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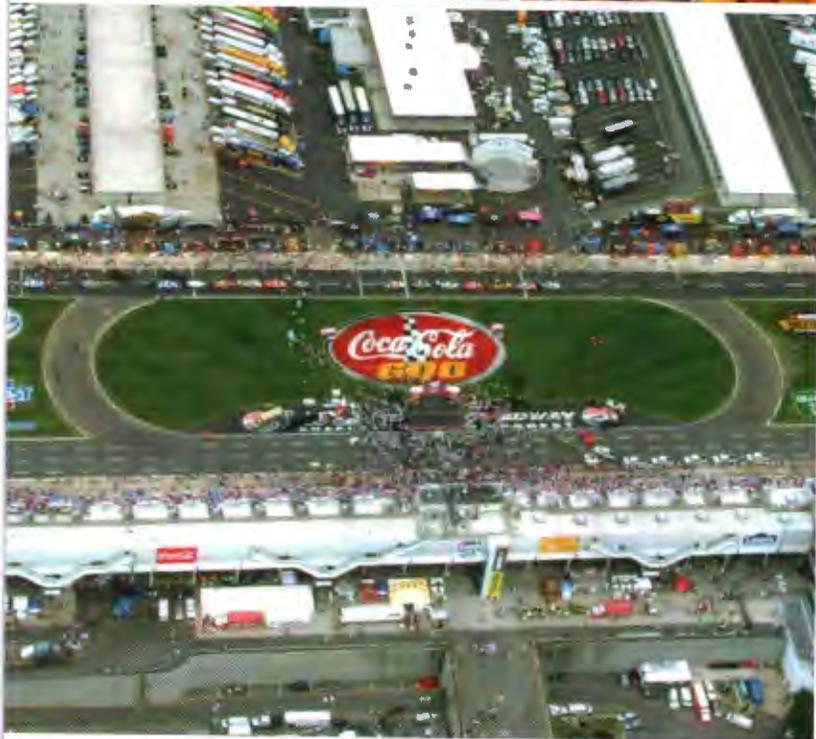
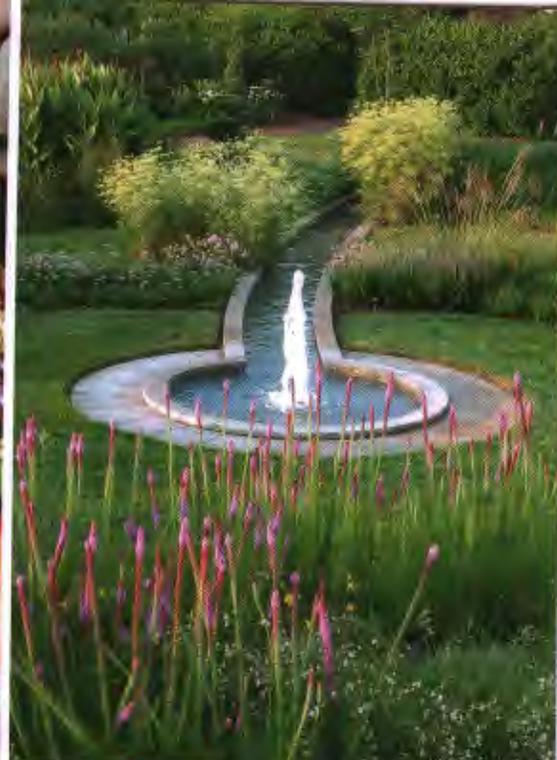
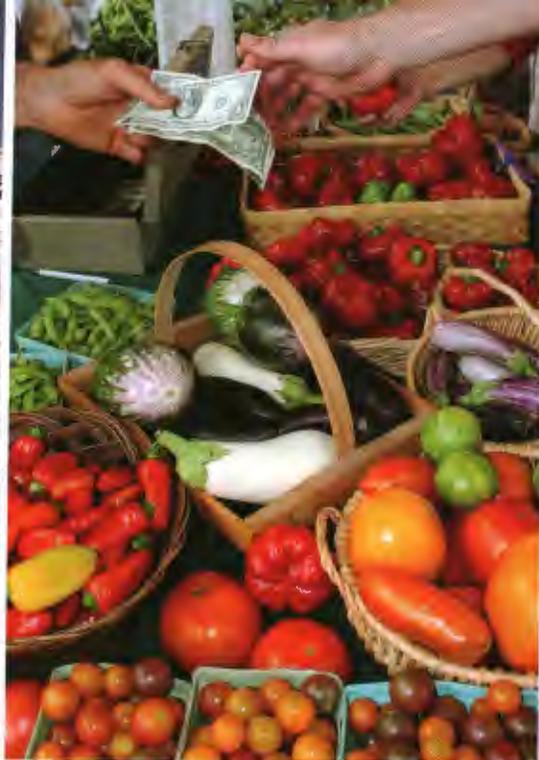
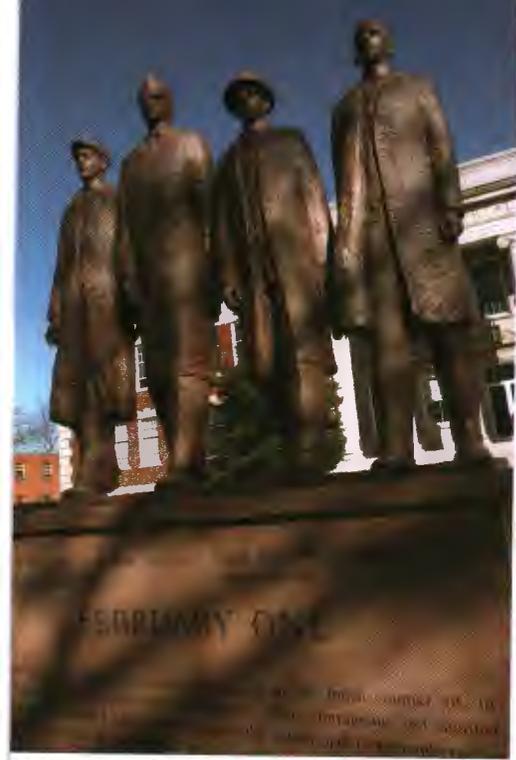
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**NACAA**  
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*— A Place To Grow —*

The logo features a blue outline of the state of North Carolina. The text "NACAA" is in large, bold, red letters with a blue outline, positioned across the middle of the map. Below it, "2008" is in smaller red letters. At the bottom, "NORTH CAROLINA" is in blue, and the slogan "— A Place To Grow —" is in red italics.



# Make North Carolina - Your "Place to Grow!"

A few years back, one of the catchy jingles used to market North Carolina to potential tourists was, "I like calling North Carolina home!" This jingle rings true to me for North Carolina is my home and has always been a personal place to grow. It is a privilege to join the other agents from North Carolina and invite you to visit us in Greensboro as we showcase the diversity of North Carolina's people, agriculture, and natural resources.

NACAA provides its members a multitude of professional development opportunities, but its premier event is the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC). NACAA members that have attended past Annual meetings understand the value and positive impact that attending an AM/PIC provides and make plans to attend on a regular basis. I encourage these AM/PIC "veterans" to help us share this message with potential "First Timers." AM/PIC participants have access to the best that each host state has to offer as well as the opportunity to glean new ideas from guest speakers, award winners, and other peer presenters. The 2008 AM/PIC hosts, with help from the entire Southern Region and a few other generous states, hope to make everyone (Active Members, Life Members, Spouses, and Sons and Daughters) feel right at home.

I believe that we are well on the way to accomplishing this goal. As this message is being written, the North Carolina Team and our NACAA Committees are busy lining up the last minute details and arranging for professional improvement speakers. I will share just a few of the highlights to help whet your appetite but encourage you to read through the following pages for more details.

General Henry Hugh Shelton will be the inspirational speaker for our Opening Session on Sunday evening. A North Carolina native, General Shelton credits his 4-H experiences for helping build his character as a youth and graciously returns that favor through his ongoing volunteer efforts. We are also proud to present Georgia 4-H Clovers & Company for the Opening Session's entertainment. Clovers & Co. is composed of forty-two talented 4-H singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and production crew members from across the state of Georgia. The group members range in age from 11 to 18. Clovers & Co. performs on behalf of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and En-

vironmental Sciences Cooperative Extension and is celebrating their twenty-seventh anniversary this year. We look forward to hearing some "Carolina classics" during their performance!

Colleen Hefferan, CSREES Administrator, will also join us in Greensboro

as one of our General Session speakers. It has been a number of years since Dr. Hefferan has been able to join us at our AM/PIC. Given the uncertainties of the Farm Bill, it is a great time for her to share the perspective of our Federal partners.

Finally, if you read the Tentative Program carefully, you will note something called a "SUPER SEMINAR" on Thursday afternoon. I will keep you in suspense for the time being regarding these seminars but encourage you to be on the lookout for upcoming E-County Agents that will provide more details.

Along with all of the members of the North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents, I invite you to join us in Greensboro this summer and make North Carolina your home away from home July 13-17, 2008!



N. Fred Miller  
NACAA President



# Welcome To Greensboro!

"Nothing Could Be Finer Than To Be In Carolina".... July 13-17, 2008 for the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents invites you to Greensboro, North Carolina for the 93<sup>rd</sup> NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. Opportunities for professional improvement are unlimited as are opportunities for fun and fellowship. Our theme, "A Place to Grow" will be demonstrated throughout the conference and we hope that you will grow professionally and your spouse and children will cultivate friendships and grow personally.

North Carolina is a land blessed with abundant natural resources. Our state produces a cornucopia of agricultural products. In fact, North Carolina boasts the third most diverse agriculture in the nation with over 80 different commodities grown here. Agricultural diversity is the basis of our professional improvement tours. As you travel across the state, you will see a variety of agriculture and geography. Beginning in the mountains, you'll find apples, Fraser firs, burley tobacco, aquaculture and trellis tomatoes. Moving down through the Piedmont you'll see poultry, beef cattle, dairy and row crop farms as well as a flourishing green industry and an emerging viticulture industry. The flat fertile Coastal Plain could be considered North Carolina's bread basket with fields of cotton, soybeans, tobacco, peanuts and sweet potatoes, along with large swine and poultry operations. The tours will conclude at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds with a traditional southern barbecue.

We'd like to encourage you to come early and stay as long as you desire. Our State has so much to offer: wonderful beaches for swimming and relaxing, or great charter boat fishing experiences. Visit historic Wilmington with its antebellum houses, gardens and home of the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship. Drive over to the Outer Banks; see Kitty Hawk, where the Wright Brother's made their famous first flight. To the west we have the wonderful Blue Ridge Mountains. Visit Asheville, home of the Biltmore Estate, the nation's largest private home. Of course there are the wineries that make up the Yadkin Valley Region and some of you may want to bring your clubs and play some of finest golf courses in the country at Pinehurst.



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**AM/PIC Co-Chairs**

The spouse's workshops and tours are also geared to a diversity of interests. Topics are planned to be of interest to all ages and both genders. You just can't miss the historical sites like the Old Salem Moravian Settlement, the fantastic furniture showrooms in High Point (the furniture capital of the world), the Bob Timberlake Gallery, a NASCAR Racing Shop or Mount Airy, Andy Griffith's hometown and the basis for the Andy Griffith Show and Mayberry. We even plan on having you visit Barney Fife while you are here.

As a family oriented program, we aim to make sure that our youth program will be loads of fun. The youth will have the option of experiencing North Carolina from the mountains to the sea and every day they have the option of choosing a water activity. Emerald Point Water Park, NASCAR racing, canoeing a pristine mountain river, visiting the ocean, the youth have some awesome choices for making their North Carolina memories.

Our host hotel and conference center are all under one roof at the Koury Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel. Shuttle service will be provided free of charge from the Piedmont Triad Airport courtesy of the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

We look forward to hosting you for the 2008 NACAA AM/PIC. We believe that you will find this conference rewarding both professionally and personally. We aim to make it one of the most economical as well. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Make your plans now to join us in Greensboro, truly "A Place To Grow".

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## General Henry H. Hugh Shelton: Opening Session Speaker

Our Opening Session and Evening Inspirational Program should be filled with Inspiration! Our speaker is a truly great American who rose from rural North Carolina to the nation's top military post.



General Henry H. Shelton was born in Tarboro, North Carolina where he was an exemplary 4-H member particularly active in livestock projects and livestock judging. He has received the North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award.

General Shelton received a bachelor's degree in textiles from North Carolina State University and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

General Shelton spent the next 38 years in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States, Hawaii, and Vietnam. He served two combat tours in Vietnam, the first with the 5th Special Forces Group and the second with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Also, he commanded the 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry in the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington; served as the 9th Infantry Division's Chief of Staff for operations; commanded the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and, was the Chief of Staff of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York.

General Shelton became the 14th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 1997, and served two two-year terms, retiring on September 30, 2001.

Throughout his tenure as chairman, U.S. forces were in heavy demand and participated in numerous joint operations around the globe.

During his tenure, General Shelton worked tirelessly on behalf of service members, their families, and military retirees by championing a number of landmark quality of life initiatives, including the largest military pay raise in 18 years, pay table and bonus reform, and critical improvements in both retirement and healthcare programs. He made great strides in improving the readiness and retention of the current force while simultaneously crafting Joint Vision 2020-the roadmap for the Future Joint Force. General Shelton established Joint Forces Command to consolidate joint experimentation efforts and guide the transformation of the U.S. Armed Forces for the 21st Century.

Among his many military awards, General Shelton has received four Defense Distinguished Service Medals, two Army Distinguished Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, and the Purple Heart. He has been decorated by 16 foreign governments. In 2001, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. Highlights of his civilian awards include the Charlotte (NC) World Affairs Council World Citizen Award for 2002, North Carolina's highest Award for Public Service, the Eisenhower Award from the Business Executives for National Security, the American Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate Award, Intrepid Freedom Award, and recognition as National Father of the Year, among others.

For his exemplary service to his country, the 107th Congress bestowed the Congressional Gold Medal on General Shelton on September 19, 2002.

Currently, General Shelton serves as Executive Director of the General Hugh Shelton Leadership Center at North Carolina State University and as Director of the Hugh and Carolyn Shelton Military Neurotrauma Foundation.

## Colien Hefferan Administrator, CSREES to Speak at General Session

Dr. Hefferan became Administrator of Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) on October 7, 2000.

She joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1979 as an economist with the Family

Economics Research Group, Agriculture Research Service. She transferred to the Cooperative Resources, Food and Social Sciences. With the establishment of CSREES, Dr. Hefferan was named the Deputy Administrator for Competitive Research Grants and Award Management. In August of 1995, she moved to the Office of the Administrator



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serving as either the Acting Administrator or the Associate Administrator of the Agency until 2000.

Prior to joining USDA, Dr. Hefferan served on the faculty at Pennsylvania State University, as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland, and as a research fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra. She has authored more than 60 research articles and chapters, edited several books on

economic issues and trends influencing families and consumers, and spoken widely on issues related to advancing agricultural research and education. In 2000, she was honored with a Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Federal Executive.

Hefferan has a Ph.D. and M.S. Degree from the University of Illinois, and a B.S. Degree from the University of Arizona.

