International Plant Propagators’ Society
Southern Region of North America
The Westin, Virginia Beach Town Center
Virginia Beach, VA
October 22-26, 2016
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### Saturday, October 22

- **6:00 A.M. - Noon**: Registration Open (Nova)
- **6:00 A.M. - Noon**: Auction Plants Accepted (Viceroy)
- **6:15 A.M. - 7:15 A.M.**: Auction Plants Accepted (Viceroy)
- **6:30 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.**: Breakfast (Please select & pay for the breakfast option when you register) (Monarch I & II)
- **7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**: Presentation by Kevin Gantt
- **8:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**: Banquet and Silent Plant Auction

### Sunday, October 23

- **6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.**: Board Meeting (Emporer)
- **6:15 A.M. - 7:15 A.M.**: Breakfast (Please select & pay for the breakfast option when you register. There will be a separate room for IPPS Fellow Breakfast when you pre-register.)
- **8:10 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.**: Dr. Abhay Thosar, Philips Lighting N.A., Rosemount, IL
- **10:15 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**: Mike Roberson, Baucoms Nursery, NC, Moderator
- **11:30 A.M. - 12:50 P.M.**: Mike Roberson, Baucoms Nursery, NC, Moderator
- **1:05 P.M. - 2:20 P.M.**: Dr. Abhay Thosar, Philips Lighting N.A., Rosemount, IL

### Monday, October 24

- **6:00 A.M. - Noon**: Registration Open (Nova)
- **6:00 A.M. - Noon**: Auction Plants Accepted (Viceroy)
- **6:15 A.M. - 7:15 A.M.**: Breakfast (Please select & pay for the breakfast option when you register) (Monarch I & II)
- **6:30 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **1:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.**: Dr. Todd Lasseigne, Tulsa Botanic Garden, OK
- **2:15 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**: Dr. Todd Lasseigne, Tulsa Botanic Garden, OK
- **4:15 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**: Dr. Todd Lasseigne, Tulsa Botanic Garden, OK
- **5:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.**: Dr. Todd Lasseigne, Tulsa Botanic Garden, OK

### Tuesday, October 25

- **6:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **6:15 A.M. - 7:15 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **9:00 - 11:00 A.M.**: Silent and Live Auction Check out (Nova)

### Wednesday, October 26

- **6:30 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.**: Breakfast (select & pay for at time of pre-registration) (Monarch I & II)
- **7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**: Registration Open (Nova)
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- **8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**: Introduction of Moderator for Session 6, Sheila Gmeiner
- **9:00 - 11:00 A.M.**: Questions for Session 6 Speakers, Sheila Gmeiner, Moderator
- **10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.**: Questions for Session 6 Speakers, Sheila Gmeiner, Moderator
- **11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**: Questions for Session 6 Speakers, Sheila Gmeiner, Moderator
- **12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**: Executive Committee Post-Meeting Luncheon
- **6:15 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.**: Dinner, Military Aviation Museum
- **7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**: Question Box, Military Aviation Museum, Laura Miller and Kevin Gantt
- **8:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**: Depart from Military Aviation Museum
- **9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**: Depart from Military Aviation Museum

### Thursday, October 27

- **12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**: Executive Committee Post-Meeting Luncheon
- **6:15 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.**: Dinner, Military Aviation Museum
- **7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**: Question Box, Military Aviation Museum, Laura Miller and Kevin Gantt
- **8:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**: Depart from Military Aviation Museum
- **9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**: Depart from Military Aviation Museum

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the local site committee for all of their efforts to make this an outstanding conference!  
Matt Sawyer, Bennett’s Creek Nursery, Co-chair  
Dr. Jeff Johnson, Virginia Tech, Co-chair  
Christopher Brown, Jr., Lancaster Farms  
Jane Stanley, Saunders Brothers, Inc.  
Jason Stern, Eastern Shore Nursery
### IPPS Committees/Awards 2015-2016

**Executive Committee**
- President: Laura Miller
- 1st Vice President: Kevin Gantt
- 2nd Vice President: Dr. David Creech
- Director 1-year: Matt Sawyer
- Director 1-year: Blake Jones
- Director 2-years: Dr. Cheryl Boyer
- Director 1-year: Blake Jones
- Director 2-years: Dr. David Creech
- Director 1-year: Buddy Lee
- Past President: David Creech
- IPPS Membership Chairman: Stuart Inman
- Web Manager: Brie Arthur
- Executive Committee: IPPS Committees/Awards 2015-2016

#### IPPS Committees

- **Scholarship & Awards Committee**
  - Chair: Dr. Mack Thetford
  - 2014 Winner: John M. Groat
  - 2013 Winner: Charles H. Berry
  - 2012 Winner: Ron W. Copeland

- **Membership Committee**
  - Chair: Stuart Inman

- **Finance Advisory Committee**
  - Chair: Bud Turner

- **PPPP Pres 2-years**
  - Chair: Brie Arthur

- **Nomination Committee**
  - Chair: Don Foster

- **Scholarship Selection Committee**
  - Chair: Rick Coder

- **Nominees for Southern Region’s Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit**
  - Charles H. Berry
  - Thomas Yeager

