming meeting and joins SWCS will be reimbursed by the Chapter for the cost of 1-year membership in SWCS.

* If a non-member is unable to attend the meeting but joins SWCS, the second year membership will be paid by the Chapter.

To join the SWCS see the following site:

<http://www.swcs.org/en/join.cfm>

Alabama State Soil for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit

By: Kirk V. Iversen

Hello Folks,

SSSA (<http://www.soils.org/smithsonian/>) has updated the Smithsonian Exhibit donation information and we are looking good; (see the contributors list.)

With \$1,000 from Auburn University (thanks, Joe), Alabama's donations are currently \$12,555. That is FIFTH best in the country, behind California, Colorado, Arizona and Texas.

In eleven southeastern states, we're currently NUMBER ONE. Fourteen states, including Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia, have reached the \$10,000 goal.

Congratulations and again, thanks for your help on this important project.

Here is a list of groups who contributed to the Alabama fund:

SWCS-Alabama
Alabama Reclamation
Alabama Crop Management
Alabama Association of Conservation Districts
Alabama Cotton Commission
Alabama Soil Classifiers
Alabama Wheat & Feed Grain Committee
Auburn University

Kirk

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<http://www.ag.auburn.edu/nsdl/sctesa/index.html>

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/msa/auburn/nsdl>

Registration form

"Managing Our Landscapes for Multiple Uses"

Name: _____

Organization/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ zip _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Category	cut-off date	member	non-member	special	enclosed
Entire meeting [includes field trip]					
Early bird	April 11, 2005	\$75.00	\$100.00		_____
Advanced	May 9, 2005	\$90.00	\$115.00		_____
Late/onsite after	May 9	\$115.00	\$140.00		_____
Additional fee for Home Builders Association QCI session				\$95.00	_____
Wednesday only (includes lunch)					
"QCI" session and field trip (cont ed. for QCI)				\$120.00	_____
Field Trip only anyone (deadline May 9)				\$25.00	_____
Friday only - Business Meeting and Technical Sessions				\$25.00	_____

Additional tickets, with one registered participant may be purchased for guest/spouse/children at the following rates:

Continental Breakfast [Thursday]	# _____	@ \$10.00	_____
Continental Breakfast [Friday]	# _____	@ \$10.00	_____
Thursday Dinner	# _____	@ \$18.00-adult	_____
	# _____	@ \$9.00-child	_____

[for selected items indicate the number needed.]

Total amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Alabama Chapter of SWCS

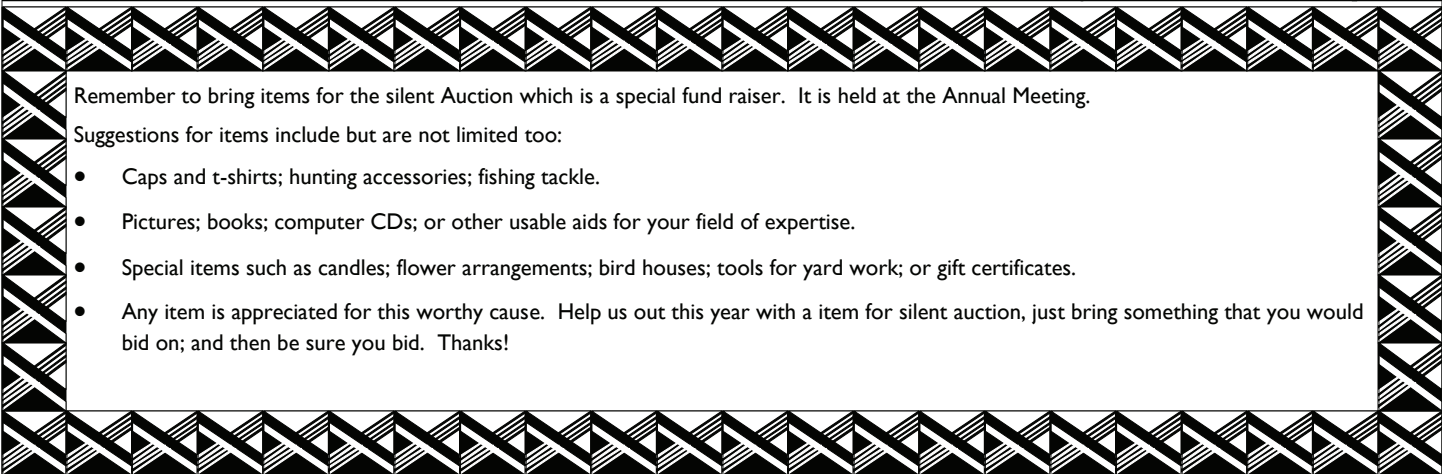
Please enclose payment with your registration form and return to:

% Zona Beaty

USDA/NRCS

P. O. BOX 311

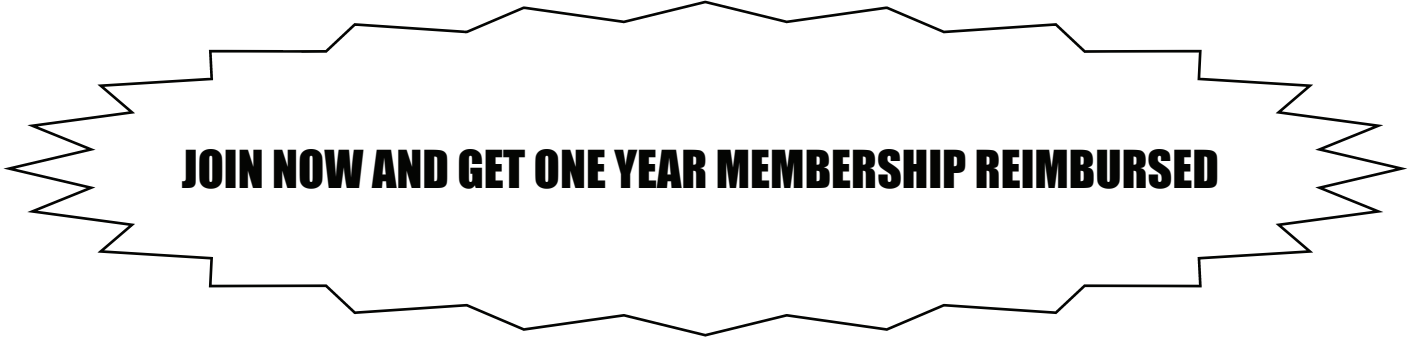
Auburn, AL 36830



Remember to bring items for the silent Auction which is a special fund raiser. It is held at the Annual Meeting.

Suggestions for items include but are not limited too:

- Caps and t-shirts; hunting accessories; fishing tackle.
- Pictures; books; computer CDs; or other usable aids for your field of expertise.
- Special items such as candles; flower arrangements; bird houses; tools for yard work; or gift certificates.
- Any item is appreciated for this worthy cause. Help us out this year with a item for silent auction, just bring something that you would bid on; and then be sure you bid. Thanks!



JOIN NOW AND GET ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP REIMBURSED

Special Offer:

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- *Check it out!*



What a great offer!

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Board Members

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- President-Elect: Tracy Cole
- Secretary: Deana Lasater Mann
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- Chapter Development: Bill Hughes
- CPESC Chairman: Earl Norton
- CCA Chairman: Detra Boutwell
- Student Chapters: Monday Mbila, A&M: Mary Goodman, Auburn

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- Section I: Foy Kirkland
- Section II: Charles Love
- Section III: Skip Ragsdale
- Section IV: Charles Ramsey
- Section V: Steve Yelverton

- Immediate Past President: Jeff Holloway
- Webpage: Jay Tatum; Deana Lasater Mann

- Newsletter Co-editors: Randall East & J. Nicholas