**Educational Luncheon Seminars and Super Seminars**

An impressive lineup of Educational Luncheon Seminars and Thursday Super Seminars are scheduled for the AM/PIC. This year you can choose your seminar when registering rather than waiting until arriving at the conference. There are great professional development opportunities awaiting you!!

**Monday Luncheon Seminars:**

**Expanding Markets for Local Farm Products**

Sponsored by SARE; Presenter: Charlie Jackson, Executive Director, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project

A new study released by Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project provides a detailed look at the food and farming economy of Western North Carolina and explores the potential to expand local markets for local farm products. The 325 page report, *Growing Local: Expanding the Western North Carolina Food and Farm Economy*, is the culmination of a multi-year research project funded by the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE) program. The research details: (1) what food and farm products are currently produced in the region; (2) how much of what is produced is also consumed in the region; (3) the potential for increasing local consumption of locally-produced food and farm products as a way to strengthen the regional farm economy; and (4) where investment of resources and other actions could eliminate barriers currently impeding the purchase of local food.

**Current Status of Anthelmintic Resistance in Cattle**

Sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health; Presenter: Dr. Tom Yazwinski, University of Arkansas

Nematode parasites of cattle in the United States and around the world are targeted for chemical control more frequently than any other group of pathogens that live off cattle. Additionally, the array of commercial products available for worm "control" is more extensive than any other pathogen-specific armament. Resultant in part from all this "attention", several important species of worms have become resistant to a number of the more popular anthelmintics. This, coupled with the facts that (1)

economic reality dictates that we feed fewer worms than we did before and (2) no new anthelmintics are "around the corner" makes it imperative that we identify the "best" products and use them at the right times. Research results discussed in this presentation provide very timely information as to the effectiveness (and lack of effectiveness) of some of our popular anthelmintics.

**Invasive Species Biology, Management, Regulations & Economics**

Sponsored by Davey Tree; Presenter: Anand B. Persad PhD., BCE, The Davey Institute, Kent, Ohio

Invasive species remain a highly relevant issue in almost every aspect of our industry. We often are reminded that as guardians of the environment we sometimes represent the first line of encounter and also the first line of defense.

In this presentation, Dr. Persad will discuss using case studies, the attributes of exotic species infestation including arrival, the difficulty in detection, some challenges that we encounter in implementing an integrated approach and how we can be more proactive in our planning. The talk will also explore the economics associated with invasive insects and weeds and how regulations and contract language dictate relevant management practices.

**Producing High Quality, High Yielding Crops**

Sponsored by Syngenta

Syngenta is the world's leading agribusiness company and is committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. By 2030, the world's population is expected to increase to eight billion people. At the same time, the availability of fertile soil and clean water is expected to decline substantially, making high yields increasingly critical. In the US, Syngenta Crop Protection offers the most comprehensive portfolio of weed, insect and disease control products in the industry. We will describe our stewardship program, designed to help growers produce high-quality, high-yielding crops while ensuring the long-term productivity of the land and protection of the environment.

## Tuesday Luncheon Seminars

### Youth Resources Galore

Sponsored by NC Pork Council; Presenter: Deborah Johnson, Executive Director, NC Pork Council

From Youth PQA Plus to the PIG (Pork Information Gateway), this session will help you learn more about youth-oriented information and resources related to pork. NC State University Extension faculty and NC Pork Council staff will provide you an overview of informative and fun youth resources on a variety of timely pork subjects. Enjoy a wide sampling of educational programs, materials and web sites that are available to you.

### Technological Solutions to Problems Associated with Application of Pesticides

Sponsored by Jacto, Inc.; Presenter: Dr. Erdal Ozkan, Professor, Ohio State University

Current chemical application methods and equipment have improved application accuracy considerably; however, there are still some remaining inefficiencies and many unanswered questions. Research is continuing in universities and industry to develop new methods and equipment to achieve maximum efficacy from pesticides while minimizing the potential risk to the applicator and the environment. A general review of trends in application technology and the forces driving this change in technology will be discussed.

### Financing Rural America

Sponsored by Farm Credit Group (Ag First, Carolina Farm Credit, AgCarolina Financial), Presenter: Farm Credit Staff

Farm Credit is rural America's customer-owned lending partner and the largest single lender to agriculture in the nation. Rural Americans have come to depend on Farm Credit for all of their lending needs. Representatives from Ag Carolina Financial and Carolina Farm Credit will share the success of the 92 year old cooperative, as well as cover the topic of providing financing to America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents through the System's lending programs. Farm Credit is committed to improving the quality of life in rural America for farmers and ranchers, as well as for those who choose to live and work in the country.

### SARE-funded Research at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems: Grafting Heirloom Tomatoes for Disease Resistance in Intensive Farming Systems

Sponsored by SARE; Presenters: Dr. Mary Peet, North Carolina State University, Dr. Frank Louws, North Carolina State University, participating farmer  
Drs. Peet and Louws and a participating farmer will discuss their SARE Research and Education Project that tests the performance of heirloom tomatoes grafted onto resistant rootstocks in open field systems and in synergy with high tunnels. Profitable organic and sustainable tomato production is difficult in the Southern Region.

Many growers have moved into covered culture systems (high tunnels) in order to decrease foliar diseases, increase productivity, and improve economic stability through season extension. However, utilizing tunnels limits rotation options which increase soilborne disease pressure, ultimately resulting in crop failures. The use of integrated systems utilizing both covered culture and grafting should be a promising strategy to help growers in the SE-USA. The objectives of the research are to: 1) improve grafting, acclimation and transplanting techniques; 2) select appropriate rootstocks for root-knot nematodes and other soil borne diseases; 3) select appropriate rootstocks for increased nutrient uptake efficiency and other horticulturally valuable traits, such as fruit quality, earliness, vigor, and resistance to pests; 4) test training and establishment techniques for grafted rootstocks, including single and multiple head systems; 5) compare performance of scions grafted onto resistant rootstocks, self-grafted and non-grafted controls under realistic conditions of soil borne disease pressure; 6) evaluate a grafted rootstock-high tunnel tomato system for feasibility, including a preliminary assessment of the economics and compare this system with open-field production; 7) identify promising avenues for future research and development.

## Thursday Luncheon Seminars

### Fibrowatt-Alternative Litter Management Solution

Sponsored by: Fibrowatt, LLC

Fibrowatt LLC is a Pennsylvania based developer, builder, owner and operator of power plants fueled by poultry litter. Fibrowatt is owned by Homeland Renewable Energy, Inc. The Fibrowatt technology was pioneered in the UK 15 years ago, where the company's founders built the world's first three poultry litter fueled power plants. The presentation will include a discussion of how the process works and how they serve the poultry industry. Fibrowatt provides an alternative litter management service to poultry growers, giving them greater flexibility in scheduling barn cleanouts and allowing them to more easily comply with CAFO and other nutrient management planning requirements. Fibrowatt also helps crop farmer's better manage fertilizer applications and helps protect soil and water quality. The Fibrowatt litter management service complements existing growing practices and provides a long term litter management solution to the grower. As fertilizer prices continue to climb in 2008, we will discuss how both Fibrowatt and existing land spreading applications can coexist.

### Economic and Environmental Benefits of Nitrogen Management

Sponsored by: Agrotain International

Join us for a lunch presentation and discussion of the benefits of innovative technology for managing nitrogen in agricultural and lawn applications. Host

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John Hassell, formerly with the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) and now with AGROTAIN International will welcome a panel of extension experts who have worked with stabilized nitrogen and know its benefits. You'll leave with a new appreciation for nitrogen management technology and a tool kit with information and resources you can use to help you educate your community.

### **Thursday Super Seminars**

**Sustainable Agriculture: 1) NC Choices – Linking Sustainable Pork Producers Directly with Consumers and 2) Extension and the “New American Farmer”:** the opportunities were never greater.

Sponsored by SARE; Presenters: 1) Jennifer Curtis, Executive Director, NC Choices, plus a panel of 3 NC Choices farmers and 2) Dr. John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri, Columbia

This Super Seminar covers two specific sustainable agriculture topics. The first presentation will be about NC Choices which was developed by North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and others to help small and mid-sized hog farms find local markets for niche pork products. These farmers provide a healthy alternative to store-bought pork. More and more consumers are looking for meats raised on pasture and without the use of antibiotics. The program, funded through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is administered by the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS). NC Choices links consumers directly with local hog farmers using environmentally-friendly production practices. Innovative marketing strategies include meat buying clubs and community supported agriculture programs.

The second presentation during the Super Seminar will be: Extension and the “New American Farmer: the opportunities were never greater” presented by Dr. John Ikerd. Some “old timers” refer to the 1930s and 1940s as the “golden years” of agricultural extension. The new technologies of hybrid seed corn, tractor power, commercial fertilizers, and synthetic pesticides were transferred from researchers to farmers by extension workers. Extension had similar opportunities in the 1990s to work with a new kind of American farmer to help create a new “sustainable agriculture.” For the most part, however, extension remained a captive of its past success in technology transfer. Again today, with the recent growth in markets for organic, locally grown, and other sustainably produced foods, the opportunities

for extension workers have never been greater. Dr. Ikerd will reflect on his 40 year extension career and share his insights into the changing agricultural landscape and how increased interest in sustainable agriculture has created new opportunities for farmers, consumers, and extension educators throughout the country.

**Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN): Animal Agrosecurity and Emergency Management**  
Sponsored by NCSU Agricultural Foundation; Presenters: Dr. Ed Jones, NC State University, Andrea Husband and Ricky Yeagan, University of Kentucky.

Agents will learn more about the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) and gain access to and training for materials to improve animal agrosecurity and emergency management preparedness locally. EDEN reduces the impact of disasters through education. By sharing resources, educators/agents have hundreds of resources and a network of knowledgeable professionals as support. In addition, attendees will learn how to use mock disaster scenarios to improve preparedness. An EDEN certificate will be awarded at the end of the course. This seminar will be limited to 45 participants.

### **Urban Water Quality Issues**

Presenters: Dr. Greg Jennings and Dr. Bill Hunt, NC State University, and agents from NC, SC and Texas.

North Carolina is growing rapidly and like many states across the country, stormwater runoff and sedimentation are becoming major water quality issues. Additionally many rural communities find themselves overwhelmed with the development and are quickly becoming urbanized. North Carolina Cooperative Extension and NC State University Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department are assisting municipalities with federal mandates regarding stormwater education and innovative stormwater best management practices. This seminar is an opportunity to learn about innovative training related to Stormwater Phase II, rainwater harvesting, rain gardens, permeable pavement, low impact development and stream restoration that have been successful in NC, SC and Texas. University Specialists and county agents will discuss the various programs, audiences, certifications, CEU's, tours, hands-on demonstrations, etc that have helped the programs become successful and reach a new audience (i.e. city/county/state officials, realtors, engineers, planners and developers).

## Have you ever attended a NACAA AM/PIC?

If you have not attended the NACAA conference before, you'll be in for a delight by coming to Greensboro, North Carolina! Right from the start we want to treat you special and help you out. There will be a designated place for First-Timer's to check-in at registration. There, we will have knowledgeable people on hand to make sure you understand how to get the most out of this conference. We will be there to serve you!

As you fill out your registration form, check the spot on the form and make plans to attend the First-Timer's Luncheon on Monday. This free lunch is an opportunity to meet other first time attendees and to learn about the association.

First -Timers should also plan to attend the First-Timer's Orientation and Reception on Sunday at 3:00 pm.

There are many educational opportunities awaiting you but one that we want to call attention to is the Early Career Development session on Tuesday morning. This session is especially for Agents/Educators just like you.

Our goal is for you to take advantage of all the conference has to offer so that next year you will desire to be a "second time attendee"! If you have never attended an AM/PIC plan to make this your first. Come and check out this great professional improvement conference!

First-Time attendees employed after July 1, 1998 pay no registration fee for this conference! That is a \$225 benefit and certainly not one to miss. Even if you have worked longer than that, we want you to come. The NACAA conference will not only provide professional development, but is a great chance to network and develop friendships with colleagues from around the country who work in the same fields as you. Come and meet them!

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## States' Night In

Because of the difficulty of finding restaurants close to the convention center that can handle large groups for states to use in the traditional "States' Night Out," North Carolina has decided to offer a "States' Night In." With the help of the other states in the Southern Region, we are offering a meal in the Sheraton Hotel. States will be seated together. Please note on the registration form if you will be attending.

## Wednesday Bar-B-Que

Wednesday evening, after the Professional Improvement Tours, everyone will meet for pork Bar-B-Que at the historical Dixie Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem. The North Carolina Association of County Agents and the North Carolina Pork Council invite you to sit down in the air conditioned comfort of the Coliseum Annex and enjoy a true North Carolina treat—fresh, slow cooked, pork BBQ. Here you will find out why, in North Carolina, BBQ is a noun, not a verb.



To go along with the great food we'll feature David Browning, "The Mayberry Deputy". He will be present and circulating throughout the Coliseum Annex for your enjoyment. The Mayberry Deputy's patrol consists of mingling, joking-around, giving out "citations" (autograph pictures) and performing stand up routines with a motivational message. Folks enjoy the Deputy character because it reminds them of a time gone by; it's fun, clean entertainment. According to the Mayberry Deputy, "In our world today, people are searching for their own Mayberry. In blending the character with who I am, I value what it gives people today; laughter and memories".

And no southern pig cookin' is complete without music. We'll have "Strictly Clean and Decent" one of the finest bluegrass groups in the Southeast. "Strictly Clean and Decent" is an acoustic trio featuring Patrick Crouch, Ron Shuffler, and Kay Crouch. They are dedicated to performing a variety of acoustic musical styles. Their eclectic repertoire includes modern folk songs by American, Canadian, and Irish songwriters, the fiery breakdowns and songs of family and home found in both traditional and contemporary bluegrass, and centuries-old Celtic dance tunes. All of this is peppered with a healthy dose of western swing, and a few classic country tunes thrown in to provide a program certain to be enjoyed by all.

You may also visit the rustic Yesterday Village located on the Fairgrounds. Here you will find restored barns, houses, churches and farming equipment from years ago.

Buses will arrive on a staggered time schedule from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The seating capacity of the Coliseum Annex is enough to accommodate everyone. NACAA members and guests will have ample time to relax and enjoy the pork BBQ and share experiences of the day's tours. Shuttle buses will be taking you back to the Convention Center (approximately 30 minutes away) when you have finished your meal and evening entertainment.

We hope you'll enjoy the music and grounds before you retire to your hotel. We are certain you'll understand Southern Culture after you enjoy an evening of great food, great music, great fun, and great friends. It will be a time to remember.

