



GEORGIA CHAPTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



1998 Georgia Chapter Annual Meeting

Mark your schedules for the 1998 Annual Meeting on September 18-19, to be held at the Georgia Botanical Garden in Athens. On Friday, September 18, we will meet at the botanical garden for a program, business meeting, awards banquet and tour.

The program theme, Natural Resource Management at the Urban:Rural Interface, was identified with the goal of focusing our thinking on a broad vision of integrated and sustainable management of natural resources to meet diverse needs and interests of people who rely on those resources. All regions of Georgia are facing complex issues related to competition for land and water resources. Our speakers will highlight key issues and describe promising approaches to solution of problems. Our goal is for the program to help us, as a Chapter, to identify how we can best focus our efforts to foster good stewardship in the state of Georgia.

Following the Awards Luncheon and business meeting, Elaine Nash will lead a tour of the Botanical Garden collection, including the new International Garden collection that includes many food, medicinal, and conservation plants.

On Saturday, September 19, Wally George is organizing a Tailgate Party prior to the Georgia Bulldogs football game with the University of Wyoming.

Look for registration materials in mid-August.

For more information, call Jean Steiner, 706-769-5631, extension 203, or email "jsteiner@arches.uga.edu". See you in September!

State Science and Engineering Fair

Projects entered in the Georgia State Science and Engineering Fair related to soil and water conservation were reviewed by Mo Frere, Wally George, and Stan Wilkinson last April. In the Junior Division, "Filtering Phosphates from Polluted Water" by Thomas Fink of St. Joseph's School in Marietta was judged the best conservation project. In the Senior Division, "Nature Cleaning Up Our Mess" by Jessica Kickson to the Glynn Academy in Brunswick was the winning project. The Georgia Chapter presented each of these winners and engraved desk clock and each school's library a copy of the book Earthworm Empire: The Living Soil. Thanks to Mo, Stan, and Wally for judging the projects.

1998 Chapter Awards

Enclosed with this newsletter are forms for nomination of deserving individuals and groups for Georgia Chapter Awards. Please take a little time and nominate someone. If you do not take the time to make the nomination, no one will.