- **Sponsorship Committee**
  - Chair: Mark Saunders

- **Secretary/Editor Review Committee**
  - Chair: Matt Sawyer

- **PPPPP Pres 3-years**
  - Chair: Buddy Lee

- **2014 Fellow 2-years**
  - Chair: Robert Black

- **Recipients of Southern Region’s Sidney B. Meadows Award of Merit**
  - Charles H. Berry
  - Thomas Yeager

- **Past Presidents**
  - Dr. Mack Thetford
  - Dr. David Creech

### Upcoming Meetings

- **2017 (Oct 28 – Nov 1) Dallas, TX**
- **2018 (Oct 20 – 24) Chattanooga, TN**

### Hotel Information

**Host Hotel: The Westin, Town Center**

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The Westin, Town Center
4553 Courthouse Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Phone: 1(757) 575-0550

#### Web Link:
Copy and paste the following link into a browser:
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1605074530&key=21BD287F

#### Room Rates:
$129.00 plus applicable taxes.

#### Cut Off Date:
September 20, 2016, 5:00 pm Eastern Time

#### Parking:
Self parking in the Westin covered garage is complimentary. Valet Parking is $28 per night.

#### Room Block:
- $129.00 plus applicable taxes.
- Call 800-937-8461 for reservations and mention “International Plant Propagators Society-Southern Region Room Block.”

### Sponsor Information

- **Platinum ($5000)**
  - Bennett’s Creek Nursery (lunch)
  - Eastern Shore Nursery of Virginia (lunch)

- **Gold ($2500)**
  - Bailey Nurseries
  - Greenleaf Nursery Co.
  - Haviland Plastic Products Co.
  - OHP, Inc.
  - Nufarm Americas

- **Bronze ($500)**
  - Haifa

#### Contact Information
- **Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association**
- **UPCOMING MEETINGS**
  - **2018 (Oct 20 – 24) Chattanooga, TN**
2016 IPPS-SR Tour Description

Sunday Tour

David’s Nursery – A family run nursery, started by David Tankard in 1977. Production is 100 acres of containerized plants, 100 acres of pot & pot, and 150 acres of field grown material. Propagation in house in 2015: 400,000 cuttings. Total production in 2015: 3.1 million equivalent gallons (ranging from 1 to 25 gallon containers).

Lancaster Farms – Lancaster Farms is a 325 acre wholesale container nursery and landscape distribution center located in Suffolk, Virginia. We grow seasonal color, perennials, roses, shrubs and trees to sell to garden centers and landscape businesses locally and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Started in 1969 by our founder, Charlie Parkerson, Lancaster Farms is still owned and operated today by the Parkerson family. We have the largest outdoor living display available to the public as part of our hardscape division.

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Tankard Nurseries, Exmore, VA – Tankard Nurseries is a wholesale nursery founded in 1933 and is now in its third generation of ownership. Nursery production includes over 700 acres of above ground pots. Pot in Pot systems and field material both large and small. Ninety percent of plant material is propagated on site. The nursery offers a complete palette of quality landscape plants and trees throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

Virginia Tech Hampton Roads AREC – Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Virginia Beach, VA – The 70 acre Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, located in Virginia Beach, houses research and extension facilities for faculty and support staff, public demonstration gardens, a utility line arboretum, the All-American Trial Gardens, and the Tidewater Arboretum. The Center provides leadership in production and health of specialty crops, water management, and environmental sustainability through nationally-recognized research and extension programs. Current projects focus on ornamental, fruit, vegetable and turf crops, and water quality of agricultural and urban ecosystems.

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We propagate most of our production needs using innovative techniques developed over our 40 years of business, including the pot-in-pot method we use to grow our #15 cans trees and #40 grow bags.

Norfolk Botanical Garden – Norfolk Botanical Garden includes 155-acres, with 52 themed gardens that can be viewed by tram, boat or by foot. Each of these gardens allow guests to see a variety of plants – from the cultivated to the wild. More than twenty thousand children and adults are reached every year at the Garden by programs, classes and Norfolk Botanical Garden lectures. Volunteers provide more than seventeen thousand hours each year working in all aspects of the Gardens operations. From its humble beginnings as a WPA project to its status as a nationally recognized garden that attracts visitors from around the world, Norfolk Botanical Garden has experienced amazing growth.

Tuesday Tour

Bennett’s Creek Nursery, Smithfield, Virginia – Bennett’s Creek Nursery is a wholesale grower with 250 acres of container production. The product mix is broad and includes annuals, perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees. Bennett’s Creek is especially known for their camellias. The growing operation serves the mid-Atlantic region and four landscape distribution yards serve Hampton Roads and the Outer Banks. Bennett’s Creek propagates approximately 750,000 woody liners each year.

White’s Nursery and Greenhouses – White’s Nursery and Greenhouses, founded in 1956 by Norman White and his wife Hetty, is comprised of a retail garden center and over 21 acres of wholesale greenhouses. White’s nursery specializes in growing potted chrysanthemums, hanging baskets, bedding plants, many potted blooming plant varieties, and holiday flowering crops. (Poinsettias, Easter Lilies). White’s is an innovator of many chrysanthemum growing techniques and have recently undertaken incorporating LEAN management practices to enhance production efficiency with the aid of FlowVision, Inc.

Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach, VA – The Military Aviation Museum displays and owns the largest flying collection of WWII and WWI Military Aircraft in the U.S.A. Hear the stories and learn about the contributions of the men and women of military aviation to our country.