# National Association of County Agricultural Agents

## July 13, 2008 - July 17, 2008 Greensboro, North Carolina

### 93rd Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### FRIDAY, JULY 11

7:00 am	Pre-Conference Livestock Seminar and Tour	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Taste of The Carolina's Dinner – Sponsored by RJR Tobacco Company
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	NACAA Board Meeting	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony and Opening Rehearsal

#### SATURDAY, JULY 12

7:00 am	Pre-Conference Livestock Seminar and Tour	6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Parents' Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program
7:00 am	Pre-Conference Horticulture Tour	6:15 pm - 6:45 pm	National Leadership Rehearsal for Sunday Program
8:00 am	NACAA Board Meeting	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Sons and Daughters Get Acquainted Mixer
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Opening Session and Inspirational Program – Sponsored by Novartis Animal Health
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Life Member and Spouses Hospitality	8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
10:00 pm	North Carolina Meeting	9:00 pm	State Pictures

#### SUNDAY, JULY 13

##### Spotlight sponsor – NC State and NC A&T State Extension

8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Registration	10:00 pm	North Carolina Meeting
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Commercial Exhibits & NACAA Educational Exhibits Set Up	<b>MONDAY, JULY 14</b> <b>Spotlight Sponsor- Syngenta</b>	
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Scholarship Selection Committee		
9:00 am - Noon	Regional Directors and Vice Directors Workshop	6:30 am - 7:45 am	Voting Delegates Breakfast (Meal by Invitation & Ticket)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	NACAA Poster Set Up	6:30 am - 7:45 am	Administrators Breakfast
9:30 am - Noon	Nominating Committee Meeting	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Computer Center Open
10:00 am - 11:00am	Prayer Service	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Past National Board Luncheon	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits open
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	National Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Luncheon	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	NACAA Poster Display
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Life Member and Spouses Hospitality	8:00 am - 10:00 am	General Session
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Computer Center Open	7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Life Member and Spouses Hospitality
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Commercial and Educational Exhibits Open	10:00 am - 10:20 am	Break - Sponsored by Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm	NACAA Poster Session Display	10:30 am - 11:40 am	Trade Talk Concurrent Sessions
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	State Officers Workshop	11:45 am - 1:15 pm	First Time Attendee Luncheon
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Program Recognition	11:45 am - 1:15 pm	PRIDE Luncheon
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Council Workshop	11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Extension Development	11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Exhibits, Poster Session-meet the authors
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Council Workshop	11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Educational Luncheon
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Professional Improvement	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Seminars (pick up tickets at registration)
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Council Workshop		Committee Workshops for all NACAA Members
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting		
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	First Timer Orientation and Reception		

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Life Members Business Meeting  
 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leaders Meeting  
 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Break & Donor Recognition  
 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations  
 4:45 pm - 7:00 pm Got to Be NC Dinner – Sponsored by the NC Commodity Associations and NCDA  
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm 4-H Talent Revue – Sponsored by BB&T  
 9:00pm – 10:00pm Ice Cream Social- Sponsored by Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents  
 9:30 pm - 11:00 pm State Pictures  
 10:00 pm North Carolina Meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 15**

**Spotlight Sponsor – Farm Credit Group (AgFirst, Carolina Farm Credit and AgCarolina Financial)**

7:00 am - 8:30 am Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast  
 7:00 am - 8:30 am Life Members Breakfast  
 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Computer Center Open  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits open  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm NACAA Poster Session Open  
 8:30 am - 11:30 am Delegate Session  
 8:30 am - 11:30 am Extension Development Council Seminars  
 8:30 am - 11:30 am Program Recognition Council Seminars  
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Communication Awards Luncheon  
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Poster Session Awards Luncheon  
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars (pick up tickets at registration)  
 11:45am – 1:15 pm Search for Excellence Luncheons  
 7:00 pm – 5:00 pm Life Member and Spouses Hospitality  
 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm Professional Improvement Council Seminars  
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm JCEP Seminar presented by JCEP Traveling Team  
 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Commercial Exhibits and Poster Session close and take down  
 5:30 pm States Night In! – Courtesy of State Associations from the Southern Region  
 7:30 pm Silent and Live Auction Preview  
 8:00 pm Live Auction  
 10:00 pm North Carolina Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

**Spotlight Sponsor – NC Pork Council**

6:30 am Assemble for “NC Farm Bureau” Breakfast and Professional Improvement Tours  
 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Professional Improvement Tours  
 6:00 pm North Carolina BBQ at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds – Sponsored by NC Pork Council  
 10:00 pm North Carolina Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 17**

**Spotlight Sponsor – Philip Morris, USA**

7:00 am - 8:30 am National Committee Members Breakfast  
 7:00 am - 4:00 pm Computer Center Open  
 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Life Member and Spouses Hospitality  
 8:30 am - 10:00 am Extension Development Council Meeting  
 8:30 am - 10:00 am Professional Improvement Council Meeting  
 8:30 am - 10:00 am Professional Development Council Meeting  
 8:30 am - 10:00 am NACAA Policy Meeting  
 8:30 am - 10:30 am General Session  
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration  
 10:45 pm - 12:15 pm Educational Luncheon Seminars Ends with lunch  
 10:45 pm - 2:30 pm Super Seminars - Includes lunch  
 11:45 pm - 1:30 pm SARE Search for Excellence Luncheon  
 3:30 pm NACAA Board in President’s Room  
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm DSA & AA Recipients, Hall of Fame Recipients, NACAA Board Members, Region Directors, Past Officers, Special Assignments, Special Guests, Council Chairs, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Assemble for Banquet  
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Annual Banquet  
 9:15 pm - 11:00 pm President’s Reception – Sponsored by NC Agricultural Foundation  
 10:00 pm North Carolina Meeting

**FRIDAY, JULY 18**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting

**SATURDAY, JULY 19**

8:00 am - 12:00 pm NACAA Board Meeting



# NACAA Professional Improvement Tours

Our professional improvement tours vary from specific agricultural topics to diverse tours that the entire family will enjoy. Tours are planned to offer a great experience of North Carolina agriculture and culture. Lunch and refreshments will be provided on all tours and we only have one tour with a registration fee. We have identified tours that have age restrictions and long travel (any tour where distance to first stop is more than two hours). All tours require some moderate walking, so wear comfortable closed toe shoes and enjoy!

## Tour 1: Foothills Nursery Crop and American Heritage

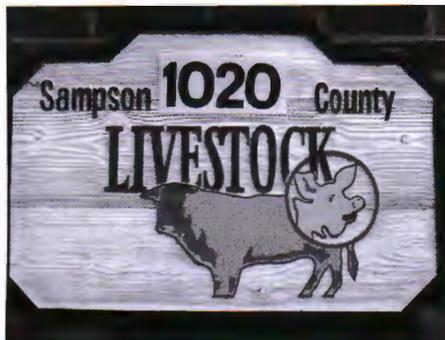
Nursery crop production has proven to be the “growth sector” for NC agriculture. The foothills in



western NC is one of the largest production areas for this commodity. The tour will visit two progressive nurseries, a sustainable dairy farm that has transitioned over to be a partner with the green industry, and an American Heritage Preserve, which is saving a slice of Carolina life from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Hawksridge Farms is a leader in the introduction of new and exciting species and cultivars of plants. Hefner’s Nursery is a family-owned nursery noted for outstanding “Best Management Practices”. In order to sustain the 100-year-old dairy farm, the Smith family diversified into the world of composting and marketing “Daddy Pete’s Plant Pleaser” to southeast gardeners. Hart Square village is the largest collection of original historical log buildings in the U.S.

## Tour 2: Samples of Sampson

You’re invited to ‘sample’ Sampson County and discover why North Carolina’s largest agricultural income and production county has been ranked the “Number 1” best place to farm in



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the United States by Farm Future’s magazine. Through diversification and contract farming, family-owned operations have flourished, thus yielding the county an annual gross farm income which exceeds \$700 million. Highlights of the tour will include swine, cattle and turkey operations as well as row crops and vegetable farms. *Long Travel.*

## Tour 3: The Biltmore Estate



To visit Biltmore House, America’s largest privately owned home, is to cross the threshold into a world of hospitality, beauty, and luxury that has remained virtually unchanged for more than a century. This 250-room chateau is filled with priceless, carefully preserved artworks and furnishings. Walking paths wind through six distinctly different gardens as well as several woodland and meadow trails. At River Bend Farm Village, the estate’s agricultural heritage is brought to life featuring antique farm equipment, entertainment, animals, and a kitchen garden that’s the envy of any green thumb. At the winery, complimentary wine/grape juice tasting and great shopping adds to the allure of the nation’s most-visited winery. Tour will include optional private guided tours of the horticultural gardens and kitchen garden. *Heavy walking. Long travel. Required fee \$18.*

## Tour 4: Tobacco Road: From Farm to Factory

North Carolina is the number one tobacco producing state in the nation and tobacco has supported family farms for generations. To begin the tour, we will visit Davis Farms to learn about tobacco production. Next, the Duke Home-



stead historical site will take us back in time to see how tobacco came to be such an important part of North Carolina agriculture. Washington Duke, an Orange County farmer, would return from the Civil War and lead his family in creating the largest tobacco manufacturing company in the world. Finally, we will visit the RJ Reynolds' Tobaccoville cigarette manufacturing plant, one of the largest cigarette plants in the world. Come join us for this exciting tour. *Minimum age of 21 for industry tour.*

Patterson Farms, where they grow over 350 acres of tomatoes. Lunch will be served at Lazy 5 Ranch, an agri-tourism farm that hosts over 100,000 children each year, where we will take a horse-drawn wagon ride through a domestic and exotic animal park. Finish the day at Penske Racing, home of the famous NASCAR teams of Ryan Newman and Kurt Busch.

**Tour 5: Carolina Cotton**

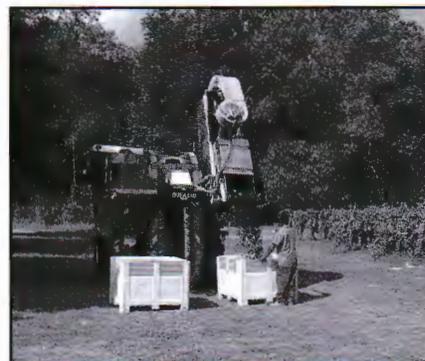
Cotton generates the second largest source of income for field crop farmers in North Carolina. This tour will begin with a



visit to Cotton Incorporated, which has improved every aspect of the cotton industry by contributing technical expertise to production-level research, fiber quality improvement, textile research, market trends and advertising. The tour will then visit Syngenta Biotechnology Lab in the Research Triangle Park where they focus on managing crop genetics for improved plant traits. They will highlight research being conducted to improve the economics of ethanol production, genetically modified plants to manage insects and also tour their greenhouse research facility. Finally, we will conclude at a spinning mill where cotton is cleaned and spun into yarn. *Minimum age of 18 for industry tour.*

**Tour 7: Trains, Food and Nutrition Research, Wine and Fresh Produce**

This tour has something for every family member to enjoy. Starting with the North Carolina Transportation Museum, participants will get a tour of the railroad industry and



see many restored locomotives and cars. Next will be a stop at the North Carolina Research Campus, a private-public venture conducting the latest research on foods and nutrition using some of the most advanced equipment in the world for advances in biotechnology, nutrition and health. The next stop will be the Old Stone Winery where adults can taste wines and youth can enjoy muscadine grape juice. The tour will finish at the Lexington Farmers Market. Come join us for this exciting tour!

**Tour 6: Beef, Antique Tractors, Tomatoes, Exotic Animals and Racing**

This tour will begin with a visit to 4R Farms, which exhibits nationally competitive steers and heifers using an intensive



embryo transfer and AI program. They are founding partners in Global Trac, a national animal identification program. The next stop will be the Tom Smith Farm, who has a large collection of antique John Deere tractors and other memorabilia. We will then visit

**Tour 8: Farms, History, and Red headed Boys Named Opie**

This tour will highlight some of the interesting historical, cultural and modern aspects of the rural Piedmont area of North Carolina. We will



start by visiting Horne Creek Farm which is a working replica of a 1900's Piedmont farm that features heritage breeds of farm animals and old-fashioned apple varieties. Next we will visit Mount Airy, known as the "Friendly City", which reminds people of the town of Mayberry featured in "The Andy Griffith Show" and eat at the Snappy Lunch. Gerards Bakery is a commercial bakery which uses hard red winter wheat and we can see the entire process from dough to finished prod-

uct. We will then tour Coe Farms, a diversified farming operation growing tobacco, grains, cattle, tomatoes and cabbage. The tour will conclude by visiting Pilot Mountain State Park for a spectacular view.

**Tour 9: Beef Cattle and Specialty Markets**

The tour will begin with a visit to Shiloh General Store that features Amish baked goods. Our second stop will be Buck Shoals Vineyard and Winery that features a log



cabin tasting room and a winery with eleven varieties of vinifera grapes and six different wines. The next tour stop will be Bledsoe Farms, a beef cattle operation that also offers freezer beef. We are then off to W-4 Farms, where they are known for their high quality Angus cattle and are developing an agri-tourism operation. Our next stop will be Johnson's Farm where we will have an ice cream break. The farm is a small feedlot with beef cattle and row crops. We will finish the day at Harris Leather and Silver Works, where they make show equipment from reins to custom show saddles to gold buckle sets.

**Tour 10: World's Largest Sweet potato Operation and Cucumbers**

Nash Produce is one of the largest cucumber processing facilities in the US. The operation includes cooling, packing and storage that covers 85



acres. Crop production includes 35,000 acres over a nine county area. Our second stop will be Farm Pak/Barnes Farming, a family owned operation that is the world's largest sweet potato grower, packer, and shipper. In addition to 5,000 acres of sweet potatoes, Barnes Farming also grows 14,000 acres of other crops such as squash, peanuts, and tobacco. Farm Pak accommodates 1 million bushels of sweet potatoes for year round shipments. After lunch at the Wilson County Agricultural Center, we will visit Vick Family Farms, where they grow tobacco, sweet potatoes, soybeans and cot-

ton on over 4500 acres. A daughter involved with the farming operation was just recognized as one of the four National Winners of the National Outstanding Young Farmers Award. *Long travel.*

**Tour 11: Sustainable Agriculture**

The North Carolina Piedmont has many farms practicing sustainable agriculture. The tour begins at



Peregrine Farm, a diversified small farm that produces vegetables, cut flowers, and pastured turkeys. Next we will visit Harland's Creek Farm, an organic farm and historic homestead with a multi-farm community supported agriculture program. The tour will then visit the Sustainable Farming Program at Central Carolina Community College, one of the first of its kind in the country. Next up is Piedmont Biofuels, a local cooperative and biodiesel plant that is also home to the Eastern Carolina Organics cooperative, Piedmont Biofarm (organic produce), and Screech Owl Greenhouse (hydroponic lettuce). The final tour stop will be the nationally known Carrboro Farmers' Market. *SARE Funded*

**Tour 12: Tobacco, Beef & Trees**

Hill Research Forest is set in the rolling hills of Durham County and serves as a site for NC State University Forestry research. The Forest fo-



focuses on pine and hardwood management and water quality issues as well as training Forestry students at Camp Slocum. Our second stop will be Flue Cured Growers Cigarette manufacturing facility. After lunch, we will tour Mountain Creek, a small purebred Angus farm known for their exceptional grazing management. The farm is frequent hosts of NCSU student forage labs and NRCS National Grassland training. We'll finish the day at Duke Homestead Historical Site to see how tobacco came to be such an important part of North Carolina agriculture. This is the location of the first tobacco factory run by Washington Duke. Join us for this exciting tour!

### **Tour 13: Central Piedmont Beef & Dairy**

Begin the tour with a visit to Kingsmill Farm II, an elite Holstein dairy. This herd is based on an embryo transfer program with the highest quality genetics



available. Many world champion production cows call Kingsmill home. Our next stop will be the Butner Beef Field Lab, NC State University's beef nutrition research facility. This research facility has state of the art nutrition research barns, a research cow herd, forage research and the Butner Bull Test Station. We will finish the day at Braeburn Farm, a grass finished beef farm. Braeburn Farms has been a pioneer in raising and marketing Devon grass finished beef. This farm is also the home of a successful English horse training facility. Make plans to join us.

### **Tour 14: Farming on the Urban Edge**

Maple Spring Gardens is a family-owned and operated organic farm where they raise about 80 different varieties of vegetables, cut



flowers, and small fruits for sale at local farmers markets. Next, we will visit Rock of Ages Winery & Vineyard. Agri-tourism is a big part of this vineyard's success, as many customers are attracted to the vineyard for tours and special events. After lunch we will visit Fickle Creek Farm. This small, sustainable farm raises pastured poultry, pigs, lambs and jersey steers and sells meat and eggs directly to consumers. Our last stop will be Maple View Farm, a family-owned Holstein dairy farm. An on-farm bottling facility was constructed in 1996 followed by an on-farm country store selling ice cream and milk products. The farm is also a leader in the area of conservation easements. *SARE Funded*

### **Tour 15: Piedmont Horticulture**

Visit Hoffman Nursery, a large wholesale producer of ornamental grasses. They produce and market dozens of different ornamental grasses, both field grown and

greenhouse grown, marketing across the eastern U.S. We will then visit SEEDS (South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces),



a non-profit community urban garden in downtown Durham that emphasizes community development and offers youth opportunities to raise and market vegetables and flowers. Lunch will be on the grounds of the NC Botanical Gardens, a state-owned public garden that specializes in native North Carolina plants. We will finish the day with a tour of Piedmont Carolina Nursery, a large wholesale, container nursery. Join us to see some good examples of horticulture in the Piedmont.

### **Tour 16: Balloons, Dairy and Wine**

Firefly Balloons is the largest manufacturer of sport and commercial hot air balloons in the world. Firefly is the industry leader in custom design and



manufacture of hand inlaid artwork balloons. We will then tour two very different 1000-cow Holstein dairy operations that are very progressive in the dairy industry. You will see different types of milking parlors, different methods of capturing sand from freestall bedding for reuse and state of the art heifer facilities. We will make a stop at Shiloh General store, which is an Amish store where you will be able to purchase fresh baked goods out of the bakery. Our last tour will be RagApple Lassie Vineyards and Winery, named for a champion Holstein dairy calf that the owner exhibited as a youth. You will have the opportunity for wine tasting and purchasing wine.

### **Tour 17: Piedmont Dairy, Orchard and History**

Participants will explore the diversity of Piedmont agriculture and enjoy an extended visit at one of America's most authentic 1800's village. Our first stop will be the Corey Lutz Dairy where you will see world class Jersey's on this grazing operation. The second stop will be Hart Square, the largest collection of original historical log buildings in the U.S. Dating from 1782

to 1873, the seventy log structures are furnished with period furnishings. Our last stop will be Knob Creek, a



premier orchard located in the foothills of North Carolina. While peaches and apples are the primary crops, the farm also grows over thirty acres of strawberries, blackberries and pumpkins. To welcome its many customers Knob Creek also offers hayrides and homemade ice cream out of their beautiful roadside stand. *Long travel.*

**Tour 18: Sandhills Agri-tourism**

The agri-tourism industry is one of the fastest growing industries in NC. On this tour, you will see how farmers are adapting their farming practices to profit from the urban population. The Goat Lady Dairy is one of the oldest and most successful agri-tourism farms in NC. This working goat dairy is known for its wide variety of cheeses that are produced on farm. Our next stop will be Carter Farms, a 1000-acre family owned farm that blends traditional row-crops with produce that is marketed directly from the farm. Next we will visit Garret Johnson's Peach Orchards that direct markets fruit and produce. Finally, Crystal Pines Alpaca Farm is a livestock farm that concentrates on educating school and tour groups about the alpaca industry and conservation farming with their hands-on approach. *SARE Funded*



**Tour 19: Turf grass of North Carolina**

If you have an interest in the turf industry, this tour is for you! Starting off will be Sandhills Research Station, a



NCSU owned research farm that specializes in turf grass, fruit tree, and horticulture research. Our next stop will be Sandhills Turf, a commercial turf farm that will

take us through their turf management and marketing divisions. We will finish the tour with a visit to Pinehurst Resorts, nestled among the Sandhills of North Carolina. The stories of champions and the traditions of championship golf have been created at Pinehurst since 1898, and is the site of more championships than any other golf course in the country. This tour will address their turf grass and landscaping divisions. Enjoy this exciting tour.

**Tour 20: Southern Forestry and Wildlife**

The forestry and wildlife industry will be the featured industries on this tour. Our



first stop will be Jordan Lumber Company a state of the art lumber processing plant. Our next stop will be the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge, a national wildlife and waterfowl impoundment where they have 9000 acres dedicated to wildlife habitat. Our last stop will be the Jesse Wimberley farm, owned by a forestry historian and pine needle producer who hosts groups during the year and provides information on the history and management of the long-leaf pine.

**Tour 21: J.C. Raulston Arboretum, Industry and Nursery**

Plant Delights Nursery is an international mail order company specializing in unusual perennials. They have



one of the most extensive hosta breeding programs in the country. Our second stop will be Bayer Environmental Science research center, where they conduct product research and development and turf testing. The last stop will be at the JC Raulston Arboretum which is a nationally acclaimed garden with the most diverse collection of cold hardy temperate zone plants in the southeastern US. As a part of the Department of Horticultural Science at NC State University, the Arboretum is primarily a working research and teaching garden that focuses on the evaluation, selection and display of plant material gathered from around the

world. Plants especially adapted to Piedmont North Carolina conditions are identified in an effort to find better plants for southern landscapes.

### **Tour 22: Appalachian Agriculture**

Come explore thriving agricultural enterprises in the mountainous region of North Carolina. We will



begin by visiting Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. Brushy Mountain supplies professional and hobby beekeepers with the supplies and knowledge to best preserve the valuable agricultural resource of honeybees. We will tour the facility and learn about beekeeping techniques. Our next stop will be What Fir Tree Farm. Farm owners Kirby and Nathaniel Maram will share their unusual story of how they became Christmas tree farmers overnight, all with the backdrop of one of the best mountain views in the state. Tour the fields, Christmas shop and enjoy this agritourism destination. Moretz's Mountain Orchard will finish the day. Tour a 70-year old heirloom apple orchard featuring over 90 different varieties and alternative crops such as cold-hardy kiwis and Paulownia trees. *Long travel. SARE Funded*

### **Tour 23: Piedmont Livestock**

This tour will focus on livestock production in the Piedmont of North Carolina. The first stop will be



Rising Meadow Farm. This unique farm is dedicated to the preservation of heritage breeds of both meat and wool sheep. Our second stop will be Kingsmill Dairy, a state of the art dairy that milks 1200 cows. At lunch, we will visit Carolina Stockyards. Next up will be New Hope Farms, a purebred Charolais operation that direct markets their own brand of "Charlean" beef. Our final stop will be Chestnut Hill Farm. Chestnut Hill Farm is a cattle and poultry farm that is dedicated to sustainability. Please make plans to join us! *SARE funded.*

### **Tour 24: Gardens of Greensboro (1/2 day tour)**

This half day tour will begin at the Guilford County Extension office where we will tour the Legacy Demonstration Garden. Master



Gardener Volunteers and Extension have created a variety of garden demonstrations that offers an interactive, hands-on learning classroom. Our next stop will be Cam Too Camellia Nursery, where we will have a hayride tour of the 30 acre camellia nursery. Our last stop will be New Garden Landscaping and Nursery. This retail nursery, one of the southeast's largest, offers gardeners everything imaginable for creating and maintaining fabulous landscapes and gardens. With over 23 acres, they have an immense selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, and more. New Garden offers a unique design service, "We Plan - You Plant", that is the perfect for the "do-it-yourselfer".

### **Tour 25: Horses, Horses, and more Horses**

North Carolina is known for its strong and diverse equine industry. First, we will visit MacNair's Country Acres, a full service equestrian facility that has one of the biggest youth programs east of the Mississippi River. Although North Carolina does not have any equine race tracks, the race industry is heavily supported by horses that



are born, raised, and trained in North Carolina. Cool Breeze is a farm that has horses racing across the United States. With the dairy industry moving westward, cattle producers are exploring alternative agriculture opportunities. Double D Equestrian Center is a retired dairy farm with over 800 acres and 20 miles of riding trails. The last stop will be Historic Wakefield Barn. It is a restored barn that is now surrounded by luxury homes and a championship golf course.

**Tour 26: Fast Cars and Fine Wines**

The Yadkin Valley, North Carolina's first American Viticultural Area, contains the highest concentration of wineries where the unique blend of climate and soils combine to produce world class wines. The Yadkin Valley is also home to Richard Childress Racing. First, we will visit the RCR race shop to see how cars are fabricated and the RCR Museum that features memorabilia of the late Dale Earnhardt. We will then visit and have lunch at Richard Childress's award winning winery. Afterwards, we will travel to RayLen Vineyards. RayLen's Estate wines include Chardonnay, Viognier, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Shiraz. Our last stop will be at Hanover Park Vineyard. Owners Michael and Amy Helton have transformed an 1897 farmhouse into a tasting room and winery for their seven acres of vinifera grapes.



**Tour 27: Davie County Agriculture**

Davie County's agricultural diversity will be highlighted on this tour. Our first tour stop will be Wayne Cleary's farm, a flue-cured and burley tobacco producer. Next we will visit David Tiffit Boer Goat farm, with 300 does and the 2005 NC Commercial Boer Goat Breeder of the year. Next, the Thoroughbred Training Center is a total equine center that offers state of the art facilities. After lunch, we will visit Garden Gate Vineyards and Winery. Garden Gate specializes in pesticide free muscadine, strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, and raspberry wines. Enjoy wine tasting and true Southern hospitality at this delightful winery. Tour day will conclude at Jones Nursery, a retail nursery with over 300 different varieties of hostas and shade perennials.



**Tour 28: Foothills Tree Fruit and Winery**

Experience the NC tree fruit industry nestled in the picturesque Brushy Mountains. Since the first apple trees went into the ground this industry has continued to evolve by marketing its fruit through agri-tourism

and direct marketing, and by experimenting with new tree fruit varieties. Plan to visit orchards, vineyards and a sustainable dairy farm. Deal Orchards went from a shipping operation to an agri-tourism business that hosts over 6000 school children per year. Greengo Orchards is the region's most progressive orchard, and specializes in tree fruit varieties that attract a devoted Asian customer base. Raffaldini Vineyard and Winery is an industry leader and is unique in their selection of Italian grape varieties produced. "Daddy Pete's Plant Pleaser" is a household name to southeast gardeners. Observe how the 100-year-old Smith Dairy Farm transitioned into the "black gold" compost business.



**Tour 29: Christmas Trees and the Blue Ridge Mountains**

Experience the cool breezes and scenic vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains along the Blue Ridge Parkway in unspoiled Alleghany County. Visit Smokey Holler Tree Farm, an award winning Fraser fir Christmas tree farm, and Bottomley Evergreens and Farms, possibly the largest Christmas greenery supplier in the Southeast. Lunch will allow enjoyment of the open air view from high atop an overlook along the Blue Ridge Parkway and at the Bluffs Coffee Shop. Make plans to join us for this exciting tour. *Long travel.*



**Tour 30: Landscape Gardening, Garden Centers and Nurseries**

The ornamentals/green industry in North Carolina contributes \$8.6 billion to the state's economy. The Piedmont-Triad region is densely populated and is home to many outstanding retail garden centers and nurseries. We will begin at Piedmont Carolina Nursery, a large wholesale container nursery. Next, we will visit the Piedmont Farmers Market; one of North Carolina's most colorful. Master Gardener volunteers are a vital



part of our urban horticulture program and you will visit the Demonstration Garden at the Forsyth County Extension Center. After lunch, we will tour Frank's Perennial Border, a specialized perennials plant farm. We are then off to Tanglewood Park Arboretum, one of the largest, county-owned parks, that is maintained by Master Gardeners and is a historic site along the Yadkin River. The tour will conclude at L.A. Reynolds Garden Showcase, a full service retail garden center.

**Tour 31: Think Like an Entrepreneur**

Start this tour with a visit to Patterson Farms where they grow over 350 acres of tomatoes and produce and have a growing agri-tourism business. The next stop will



be Crackleberry Farm, where a dairy farmer makes value-added cheese and has a profitable pastured poultry operation. After lunch, visit Reed Gold Mine, the site of the first documented gold find in the United States. Walk through a gold mine, visit a working stamp mill and learn about historical mining equipment. Our last stop will be at the North Carolina Research Campus, a private-public venture conducting the latest research on foods and nutrition using some of the most advanced equipment in the world for advances in biotechnology, nutrition and health.

**Tour 32: Flowers and Football**

This tour will begin with Metrolina Greenhouses. Metrolina is one of the largest greenhouse production facilities on the east coast with over 100



acres of heated greenhouses. Our second tour stop will be the Bank of America Stadium, home of the Carolina Panthers professional football team. An exciting tour of the football field, practice facilities and stadium will be led by the head groundskeeper. Lunch will be served in the press box with a 50 yard line view. Next, we will visit the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. Located within 380 acres on the banks of Lake Wylie, spectacular gardens, sparkling fountains, a visitor pavilion, gift shop and nature walk await you. Committed to horticultural excellence, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is a must-see for all ages throughout the year. Come join us for this exciting tour.

**Tour 33: Racing on Tobacco Road**

North Carolina is the heart of NASCAR racing and tobacco production. We will begin the tour with a visit to Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte where



you will have a chance to see areas that are off limits on race day and take a van ride around the track. Next, we will visit Hendrick Motorsports, home of the famous NASCAR teams of Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and the 2007 Nextel Cup Champion, Jimmie Johnson. After lunch, we will tour the Philip Morris cigarette manufacturing facility. Philip Morris is the largest cigarette manufacturer in the United States. We will complete the day with a tour of Wood's Farm, a tobacco farm that has diversified into additional crops. *Minimum age of 21 for industry tour.*

**Tour 34: CEFS - Center for Environmental Farming Systems**

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems is a partnership between the NC Department of Agriculture, North Carolina State University and North



Carolina A&T State University and is located at the 2,200 acre Cherry Research Farm in Wayne County. There are six educational units that include pasture-based beef, pasture-based dairy, organic research, farming systems research, small farms research, and alternative swine systems. A broad spectrum of research, extension, and educational opportunities are provided at this facility. CEFS is an internationally recognized Center of Excellence for Sustainable Agriculture supporting the growth of vibrant farms where healthy products are produced in ways that steward the land and its people. The tour will conclude at the NC State Farmers Market in Raleigh. This market offers products for both the large wholesale buyer and individual consumers. *Long travel. SARE Funded*

# 2008 North Carolina Spouse Tours and Workshops

The Agricultural Agents of North Carolina are excited to offer a wide assortment of tours and workshops for all of our spouses both male and female. Take a moment and browse the variety that we have assembled for you as you visit our great state!

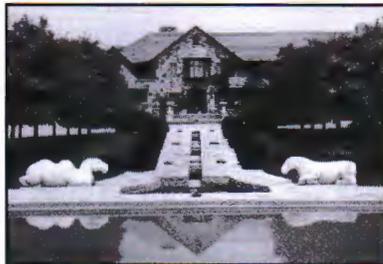
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There will be 10 full day tours and 6 half day tours offered. Each tour fee is included in the registration fee with the exception of two tours. These two tours have additional fees and are noted in the description of the tours. Courtesy meals are provided on all tours!

### Full-Day Tours

#### Tour 1 For the China Collector!

If you relish fine china, you will not want to miss Replacements Ltd. which is the world's largest retailer of old and new china, crystal, flatware and collectibles with more than 11 million pieces of inventory in 250,000 plus patterns. After this shopping spree, you'll visit Chinqua Penn Plantation featured on A & E's America's Castles and acclaimed as an architectural American treasure. The Plantation includes a 27 room English countryside mansion filled with elaborate furnishings from 30 countries. (Depart hotel at 9:00 a.m. – Return at 4:30 p.m.) (Wear comfortable shoes for walking!)



#### Tour 2 Greensboro's Downtown History

The city of Greensboro features much in terms of history. With this tour, you will take a sightseeing tour of Old Greensborough and the downtown historic district where Edward R Murrow and O. Henry witnessed the same scenes. Drive by the historic Woolworth Sit-In site and feel the courage of those who led the Civil Rights movement.



Then visit Blandwood Mansion, a national landmark originally constructed in 1795 by John Motley Morehead, former governor in North Carolina. Enjoy shopping at two open-air shopping villages, Friendly Center and the Shops at Friendly Center, with over 1,300,000 square-feet of retail shops. (Depart hotel at 9:00 a.m. – Return at 3:15 p.m.)

#### Tour 3 African American History

Choose this tour and you'll visit the Mendenhall Plantation, an early 19th century Quaker plantation which includes many unique out buildings, a museum and one of two existing false-bottomed wagons used to transport runaway slaves during the time of the Underground Railroad. Take a tour of the city of Greensboro and drive by NC A & T State University, Bennett College and the actual site of the Woolworth Sit-in. Bennett College is the only historically African-American college for women in North Carolina. As you pass by NC A & T State University, you'll see the famous statue of David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair, Jr. (Jibreel Khazan) and Joseph McNeil who envisioned and carried out the lunch counter sit-in of February 1, 1960, in downtown Greensboro. Conclude at the NC A&T State University Research Farm for the latest in agricultural research. (Depart hotel at 9:30 a.m. – Return at 5:00 p.m.)

#### Tour 4 The Biltmore Estate

The Biltmore Estate and Gardens, completed in 1895, took an army of stonecutters and artisans six years to construct. The Biltmore House, which today is the largest private home in America is situated on more than eight thousand acres of land. George Vanderbilt filled his 250-room mansion with treasures he collected during his world travels. Enjoy a buffet lunch at Deerpark Restaurant, which was originally a dairy barn for George Vanderbilt's farm operations located on the estate. Visit the winery which was opened in 1985 and follows George Vanderbilt's original concept of a self-supporting European estate. (Depart hotel at 6:30 a.m. – Return at 7:00 p.m. Biltmore is 2 hours & 45 minutes from Greensboro. Additional fee of \$18. Wear comfortable shoes for walking!)



**Tour 5 A Tour of Mayberry**

If you're an Andy Griffith fan, see the town that inspired the classic television show – Mount Airy. Board the bus and take a sightseeing tour with a step-on guide. Hear the general information on the area, industry, history, and Andy's life in Mount Airy. See the area attractions such as Snappy Lunch, Floyd's City Barbershop, Mayberry Jail, and the Andy Griffith Playhouse. You'll have lunch at Snappy Lunch, which opened in 1923 and is Mt. Airy's oldest eating establishment. Tour Mayberry on your own and visit Floyd's City Barbershop, the Jail House, Wally's Service Station, Lamm's Drug Store, Old North State Winery, and much more. As an added attraction, visit the world's largest open-face granite quarry as well as other highlights. (Depart hotel at 8:00 a.m. – Return at 4:15 p.m.) (Mayberry is 1 hour & 15 minutes from Greensboro)



**Tour 6 It's Furniture Galore**

If it's furniture that you like, take a sightseeing tour of High Point where 70,000 people visit twice a year for its furniture market. Visit a classic gallery of upholstery, transitional & contemporary furniture. See the steps it takes to make furniture beginning in the cutting room. onto the sewing room, cushions, upholstery, clean up and then out to shipping. A featured stop is Furnitureland South, which provides bedroom, dining room, upholstery, accessories, office furniture, outdoor furniture, bedding, lamps, leather, clocks, oriental rugs, and fine art. It is the largest retail furniture showroom in the nation with more than 300 furniture and accessory lines. (Depart hotel at 9:15 a.m. – 2 Returns at 2:30 or 3:30 p.m.)

**Tour 7 Seagrove Pottery**

With more than ninety potteries in the area, Seagrove is known nationwide as the "Pottery Capital" of North Carolina. Learn the history of each potters shop and how pottery became popular in the area. You will see a potter take clay and mold it into a beautiful piece of pottery, then tour the sheds and showrooms where you can purchase pottery to take home. (Depart hotel at 9:00 a.m. – Return at 4:30 p.m.) (Seagrove is 45 minutes from Greensboro)



**Tour 8 Civil War and NC Transportation Museum**

For the Civil War buff, you will visit the Salisbury National Cemetery which was dedicated in 1874. This cemetery is the final resting place of veterans of all wars. Over 5,000 Union Soldiers who died at the Salisbury Confederate Prison during the Civil War are buried in 18 trench graves. Visit the Josephus Hall House, an impressive house museum was once home to Dr. Josephus Hall, Chief Surgeon at the Salisbury Confederate Prison during the Civil War. Take a tour of the NC Transportation Museum which was once Southern Railway's largest steam locomotive servicing facility. Begun in 1896, at a point half-way between Atlanta and Washington, D.C., this site now features 3 exhibit areas chronicling the development of transportation. (Depart hotel at 9:00 a.m. – Return at 5:00 p.m.) (Salisbury is 45 minutes from Greensboro)

**Tour 9 Bob Timberlake Gallery**

Bob Timberlake is far and away North Carolina's most recognized and successful living artist. A painter of rural landscapes, he is a master of the American Realist



genre. Timberlake's work is a touchstone to a fading way of rural life in the fast-growing South. But Bob Timberlake is not a painter only. He has designed a hugely successful line of home furnishings - hundreds of pieces, from tables and sofas to lamps and rugs, all inspired by his paintings and his collection of museum quality 18th century antiques and decorative art. Enjoy his gallery which showcases his original artwork, reproductions and personal memorabilia. Featured are unique collectibles, exclusive gift selections and clothing. Tour historic Downtown Lexington – home of the Famous Barbeque Festival, where you will enjoy shopping at many unique stores. A final stop includes a tour of the Childress winery. (Depart hotel at 9:30 a.m. – Return at 5:15 p.m.) (Lexington is 30 minutes from Greensboro) (Additional fee of \$20)

**Tour 10 North Carolina Zoo**

Walk from Africa to the Arctic in an afternoon.....our zoo features 500 acres of natural-habitat exhibits with more than 1,100 animals and 60,000 plants! Experience these face-to-face animal encounters with gorillas, lions, polar bears, elephants, and more. (Depart hotel at 9:30 a.m. – Return at 5:00 p.m.) (North Carolina Zoo is 45 minutes from Greensboro) (Wear comfortable shoes for walking!)

## Half-Day Tours

### Tour 11 Natty Greene's Brewery & Old Mill of Guilford

Natty Greene's Brewery Co. prides itself on serving fresh, filtered, unpasteurized beers in a variety of flavorful styles. Tour the brewery and see how beer is processed from the barley stage to the bottling stage. Then visit for lunch eat at Natty Greene's Pub & Brewery, the original brewery began in this 1895 building in downtown Greensboro in August of 2004. After lunch sample the Old Town Brown Ale that won a silver medal in the English Brown Ales 2006 Great American Beer Festival as well as 4 other core beers and 7 seasonal beers. You will stop at the Old Mill of Guilford which is a working water-powered mill with the sights and smells of another era and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A gift shop with a variety of stone ground meals, honey, ham, North Carolina Pottery and crafts is also featured. (Depart hotel at 12:00 Noon – Return at 5:30 p.m.)

### Tour 12 Our Garden

At the Greensboro Arboretum, you will see 12 different labeled plant collections, special garden displays and distinctive features within a 17-acre portion of Lindley Park. The natural beauty of this area is inviting, and the planted collections provide year-round appeal. This tour includes at stop at the Bog Garden. The natural beauty of this swampy area has been developed into a striking exhibit featuring a half-mile, evaluated wooden walkway that provides easy access through the garden. Visitors can see more than 8,000 trees, shrubs, ferns, bamboo, wildflowers, and the newest addition, Serenity Falls. (Depart hotel at 8:30 a.m. – Return at 1:30 p.m.) (Wear comfortable shoes for walking!)

### Tour 13 Childress Vineyards & Richard Childress Racing Museum

Join Richard Childress at his signature winery which has a comfortable, inviting Old World feel with a rustic, aged look reminiscent of a Tuscan villa. Iron chandeliers, heavy architectural beams and textured walls impart an overall elegant, antiques look. Visit the gift shop, tour the winery and taste world-class wines crafted by one of America's most award-winning winemakers, Mark Friszolowski. Inside the museum, there are 46 race cars and one NASCAR Truck and of them, 22 black No. 3 GM Goodwrench Chevrolet Monte Carlos or Lumina driven by Dale Earnhardt. It also includes 16 video screens in the facility, showcasing key victories in RCR history, numerous displays, memorabilia and photographs throughout the facility, including all six NASCAR Winston Cup championship

owner's trophies and much more. (Depart hotel at 12:00 Noon – Return at 5:00 p.m.) (Childress Vineyards is 45 minutes from Greensboro)

### Tour 14 Duke University Chapel & the Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Once cited by author Aldous Huxley as "the most beautiful and successful experiment in neogothic form in the world", Duke Chapel is one of the most popular features in North Carolina. The Chapel, built in 1930, is English-Gothic and represents one of the last great collegiate Gothic projects in the United States. It features the Flentrop Organ (5,200 pipes), 50-bell carillon, 210-foot tower, and stained-glass windows. Take a guided tour of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens - 55 acres of landscaped and woodland gardens featuring more than 2,000 kinds of plants, five miles of walks and pathways with bridges, courts, lawns, waterfalls, ponds, and pavilions. (Depart hotel at 12:00 Noon – Return at 5:30 p.m.) (Durham is 1 hour from Greensboro) Expect to walk a lot!

### Tour 15 Start Your Engines!

See the Richard Petty Museum and its unique displays of the 7-time Winston Cup Series Champion's racecars, trophies and awards, a mini-theatre, photos and more. Also tour the North Carolina Aviation museum and step back into your aviation past and see the planes that preserved our freedom. (Depart hotel at 11:00 a.m. – Return at 5:00 p.m.) (Richard Petty Museum 30 minutes from Greensboro) (Wear comfortable shoes for walking!)



### Tour 16 A Voyage through Time and History

Visit Old Salem but before you take your tour you will have lunch in the Old Salem Tavern, which features Moravian Chicken Pie, a double crusted pie filled with chicken, served with gravy and sautéed vegetables. Then visit the faithfully restored German Moravian congregation town founded in 1766, where on every side the past lives again. Here you can walk streets virtually unchanged in 200 years and see costumed interpreters re-enact how ordinary people lived, worked and worshipped. Step into a Backcountry log house, an elegant Charleston parlor or an 18th century Virginia planter's house. (Depart hotel at 12:00 Noon – Return at 5:00 p.m.) (Old Salem is 30 minutes from Greensboro). Expect to walk a lot!



# SPOUSES' WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday, July 15**

**Session I: 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

## **Workshop 1 Gourmet & Medicinal Mushrooms on a Small Scale**

Deb and Randy Bettini, owner of Bettini Farms, will share their knowledge of growing mushrooms on a small scale. The Bettini's are involved in organic production, mushrooms and muscadines. Participants will find out how to use these culinary delights in meal preparation as well as their medicinal benefits.

## **Workshop 2 North Carolina Lunch Basket**

Many homes in North Carolina decorate with baskets of various shapes and sizes. Retired Extension Agent, Libby Simpson and Extension Secretary, Ginger McGhee will teach participants to make a colorful basket that is suitable for many practical uses. Each participant will make their own basket that they will take home as a souvenir. This workshop is limited to 16 participants.

## **Workshop 3 Butterfly Gardening**

Butterflies are one of life's wonders. Join in on a discussion of the life cycle of butterflies with Urban Horticulture Technician, Sarah Crawford. There will be lots of visuals including photos, live plants, examples of a butterfly net, hanging butterfly cage and a caterpillar rearing container. Participants will view live larvae culture & a painted lady chrysalis. You will also see a demonstration of how to build a waterless pond. During this hands-on workshop, you will have the opportunity to create a butterfly habitat and make a butterfly pin. Limit of 15 participants.

## **Workshop 4 Antique Road Show**

Look at and evaluate antiques in this exciting workshop. Dr. Bill Vincent will be with us to share his expertise. He is an authority on the history of the Holt family and the textile business in North Carolina. He is knowledgeable about antiques from the 1800's. He will share antique pieces and will look at anything you might want to bring. Discussions will extend to the textile business and Alamance plaids and how that discovery shaped the fabric business around the country. Dr. Vincent is able to make history exciting.

## **Workshop 5 War Between the States**

Sit back and enjoy a historical presentation concerning the War Between the States. This civil war reenactment will provide a fun program with songs of the War that both sides would have sung and the words each would have used for the same tunes. Many are quite humorous. Actors will be in authentic uniform and dress.

## **Workshop 6 Container Gardening**

Beckie Berlin from New Garden Nursery and Landscaping will teach us how to create the ultimate container garden. Container gardens are perfect for those that do not have the space for a vegetable or flower garden. A patio, deck, or doorstep can provide enough space for a productive and attractive display. You will get to try your hand at these pretty gardens. If you can't take the container with you, they will be donated to a local nursing home. Space is limited to 25 participants.

## **Workshop 7 Folded Moravian Star**

Polly Caudle from Old Salem Museums and Gardens will share the traditions of Old Salem. She will lead us in a folded Moravian star craft. Each participant will make their own star. The Moravian Star is a traditional Christmas symbol that is displayed from the first Sunday in Advent until the sixth of January. The Verbeek family started producing stars as a cottage industry in the 1880's and later founded the Herrnhut Star Factory. When the war closed the Herrnhut factory, Moravians in other locales began making the stars. Space is limited to 25 participants.

## **Workshop 8 Cooking Outdoors**

This outdoor cooking workshop will teach individuals how to prepare food safely using minimal equipment outdoors. You will learn how to build equipment to use when cooking outdoors while thinking about food safety. You will receive recipes of the delicious foods that you prepare throughout the workshop. Space is limited to 20 participants..

## **Spouses' Luncheon 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

This year's spouses' luncheon features local artist, Bill Mangum who is the author of award winning coffee-table book, Carolina Preserves. This wonderful book will be presented to each spouse as a gift of this year's AM/PIC. Carolina Preserves is a masterpiece which pays tribute to the best of North Carolina. It celebrates the lives of 48 North Carolinians and showcases 130 paintings from the mountains to the coast. The agricultural agents of North Carolina are excited to feature this extraordinary individual as the luncheon speaker. In addition, Bill has agreed to provide a book-signing as a part of this experience.

Throughout his career, Bill Mangum's artistic sojourns have taken him from the Carolina coastline, up to quaint New England, over to California and Washington, into Europe, and to the oh-so-many little places on the map that fall in between. He has published four books, hung paintings in the governor's mansion,

spent time with Senator Elizabeth Dole, Charlie Rose, Michael Jordan, Richard Petty, and Charles Kuralt, (to name a few), and served as an official artist at the legendary US Open Golf Tournament.

Mangum also has an oratory gift which will be demonstrated at the spouses' luncheon. Companies across the United States often bring him in to deliver keynote addresses at corporate events. He shares the story of how a small-town boy with little or no formal art education was able to turn a 59 cents tray of watercolors into a lifelong career and a multi-million dollar art business. He motivates young artists to pursue their dreams, and he echoes the quote, "People don't choose careers, they're engulfed by them."

Make plans to enjoy this unique experience.

**Tuesday, July 15**

**Session II: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Workshop 9 Families Eating Smart, Moving More**

Families today struggle to meet the challenge of a rush, rush society. This workshop will offer you simple solutions to help you and your family eat smart and move more. It doesn't have to be difficult. Join us to see how easy it can be! You'll leave with tools and recipes to help you plan and prepare quick easy meals that actually taste good and are good for you! We will finish up the session with some fun "physical activity" that you can share with your family. So...dress comfortably and come ready for some fun!!! Space is limited to 40 participants.

**Workshop 10 North Carolina Lunch Basket**

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**Workshop 11 Shagging on the Boulevard**

North Carolina prides itself on the popular shag dance. The shag dance is sort of a lazy jitterbug, done on beaches, often at night, with a slow shuffle at the bottom and southern soul on top. Join shagging experts as they teach you dance moves that will last with you a lifetime. You will enjoy learning dance moves to the tush push and other line dances. Wear comfortable shoes and come ready to move!

**Workshop 12 Skin Care and Beauty Tips**

All girls want to feel like a princess. Join Candy West, Mary Kay Cosmetics Consultant, to experience the "royal" treatment for your hands, lips, and face. Foundation color will be matched and a few color cosmetic applications will be taught. Nail care will also be discussed.

**Workshop 13 Backyard Wine Making**

Wine making may be as old as civilization but it still holds the same fascination for us today as it did for our ancestors over a thousand years ago. There is still something magical about the fermentation process that intrigues us. Anybody can make outstanding wine. You do not have to have a vineyard or fancy winery to create your own wine. Find out the secrets in this workshop to making your own wine. Participants will get the opportunity to bottle their own wine and take a small sample home with them. Limited to 35 participants.

**Workshop 14 Painting for Fun**

Discover tips to help you learn to paint. Master Gardener, Jeanne Aller, will demonstrate how painting can be fun and easy. This hands-on workshop will let you explore your artistic side. Take home your hand painted masterpiece as a conference memento. Limited to 20 participants

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**Workshop 17 Basic Survival -Being Personally Prepared**

Learn how to plan for survival - be prepared for survival when faced with possible life threatening situations. Fred Rorrer and Wes Blair, Hunter Education Specialists with North Carolina Wildlife Resource

Commission, will lead a discussion of basic survival rules on topics such as physical condition, first aid and CPR – First aid emergency measures, survival kits – what should you include, and much more.

### **Thursday, July 17, 2008**

#### **Session I: 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

##### **Workshop 18 Cooking with Herbs**

Cooking tips for the beginner on how to get to know herbs will be given at this workshop. Herbs are flavoring agents used for enriching or altering the flavor or odor of foods. Adding fresh herbs is a quick way to transform ordinary meals into extraordinary meals. You will get recipes along with samples of the tasty foods prepared.

##### **Workshop 19 Making Memories with Photography**

Everyone wants to remember the special moments. Just when you think you have the perfect picture you discover that the picture is too dark or too light or off center or just off target. Find out tips on how to make those photo opportunities into the best memory makers. Bring your digital camera and be prepared to shoot pictures. You will be able to view your pictures and discuss how each shot could be improved.

##### **Workshop 20 Gifts by Nature**

Calling all nature lovers! Get crafty as we make wonderful items out of natural materials for decoration and/or presents. Learn how to make neat gifts at a minimal cost. You will learn how to make a wreath and picture frame from nature. Take each item you make home as a gift for yourself or someone special.

##### **Workshop 21 Skin Care and Beauty Tips**

All girls want to feel like a princess. Join Candy West, Mary Kay Cosmetics Consultant, to experience the “royal” treatment for your hands, lips, and face. Foundation color will be matched and a few color cosmetic applications will be taught. Nail care will also be discussed.

##### **Workshop 22 Basic Knitting 101**

Have you always wanted to knit but you thought it was too difficult to do on your own? Come and learn how to knit simple stitches that will enable you to knit the most impressive pieces. You will learn the basics of knitting and get the opportunity to try your hand at it. You will leave with a greater knowledge of knitting, knitting needles and thread to continue your new hobby. Limited to 25 participants.

### **Workshop 23 Self Defense for Men and Women**

The best way to prepare yourself to fight off an attacker is to take a self-defense class. You will learn how to size up a situation and decide what you should do. Special techniques will be taught for breaking an attacker’s grasp and other things that you can do to get away. This workshop will teach you ways to surprise your attacker and catch him or her off guard. You will get the opportunity to practice the moves you learn so wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

### **Thursday, July 17, 2008**

#### **Session II: 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

This time will be yours to spend as you wish. Maps of Greensboro and brochures of points of interest have been included in your registration packets. We hope you take this time to enjoy our great state of North Carolina.

## **4-H Talent Revue will feature “Growing Together”**

The 2008 NACAA 4-H Talent Revue will be a highlight of the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The theme for this event will be “Growing Together” which will feature outstanding talent from the Southern Region. The event will be held on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Koury Convention Center, conference headquarters.

Mr. Mark Dearmon, Media Production Specialist at North Carolina State University will be providing leadership to the event. Mark has nearly 30 years of experience in coordinating and directing performances for the university.

North Carolina looks forward to “Growing Together” at the Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference July 13 – 17, 2008.



# Sons' & Daughters' Activities

Mountains, NASCAR Racing, and the Beach are the three themes for the 2008 Sons and Daughters Activities. Come to Greensboro and experience North Carolina at it's best. With six tour choices throughout the week, there is something for everyone.

## Sunday, July 13

Registration will be open all day in the lobby of the hotel. At 6pm Son's and Daughter's Orientation will begin. Everyone will gather for a 30-minute general overview. At 6:30pm youth will participate in "Get Acquainted" activities, led by NC 4-H Agents, while parents and adult chaperones will meet for a detailed overview of the week.

## Monday, July 14

### **Tour 1: Hanging Rock State Park**

This tour offers easy and moderate hiking and spectacular views of rolling Piedmont and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Hike the trails to breathtaking cascades and waterfalls and high rock peaks. That afternoon, cool off with a swim in the mountain lake or relax in the sun on the sandy beach.

### **Tour 2: New River State Park**

Enjoy a relaxing day on the river in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Canoe the New River, one of the oldest rivers in North America, and spend the rest



of the afternoon hiking, swimming, or just taking in the scenery. The river is shallow with only mild rapids and relatively easy paddling.

A local BBQ restaurant will cater lunch for both tours. Park Rangers will also provide a brief presentation on the history and wildlife of the area at each location.

## Tuesday, July 15

### **Tour 1: Lowe's Motor Speedway**

Feel The Thrill Tour includes a close-up look at areas that are off-limits on race days. Visit the NEXTEL Cup garage, travel down pit road and take a picture in Victory Circle. The highlight of this half-hour tour is a

comfortable van ride around the super speedway where you will feel the full-tilt force of the 24-degree banking.

### **Richard Childress Racing (RCR)**

The RCR Racing Museum is a 47,000 square foot facility that encompasses the original No. 3 race shop. There are 47 race



vehicles and a tractor-trailer transporter rig. Of those 47 racecars, 22 are black No. 3 GM Goodwrench Chevrolet Monte Carlos or Lumina driven by Dale Earnhardt. There are 16 video screens in the facility, showcasing key victories in RCR. The center section of the facility is dedicated to Childress' devotion to wildlife and outdoor conservation.

### **Tour 2: Carowinds**

For youth not interested in racing, get ready for some pulse-pounding fun and check out our world-class roller coasters, including BORG Assimilator and TOP GUN: The Jet Coaster at Carowinds. Family Rides: Get soaked together on three different water rides, or take a spin on rides from mild to wild. Nickelodeon Central Fun is guaranteed at Nickelodeon Central. Ride, spin, twirl and hug the day away with characters from your favorite Nickelodeon TV shows! Live Shows: It's Showtime anytime at Carowinds with live stage productions and plenty of characters, the whole park's a stage.

## Wednesday, July 16

Enjoy the day touring North Carolina with your parents on one of the many Professional Improvement tours.

## Thursday, July 17

### **Tour 1: Carolina Beach**

Come join us for a trip to the ocean; a place where movie stars and entertainers have walked and where movies have been made for TV and the big screen; a place where history abounds and a place where pirates of yesteryear took refuge. Youth will spend 3 hours swimming or simply soaking up the sun. During the day, we will visit the North Carolina Aquarium at Ft.

Fisher. The aquariums were established in 1976 to promote an awareness, understanding, appreciation, and conservation of the diverse natural and cultural resources associated with North Carolina's ocean, estuaries, rivers, streams, and other aquatic environments. You will observe sea turtles, alligators, cuddle fish, sharks, manta rays as well as a woodland habitat and a poisonous snake exhibit. On the way back, participants of this tour will stop at the Duplin County Extension Office/Center for a beach themed going away party.



**Please note:** This tour will leave early and will not return to the motel until after the banquet. Those wishing to participate in the banquet should choose tour 2. Drive time is approximately 3.5 hours each way.

### Tour 2: Wet 'N Wild Emerald Point

For those who want to stay nearby, but cool off, get some sun and have fun, there is Emerald Point. This is the largest water park in both the Carolinas, with over 36 rides and attractions on site, including drop slides, enclosed slides, tube rides, two children's areas and a drifting lazy river. Over 5 million gallons of water fun!



Visit their website at [www.emeraldpointe.com](http://www.emeraldpointe.com).

**Please note:** Two departure plans are scheduled for this tour. One group will leave with plenty of time to get ready for the Annual Banquet. Those staying at the park will participate in a going away party hosted by the park and will return by the time the banquet is over.



## The Pin Exchange Returns

One of the highlights of the Sons and Daughters program is the opportunity for our youth to meet new people and make new friends. Matthew Smith (photo, below right) said "Pen collecting is a great way for kids from different states to connect and learn about other states. It's a great hobby!" While participating in recent AM/PIC's, Matthew and Johnathan have acquired the coveted Alligator pin from Florida, the Bull Dog from Georgia, the steer head, the Sun from New Mexico, the peanut, and even the golden tobacco leaf.



As part of Our Sons and Daughters Get Ac-

quainted Social on Sun-

day we would like to ask you can end up like me - covered in pens!"

that you send your child with state pins (approximately 25-50) that they can use to exchange. Often these can be obtained through Commodity Associations, a local Visitor's Bureau or even the University.

## Georgia 4-H Clovers & Company to Perform at Opening Ceremony

We are proud to present Georgia 4-H Clovers & Company for the AM/PIC opening ceremony enter-



tainment. Clovers & Co. is composed of forty-two talented 4-H singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and production crew members from across the state of Georgia. The group members range in age from 11 to 18. Clovers & Co. performs on behalf of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension.

Performing arts is one of the most popular projects in the Georgia 4-H Program. Clovers & Co. was created to provide 4-H'ers with an opportunity to share their talents and leadership with others. Established in 1981, Clovers & Co. is celebrating it's 27th anniversary this year.

# LIFE MEMBERS' PROGRAM

**Tuesday, July 15, 2008**  
**9 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

**Tour 1: Childress Vineyards and Bob Timberlake Gallery**

Childress Vineyards is a world-class winery where everything is extraordinary. Styled like an Italian Renaissance Tuscan villa, Childress



Vineyards is nestled at the gateway of the Yadkin Valley. Featured wines include: Chardonnay, Viogneier, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon, to name a few. All of this was inspired by the vision of NASCAR team owner Richard Childress. For additional information go to: [www.childressvineyards.com](http://www.childressvineyards.com).

Lunch will be at the YMCA in Lexington (along with Tour 2, RCR Racing and Childress Vineyards).

Nestled in the heart of North Carolina's Piedmont region, The Bob Timberlake Gallery invites visitors to step into the artist's life and immerse themselves in his world. The Gallery showcases Timberlake's original artwork, reproductions and personal memorabilia, as well the popular home furnishings collection that has made him a familiar name in homes across the country. For additional information go to: [www.bobtimberlake.com/galleries.cfm](http://www.bobtimberlake.com/galleries.cfm).

This tour will also include a stop in Lexington, N.C. at the Dempsey Essick Gallery and Country Craft Store

**Tour 2: RCR Racing Museum and Childress Vineyards**

Richard Childress Racing is legendary in the field of NASCAR racing teams. Visit the race shop where six championships were earned. See nearly 50 racecars driven by Richard Childress, Dale Earnhardt, and others. This is a very interesting and educational tour about RCR and NASCAR. Also included is the Richard Childress Wildlife and Conservation Gallery, which includes Richard's own, hunting trophies.

For additional information go to: [www.rcrracing.com](http://www.rcrracing.com).

Lunch will be at the YMCA in Lexington (along with Tour 1, Childress Vineyards and Bob Timberlake Gallery).

Childress Vineyards is a world-class winery where everything is extraordinary. Styled like an Italian Renaissance Tuscan villa, Childress Vineyards is nestled at the gateway of the Yadkin Valley. Wines featured include: Chardonnay, Viogneier, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon, to name a few. All of this was inspired by the vision of NASCAR team owner Richard Childress. For additional information go to: [www.childressvineyards.com](http://www.childressvineyards.com).

**Tour 3: Old Salem (Historic Town of Salem and Old Salem Toy Museum) and Tanglewood Extension Arboretum**

Old Salem, located in Winston-Salem, N.C., is one of America's most authentic living history attractions. This tour will begin with a



self-paced tour of the Historic Town of Salem. Costumed tradesmen and women re-create life in Salem by producing essential goods like tool, ceramics, furniture, and metals using traditional practices of long ago. Salem welcomes you into this eighteen and early nineteenth century community of homes, shops, gardens and even a functioning bakery.

The Old Salem Toy Museum houses the country's most comprehensive and impressive collection of antique toys. The self-guided tour leads visitors through two floors of beautifully detailed toys, providing an entertaining look at the lifestyles and play habits of children prior to 1920. For additional information go to: [www.oldsalem.org/](http://www.oldsalem.org/).

Box lunches at Old Salem Visitors Center

**Tanglewood Park Extension Arboretum**

The magnificent arboretum at Tanglewood Park is a public garden containing diverse flora, perennials, herbs, trees and shrubs, which are planted and maintained for the education of landscape professionals, area youth and adults, as well as for the enjoyment of the

residents of the Piedmont. Master Gardener volunteers, under the leadership of Toby Bost, Forsyth Cooperative Extension Agent and Director of the Arboretum, are restoring and revitalizing the arboretum. For additional information go to: [www.tanglewoodgardens.org](http://www.tanglewoodgardens.org).



**Tour 4: Mount Airy, N.C. (Andy Griffith and Mayberry)**

Step back to a simpler time when you visit Mount Airy. Actor Andy Griffith grew up here, and it's no coincidence that a stroll down Mount Airy's Main Street reminds people of the town of Mayberry from The Andy Griffith Show.

Begin your tour of Mount Airy at the Visitor Center, which houses the world's largest collection of Andy Griffith memorabilia. View a short film and examine exhibits about Mount Airy's other famous citizens: Siamese Twins, Eng and Chang Bunker; singer, Donna Fargo; Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart; and bluegrass musician, Tommy Jarrell.

Tour Mount Airy and learn about life in Mount Airy and the "Mayberry State of Mind: Mayberry fans will enjoy seeing Snappy Lunch, the Old Mayberry Jail, Floyd's City Barber Shop, and the Andy Griffith Playhouse and Andy's Homeplace.

Lunch will be on your own at one of the several dining options along Main Street (vouchers included). To take advantage of the full Mayberry experience, visit Snappy Lunch and wrap your hands around the monumental pork chop sandwich, a Mount Airy tradition for over 50 years.



For additional information go to: [www.visitmayberry.com/](http://www.visitmayberry.com/)

**Tour 5: Seagrove Pottery and Southern Supreme Bakery**

This tour will begin with a visit to Seagrove Creations Pottery Gallery and Hearthside Coffee Shop in the pottery Mecca of the southeast, Seagrove, N.C. There will be time to shop from 50 potters wares, observe over a dozen craftsmen's talents, enjoy complimentary

muffins, and learn about this unique area. For additional information go to: [www.pottersofseagrove.com](http://www.pottersofseagrove.com)

Next participants will board the bus and travel to Crystal King Pottery and Folk Art. This unique pottery shop specializes in face jugs, salt glaze, and folk art. A variety of biblical and animal figural sculptures are available. Unique stone benches and stepping stones are also a treat to see and own. For additional information go to: [www.crystalkingpottery.net](http://www.crystalkingpottery.net)

We will then travel to the Westmore Family Restaurant for lunch. This restaurant has a very nice selection of family dishes and specializes in seafood. Westmore's is a favorite of the locals.

Jugtown Pottery and JLK Jewelry at Jugtown Pottery will be our last stop in Seagrove. Jugtown Pottery is one of the oldest pottery establishments in the area and specializes in dinnerware, vases and jars as well as fine American crafts. JLK Jewelry has beautiful sterling silver jewelry set with pottery stones, semi-precious stones, gold and /or copper. For more information go to: [www.jugtownware.com](http://www.jugtownware.com) and to [www.jlkjewelry.com](http://www.jlkjewelry.com) For a complete description of the Seagrove Pottery area go to: [www.discoverseagrove.com](http://www.discoverseagrove.com)

The last stop will be Southern Supreme G o u r m e t Specialties, known far and wide for its fruit cake (which actually tastes great!) and also for its gift baskets and other treats. Now, get ready to treat your "sweet tooth." What started out in her garage as a hobby for Mrs. Berta Scott has now evolved into a world-wide business. Her famous nutty fruit cakes were so popular she kept expanding her business until it now involves many of her family, and provides employment opportunities for many in the community.



The modern, spacious retail store offers a tasting area where you can sample a variety of products, including the famous fruitcake. Although fruitcakes are not baked during the summer, many other products are. If we are lucky we will see the kitchen staff in action, smell the aroma of fresh baked cookies, and maybe even sample some of them. Plan to do some early Christmas shopping; this is a shopper's paradise. For additional information go to: [www.southern supreme.com/](http://www.southern supreme.com/).

**Tour 6: Replacements, Ltd.  
(1/2 day tour)**

Founded by Bob Page in 1981, Replacements, Ltd. (located in Greensboro, NC) has the world's largest selection of old & new dinnerware, including china, stoneware, crystal,



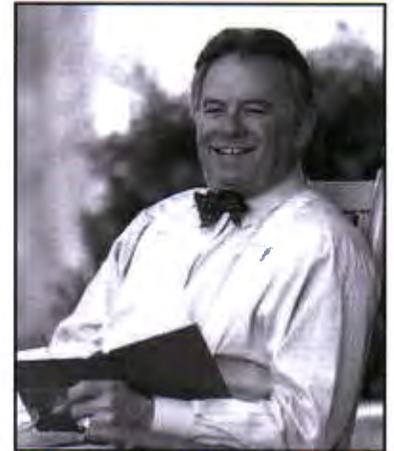
glassware, silver, stainless, and collectibles. Their 300,000 square foot facilities (the size of five football fields!) houses an incredible inventory of 11 million pieces in more than 250,000 patterns, some over 100 years old!

Replacements, Ltd.'s beautiful 12,000 square foot showroom offers a wide range of beautiful products and special sale items. Included is a museum that features over 2,000 rare pieces of china, crystal, silver, collectible plates, and figurines.

Each month, thousands of their customers replace broken or missing pieces, or add to their collection. In fact, they receive up to 10,000 telephone calls each day via their toll-free number 1-800-REPLACE (1-800-737-5223) 8am - 10pm ET, 7 days! They also receive thousands of online inquiries daily! Each piece they offer is carefully inspected and entered into a computerized inventory system. Their computers are vital in maintaining the records of specific requests for each customer's file, allowing staff to quickly and efficiently locate dinnerware pieces for thousands of customers every day! For additional information go to: [www.replacements.com/](http://www.replacements.com/).

**Life Member Breakfast -  
Bill Thompson to Speak**

Bill Thompson is a native of Columbus County, North Carolina having grown up in the small town of Hallsboro. He graduated from Hallsboro High School in 1960 and from Campbell College with a degree in English in 1965. For most of his adult life he has been



involved in various public relations activities which have allowed him to travel extensively throughout North Carolina and much of the southeastern United States. He has had the unique experience of serving as an emcee for every conceivable festival and celebration held in the towns and communities in that area. That background has given him a unique perspective which he uses in writing his newspaper columns now carried in several newspapers throughout North and South Carolina as well as his regular column, "Front Porch Stories" in *Our State Magazine*. He is also the author of a two books "Sweet Tea, Fried Chicken and Lazy Dogs: Reflections on North Carolina Life." and "Pearl's Pork Palace and Other Stories from Flynn's Crossing, NC." He views life from the viewpoint of a native who has had the opportunity to leave the area and return. Because of this background he can see the various aspects of living in small, rural towns that current residents take for granted and new residents aren't aware of. He views it all with humor, a touch of nostalgia and some occasional pathos.

Bill is currently President of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING AND  
PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT  
CONFERENCE GO TO:**

**<http://www.ncacaa.org/2008ampic/>**

# GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## Conference Hotel:

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons  
www.sheratongreensboro.com

When you arrive in Greensboro, the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel definitely has a skyline of its own as you travel I-40. The hotel tower with two additional wings of rooms sits atop the Koury Convention Center and offers a variety of options all under one roof. The hotel/convention center complex is one of the largest in the Southeast and offers unparalleled service for individuals and groups.

The Sheraton is located adjacent to the Four Seasons Town Centre, a three level shopping mecca for the region. There are five restaurants, three lounges and Club Fifth Season within the hotel complex.

Amenities include an indoor/outdoor pool, racquetball court, cardiovascular health club and a jogging area. Why not allow the hotel to arrange a round of championship golf, a tennis tournament or a relaxing day at the spa at Grandover Resort which is a sister property to the Sheraton located only minutes away.

With experienced concierges on site, the hotel staff can arrange for dinner reservations, tours of local attractions and historic sites and assist with almost any request you might have. There is so much to do and see all you have to do is ask!

## Greensboro – The Middle is the Best Part:

Come celebrate with Greensboro in 2008. The city is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday just for NACAA! Seriously, this is a spectacular year to visit Greensboro and you are cordially invited to be a part of the fun. There is a lot to do. If you are a history buff, check out the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park – the nation's first park to honor the Revolutionary War in the South. Close by is Tannenbaum Historic Park with the Colonial Heritage Center and historic outbuildings. Go downtown and be sure to visit the Greensboro Historical Museum – the keeper of Greensboro's treasures. If you bring the family, visit the Children's Museum just across the street from the historic houses at the Museum.

If you like to eat, drink and be merry then downtown is your spot. The selection of restaurants, shops and nightclubs grows daily. Something for everyone! Other shopping areas include the Four Seasons Town Centre

adjacent to the Sheraton, Friendly Center and the Shops at Friendly offer the ease of an outdoor cluster of high end shops and dining places, and many other areas across the city.

You definitely don't want to miss visiting the world's largest collection of china, crystal, flatware and collectibles – Replacements, Ltd. This huge complex houses over 11 million pieces in 250,000 patterns and the showroom is a shopper's delight. The warehouse and inventory tour will be of interest to everyone.

Greensboro's celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> year, come join the fun!

## Flying into Greensboro

The Piedmont Triad International Airport of Greensboro (GSO) is only 12 miles from the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel and is served by eight major carriers with non-stop service from all across the United States. PTI is located at the center of North Carolina and midpoint on the East Coast. It is strategically positioned at the hub of the dynamic Piedmont Triad region, situated between the cities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point where I-40, I-85 and the future I-73 and I-74 converge. You will find PTI one of the easiest airports to use – arrivals and departures are fast and baggage handling is excellent. PTI is served by the following airlines: Allegiant, American, American Eagle, Continental and its commuters, Delta and its commuters, Northwest, Skybus, United and its commuters, US Airways and its commuters.

The newest carrier is Skybus Airlines which provides limited seats for only \$10 one way.

The rental car area features eight agencies on site adjacent to the baggage claim area. Shuttle service to and from the airport is available through Central Piedmont Transportation 1-877-796-5466 or the hotel. NCACAA will offer Free Shuttle service

## Airfare Discount

- ◆ Northwest Airlines is offering a 7% discount for tickets purchased at least 30 days prior to July 9, 2008. A 5% discount applies to tickets purchased less than 30 days of July 9, 2008.



Use the WorldFile/Ticket Designator **NYVM2** to purchase your tickets online and your negotiated discount will be applied to available fares. Individuals should go to [www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com) or Northwest will provide reservations and ticketing assistance at 1-800-328-1111.

At the bottom of the 'Flights' tab, click the 'NWA Discount Travel E-Cert Redemption' link. Complete the 'Flight Options' section of the Flight Search screen. In the 'Additional Search Options' section, navigate to the section labeled E-Cert: Do you have a Discount Travel E-Cert, Electronic Credit Voucher (ECV), NWA Extras Voucher? Select: Yes

From the drop-down, select 'Meeting Agreement WorldFile number'. Enter the Meeting Agreement code (WorldFile number **NYVM2**) in the box provided and complete your transaction.

- ◆ American Airlines is offering a flat 5% discount. When making reservations, contact American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at 1-800-433-1790 and use Authorization Number A6377AN

**Airport Shuttle**

North Carolina hosts will be at the airport to greet you in air-conditioned comfort. Shuttles will whisk you to the conference site only 20 minutes away.

**Golf Outing**

NCACAA will offer a golf outing on Sunday morning at Grandover Resort which has 36 holes of world class golf. The course was designed by David Graham and Gary Panks, world-renowned golf architects. Built amidst 1500 acres of oaks, pine and dogwood covered hills, the courses provide a blaze of color and assure golfers they are in the Carolinas, America's heartland of golf. Share stunning panoramas with the deer and fox in this golfer's paradise. Current rate is \$62 per player for greens fee with cart and GPS but negotiations are ongoing. Visit the Grandover website at [http://www.grandoverresort.com/golf\\_overview.asp](http://www.grandoverresort.com/golf_overview.asp) for more information. NC is known for its great golf courses and a list of other courses will be available at the welcome and information area. If interested please check box on page 37 and you will be contacted with additional information.

The free shuttle schedule will be:

Saturday, July 12	11 am - 9 pm
Sunday, July 13	11 am - 9 pm
Friday, July 18	5 am - 6 pm

Make sure you note your flight information when you register so we can have sufficient shuttle service to minimize your time at the airport. If you come after-hours, the hotel will offer shuttle service for \$15 per person round-trip by calling them at (336) 292-9161. There are also airport taxi service or rental cars available.

NOTE: The airport owns its taxi fleet. If you need taxi service to the airport, regular taxis will charge you a round trip fare as they are not allowed to pick up passengers at the airport. To contact **PTI Airport Transportation** call 877-796-5466 or go to [www.ptiairporttransportation.com/](http://www.ptiairporttransportation.com/)

**Parking**

Keep your money in your pocket! The Sheraton Hotel and Koury Convention Center have over 5 acres of free parking spaces. Just in case you can't find a spot, there's over 14 acres of parking at the adjacent shopping mall.

**Arriving by boat**

With North Carolina's miles of ocean front and navigable rivers, you can get close to Greensboro. But you better plan on a portage of about 210 miles from the closest coastal port of Wrightsville Beach (3½ hour drive).

**Publication Deadlines**

*August, 2008 Issue*

AM/PIC Recap

Deadline for articles: August 1, 2008

Mail Date: August 24, 2008

**November, 2008 Issue**

NACAA Activities/Regional/State

Deadline for articles: October 10, 2008

Mail Date: November 7, 2008

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**NACAA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE**

July 13 - July 17, 2008

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2008: Late fee is \$100 - Return ALL forms together

Please fill out all forms completely. Enclose proper payment where needed.

Detailed information about activities is available in other parts of this publication.

**Registration will be in the Prefunction Area I in the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons on the 1<sup>st</sup> level.**

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT [WWW.NACAA.COM](http://WWW.NACAA.COM) - SECURE SITE - EASY TO USE**

**For Insurance Liability reasons -**  
**Name Tags will be required at ALL**  
**EVENTS (meal functions, bus trips,**  
**conference sessions - everything).**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:**  
**NACAA AM/PIC 2008 Registration**  
**252 N. Park Street**  
**Decatur, IL 62523**  
**Phone: 217-424-5144 Fax: 217-424-5115 E-mail: [nacaemail@aol.com](mailto:nacaemail@aol.com)**

**PARTICIPANT'S NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First)

(Preferred first name on tag) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE - daytime (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

(for emergency conference contact)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Written confirmations will be mailed starting June 11, 2008 -  
 hotel confirmations will be sent electronically or via U.S. Mail.**

Are you an NACAA Member  YES  NO  
 Check your region:  NC  NE  W  S

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS** - Please check below if you need special assistance during the meeting.

- Accessibility needs during the meeting
- Dietary (Please contact the registration office at the above address two weeks prior to the event to make request)

**STATE'S NIGHT IN**

Tuesday Evening, July 15, 2008

Do you plan to attend:  Yes  No

Number planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets Required**

**ANNUAL BANQUET**

Thursday Evening July 17, 2008; 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are required. 1 ticket per registrant is already included in the price of full registration. Pick up tickets when registering. Do you plan to attend:  Yes  No

Number planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse, child(ren), and/or guest is attending the conference, please complete:

SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First)

GUEST'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First)

**CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES (if attending):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST-TIMER'S**

Is this your first NACAA AM/PIC?  Yes  No

If so, please register at the "First-Timer" Registration area, where you will receive materials and a brief orientation. Also, see special "First-Timer" information on page 9 in this publication.

First time and worked less than 10 years?  Yes  No

NACAA members attending for the first time and employed after 7/1/98 will have registration fees waived.

Complete the following:

Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The First-Timer's Luncheon is provided for first-time attendees on Monday, July 14, 2008. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome.

Number planning to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

(This event takes place at the same time as the Spouse's Tour; please select one or the other).

**2008 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION**

*Check ALL Blocks That Apply to You*

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Last Name		First Name		
<b>NACAA Member</b>	<b>Agent Fee # Attending</b>		<b>Spouse/Guest Fee # Attending</b>		<b>Total Fees to be Paid</b>
First Time Attending <small>employed after 7/1/1998</small>	(Waived x _____)	+	(\$180.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Regular Member	(\$225.00 x _____)	+	(\$180.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Life Member	(\$225.00 x _____)	+	(\$180.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
<b>OTHERS</b>					
Sons & Daughters <small>(participating in activities)</small>	(\$160.00 x _____)			=	\$ _____
Visitor	(\$225.00 x _____)	+	(\$180.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
University or USDA Administrator	(\$225.00 x _____)	+	(\$180.00 x _____)	=	\$ _____
Guest of NACAA President	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____
National Donor	(Waived x _____)	+	(Waived x _____)	=	\$ _____

**PART-TIME ATTENDANCE**

Number Attending Each Day: Sun\_\_\_\_; Mon\_\_\_\_; Tues\_\_\_\_; Wed\_\_\_\_; Thurs\_\_\_\_  
Daily Fee (\$100 x Number of Days\_\_\_\_x Number of People\_\_\_\_) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attending only Thursday Night Banquet: (\$50 x Number of People\_\_\_\_) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee: Applies to all registrants listed above whose registration form and fees are postmarked after May 15, 2008 - \$100 per individual** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Facilities Fee: NACAA has initiated a facilities fee for this Conference.** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
If you do not plan to stay at the Sheraton Four Seasons during your stay - a \$250 fee will be administered. The lodging form must be completed with reservation information (FOR ALL ACTIVE AND LIFE MEMBERS)- or the fee will be added to your total registration cost.

**TOTAL FEES PAYABLE WITH REGISTRATION: (Make checks payable to NACAA)** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF FEES ARE NOT PAID AT THE TIME OF REGISTERING (I.E. WAITING FOR SECONDARY FUNDING). IF A PERSONAL CHECK/COUNTY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IS NOT SENT WITH THE REGISTRATION - YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE PLACED ON HOLD UNTIL THE MONIES ARE RECEIVED.**

**IF PAID BY CREDIT CARD:**

\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ Discover Card - No other cards will be accepted.

Person's Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_; Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_; (List all numbers 16 digits)

Address of Credit Card Billing Statement if different than address given on Personal Information

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(IF CARD INFORMATION IS INCORRECT OR NOT ACCEPTED DURING THE CARD APPROVAL PROCESS, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE DELAYED)

**CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY**

There shall be a 90% refund of registration fee when a request is made 30 days or sooner before the start of the AM/PIC (June 13 or before). There shall be a 75% refund of registration fee if request is made from 15-29 days before the AM/PIC (June 14 - June 28). There shall be a 50% refund of registration fee if a request is made less than 15 days and prior to the end of the AM/PIC (June 29 - July 17). No refunds will be given if a request is made after the close of the AM/PIC (July 17). Appeals due to emergency will be handled on a case by case basis by the NACAA Board. Requests must be made in writing to the NACAA 2008 Registration, Scott Hawbaker, 252 N. Park Street, Decatur, IL 62523. Refund for part-time attendance is the same, except there will be no refund for the banquet. Members and guests eligible for fee waivers will be refunded upon verification by the National President.

# PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TOURS

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name**

**First Name**

**NOTE:** If the spouse and children are participating in the same tour as the agent, please list the total number under the agent.

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>Tour No.</u>	<u># on Tour</u>	<u>SPOUSE/GUEST</u> (If different from Agent)	<u>Tour No.</u>	<u># on Tour</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	_____	_____
4 <sup>th</sup> Choice	_____	_____	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice	_____	_____
5 <sup>th</sup> Choice	_____	_____	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice	_____	_____

See professional improvement tours program for details including additional fees which will be payable at registration.

*New for 2008 - Agents have the opportunity to pre-register for the following Search for Excellence (SFE) Award Luncheons, Educational Luncheon Seminars and Super Seminars Family members are encouraged to attend Award Functions - so please indicate if family members will be attending. Please place a 1, 2 or 3 for your first, second, third choices on days you wish to attend a luncheon.*

**Monday, July 14, 2008 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)**

- \_\_\_ PRIDE Luncheon # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ SFE Farm and Ranch Financial Management # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ SFE Remote Sensing and Precision Agriculture
- \_\_\_ SFE Landscape Horticulture # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 4-H and Youth Awards Luncheon # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Luncheon Seminars**

- \_\_\_ Expanding Markets for Local Farm Products-SARE
- \_\_\_ Current Status of Anthelmintic Resistance in Cattle - Ford Dodge Animal Health
- \_\_\_ Invasive Species Biology, Management, Regulations & Economics - The Davey Institute
- \_\_\_ Producing high-quality, high-yielding crops - Syngenta

**Tuesday, July 15, 2008 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)**

- \_\_\_ Poster Session Awards Luncheon
- \_\_\_ Communications Awards Luncheon
- \_\_\_ SFE Livestock Production # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ SFE Crop Production # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ SFE Young Beginning & Small Farmers # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Luncheons Seminars**

- \_\_\_ Youth Resources Galore - NC Pork Council
- \_\_\_ Technological Solutions to Problems Associated with Application of Pesticides - Jacto, Inc.
- \_\_\_ Financing Rural America - Farm Credit
- \_\_\_ SARE Funded Research at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems - SARE

**Thursday, July 17, 2008 (11:45 am - 1:15 pm)**

- \_\_\_ SFE Sustainable Agriculture - SARE
- \_\_\_ **Educational Luncheon Seminars (10:45 am to 12:15 pm)**
- \_\_\_ Alternative Litter Management Solution - Fibrowatt
- \_\_\_ Economic and Environmental Benefits of Nitrogen Management- Agrotain

**Super Seminars Luncheons (10:45-2:30)**

- \_\_\_ EDEN - Extension Disaster Education Network
- \_\_\_ Urban Water Quality
- \_\_\_ NC Choices and Extension and the "New American Farmer"- SARE

**PAST NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER'S LUNCHEON**

Sunday, July 13, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Your Spouse/Guest is welcome. Meal cost is \$25/person (tax/gratuity included). (If you check yes, you will be asked to pay your share even if you do not attend). Do you plan to attend the Past National Board Member's Luncheon?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Which office did you hold?

- |                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | If you served in more than 1     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | capacity - please check all that |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | apply (or which ribbon(s) you    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director  | prefer with your name tag).      |

**SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITIES**

**Spouse/Guest Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS - Monday, July 14, 2008**

(See Spouses Program for details including additional fees which will be payable at registration.)

**Full Day Tours #1-10      # on Tour**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Half Day Tours #11-16      # on Tour**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/GUEST WORKSHOPS - Tuesday, July 15, 2008**

**9:00 am-11:00 am      2:00 pm- 4:00 pm**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/GUEST LUNCHEON - Tuesday, July 15, 2008**

(Spouse/Guest Only)

I Plan To Attend \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**SPOUSE/GUEST WORKSHOPS - Thursday, July 17, 2008**

**9:00 am-11:00**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFE MEMBER'S & LIFE MEMBER'S SPOUSES ACTIVITIES**

**LIFE MEMBER'S & SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS** - Tuesday, July 15, 2008  
(See Life Members Program for details)

Check in at the NACAA Registration Desk in the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel Lobby for tour tickets and details on the Life Member Program.

	<u>Tour No.</u>	<u># on Tour</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	_____	_____
4 <sup>th</sup> Choice	_____	_____
5 <sup>th</sup> Choice	_____	_____

**LIFE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST**- Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 7:00 am. (Spouse/Guest is welcome)

Number to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

**SON'S AND DAUGHTER'S PROGRAMS**  
See Program for Details

**PARTICIPANT'S Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Last Name**      **First Name**      Agent or Life Members name if not the same Last Name

Son's and daughter's registration will be held at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel lobby. Activities will begin with the orientation meeting Sunday, July 13th at 6:00pm. Adult chaperones must be registered for the meeting. This year's program is designed for youth ages 8 - 18. Youth 7 and under may participate only if accompanied by a parent or guardian that is registered for the events. All costs are included in the registration fee, including lunch. NACAA is unable to provide day care services for children. For a list of day care providers please call Child Care Resource and Referral at 336-369-5000 or on line at [www.rccrr.org](http://www.rccrr.org)

**PLEASE LIST THE NAME, AGE, AND T-SHIRT SIZE (DESIGNATE YOUTH OR ADULT SIZE) OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PROGRAMS.** A = Adult, Y = Youth; XL = extra large, L = large, M = medium, S = small, XS = extra small. Extra large is only available in adults and extra small only in youth. If your child needs a youth large t-shirt, write YL in the space provided.

	T-Shirt		T-Shirt	
(Name)	Age	Size	Height	(Name)
Age	Size	Height	Age	Size
Child # 1 _____	_____	_____	_____	Child # 3 _____
Child # 2 _____	_____	_____	_____	Child # 4 _____

**NOTE: Adults are welcome to attend and will be asked to assist as chaperones. Adults must accompany their children ages 7 and under on any activity. Please list any adults who will chaperone. Only sons & daughters and adult chaperones will be eligible for a T-Shirt.**

	T-Shirt		T-Shirt	
(Name)	Size	(Name)	Size	
Adult # 1 _____	_____	Adult # 2 _____	_____	

Please indicate the child and adult number from the above list that will be attending Son's & Daughter's Program.

**The Son's & Daughter's Committee reserves the right to use flexibility in dividing youth between events.**

	# Youth	# Adults	Youth & Adult's Name (s)
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 13</b> (all ages) Get Acquainted and Registration	_____	_____	_____
<b>MONDAY, JULY 14</b> (Mountain Day) Tour 1: New River Canoe Trip Tour 2: Hanging Rock State Park	_____	_____	_____
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 15</b> (Race Day) Tour 1: Lowe's Motor Speedway and RCR Racing Museum Tour 2: Carowinds Theme Park	_____	_____	_____
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 17</b> Tour 1: Carolina Beach (Those going to the beach will not return for the Banquet, Drive time is 3.5 hours each way) Tour 2: Emerald Point Water Park Going Away Party - Each Thursday tour will have separate going away parties that evening.	_____	_____	_____

**SON'S & DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:** Medical and photo release forms as well as a code of conduct form will be required for all youth participants. These forms are available at: [http://ncacaa.org/2008ampic/youth\\_health\\_form.php](http://ncacaa.org/2008ampic/youth_health_form.php)

**LODGING INFORMATION**  
**THIS MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION FORM**

**PARTICIPANT'S Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

**HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Reservations will be made in the order received.
2. A Facilities fee for all Active and Life members is in force for this years AM/PIC. For those not making a hotel reservation through this lodging form - a \$250 fee will be added to your registration.
3. All reservations must be made with this housing form. You will not be allowed to make reservations directly with the contracted facility - all reservations must accompany a NACAA AM/PIC Registration Form and will be handled by NACAA.
4. Room rates do not include tax which is 12.75%.
5. Rooms will be held only with a first night's deposit – check or credit card. (Checks should be made to NACAA - not the hotel)
6. The registration form must be postmarked before May 15, 2008 to guarantee accommodations.

Please number your preference in each box

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons \$115 + 12.75% tax (\$129.67 total), Standard, Double, Triple or Quad

**PAYMENTS AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS**

*Room Reservation should be made in the following name:  
 Please give Billing Address below for the Credit Card you plan to use to Guarantee Room. This address must match where your credit card billing statement is mailed to (home, office, etc.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)  
 Company Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card to Guarantee Room and Used at Checkout**

Master Card \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_  
 Person's name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Requested Room Type  
 \_\_\_ 2 Queen Beds \_\_\_ Handicap  
 \_\_\_ King \_\_\_ Smoking  
 \_\_\_ First Available \_\_\_ Non-Smoking  
 \_\_\_ Rollaway (1 per room \$10/night) \_\_\_ Crib  
 \_\_\_ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are sharing a room with other adults (other than spouse) you must list name in order for their name to be on the room as well. It is strongly recommended to send in your reservation forms together in order for the lodging reservations to be made correctly.**

Sharing Room With: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need a roommate?** Yes  No  ( Male  Female)  
 NACAA will make every attempt to find you a roommate, however you are encouraged to find your own roommate as it may be difficult to determine roommate availability until early July, 2008.

**AIR TRAVEL PLANS**

NCACAA is offering free shuttle service to the hotel during the times listed below. After collecting your bags proceed to the NCACAA welcome booth at the airport where you will be assisted.

See pages 31-32 for more information.

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_

Airline Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I need shuttle service on these dates:

- Saturday, July 12 11 AM – 9:00 PM
- Sunday, July 13 11 AM – 9:00 PM
- Friday, July 18 5 AM – 6:00 PM

**GOLF OUTING** – Please Check if Interested in Playing Golf on Sunday Morning Yes

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Junior or Assistant Extension Agent**  
 Urban Horticulture/Master Gardener/  
 Cut Flower & Foliage  
 University of Hawaii  
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**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Provide leadership and coordination of extension educational programs for urban clientele and master gardeners (80%), and the cut flower and foliage industry (20%) in Maui County. Full-time, tenure track to begin approximately August 2008. The position is located in Kahului, Maui, Hawaii.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Junior Agent requires a Bachelors degree and Assistant Agent requires a Masters degree or post-baccalaureate courses and extension experience in plant science, horticulture, agriculture or other closely related fields.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and applicable experience.

**CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT:** Review of applications will begin on May 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled.

**APPLICATION:** Full position description and other details can be found at: [http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/zoom\\_job.php?8909](http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/zoom_job.php?8909) or contact Norman Nagata, Search Committee Chairman at 808-244-3242 x230 or [nagatan@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:nagatan@ctahr.hawaii.edu). The University of Hawaii is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination.

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