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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...



Campus Conference Center offers an attractive alternative. The good news is that we can help with planning and booking to meet your budget so that you will not have to cut back on your

In an era of economic downturn, many meeting planners are postponing meetings or even canceling. UGA Tifton

meetings because you cannot afford the cost of the urban areas. Many of our clients are looking for a great meeting space with a variety of available room rates, and educational opportunities for after hours. Tifton is a great location that is easily accessible, offers great hospitality, and year around activities for the whole family.

No place will be as attractive as the one with great service. We are proud of our 5 star service

reputation. From booking to event planning, marketing and graphics, accounting to registration, we offer a world class facility with free parking and free basic tech support. It's all right here in Tifton: the right location, the right facility, the right services, the right price. Don't cancel or postpone, call us. At the Conference Center there is a team and there is more than one way to accomplish your goals. We care and we listen.

BIOENERGY CONFERENCE SET TO EXPLORE AND EXPAND ENERGY OPTIONS



Save the dates, August 11-13, for the next Southeastern Bioenergy Conference at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center.

The Opening General Session on Tuesday, August 11 will feature **Robert Zubrin**, author of *Energy Victory* who will open the session with his argument for *Winning the War on Terror by Breaking Free of Oil*. **Jack Boykin**, Chairman and CEO, Cello Energy, LLC will showcase his breakthrough technology entitled *Changing the Game—Wood to Diesel* which may be one way we can move in a new direction.

Featured Luncheon Guest Speaker is The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Governor of State of Georgia. Perdue has a history of supporting the Bioenergy Conference as well as a number

of other Agriculture related meetings and conferences held in Tifton at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center.

Concurrent sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday offer many choices for attendees on energy related issues. Tuesday's sessions include:

* Solar and Wind Energy in the SE * Growing Energy (Sorghum/ Sweet Potato, Grasses, Jatropha, Chinese Tallow Trees) * More Power for Your Dollars * Storing Your Green Energy * The Power of Wood * Careers in Renewable Energy.

Wednesday's session will follow the same format with general session speakers from Southeast States discussing Sustainability of Forest Biomass and Renewable Energy & Efficiency—How the Southeast is Stimulating Growth. Afternoon concurrent breakout sessions will cover: * Evolution of Vehicles * Bringing By-Products to Power * Let's Make a Deal with focus

on Power Purchase Agreements and Fuel Contracts * Evolution of Farm Equipment * Breakthrough Biofuel Production * Financing in a Tight Economy.

Additionally, several entrepreneurs will host a demonstration workshop on August 13th to show you how to make ethanol and biodiesel on the farm as well as inspire you with their entrepreneurial spirit to find your own solutions to problems plaguing your farm or business. And, Tesla and Gaia Transport (XPrize entry) are just two of the renewable energy vehicles that will be on display at the outdoor trade show which is open to the public

Register today at www.sebioenergy.org The conference fee of \$175/person entitles you to access all the speaker sessions, lunch each day and an invitation to the August 12th Welcome Reception. Questions? Call 229/386-7274.

www.ugatiftonconference.org

UGA TIFTON PROFESSOR BRINGS MORE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOLADES TO AG SCIENCE



Dr. Wayne Hanna, the internationally renowned University of Georgia Turfgrass researcher, has once again gained recognition for his contributions in the turf world.

Hanna's latest success, the development of a new bermudagrass that thrives in the shade, is known as TifGrand grass. While TifGrand thrives in the sun, it is especially remarkable for its

productivity in areas with less than half the light normally required for other bermudagrass, up to 60 percent less light than is normally required, according to Hanna.

As a world renowned plant breeder, Hanna's 37- year career is especially noteworthy for his numerous contributions in crop and soil sciences, not only winter-hardy, pest-resistant bermudagrasses able to handle high traffic, but his work in spearheading the screening of bermudagrass for hybrids

that naturally deter mole crickets, the number one lawn and turf pest in the Southeast. Recently he has enjoyed the success of new experiments in citrus development.

Hanna's research team has been awarded seven patents.

While the Conference Center has served as the meeting place for Turfgrass conferences for over 40 years, the Turfgrass Conference has just completed its 63rd year.

LONGLEAF ALLIANCE TO HOLD THIRD ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING AT THE TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER AUGUST 25-27



Longleaf Alliance since 1995 has been fostering enthusiasm and partnerships between private landowners, forest industries, state and federal agencies, conservation groups, researchers, ecologists, wildlife biologists, and land managers. This group has become the body of knowledgeable individuals whose mission has been to find an outlet to distribute what they knew about the longleaf ecosystem.

This year's conference will focus on nursery

men and plant providers with specific emphasis on longleaf pine, seed, seedlings, and native species.

Specific sessions of this year's conference will emphasize the following:

- Technical series on growing longleaf pines in containers
- Producing bareroot and container herbs and shrubs
- A field trip to the Moultrie area to producers of native grasses and longleaf pine seedlings
- A big picture session looking at

regional trends and programs that will affect future demands and trends in longleaf production

For additional information and for interested exhibitors or sponsors contact Mr. Mark Hains, research coordinator and conference organizer of the Longleaf Alliance, Inc., an affiliate of Auburn University at 334-427-1029 or hains@alaweb.com

For conference registration go online to www.ugatiftonconference.org and click on registration for the appropriate meeting, i.e. Longleaf Alliance.

ROCKY JONES RECEIVES UGA AMBASSADOR AWARD AT TIFTON CAMPUS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE CEREMONY

Rocky Jones has served the Tifton Campus faithfully for 8 years in the position as a Utility Worker I. He is more than deserving of the Tifton Campus Award for Excellence in the Service Unit Support Role. He embodies what the Conference Center strives to achieve with his work ethic, dedication to UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, and the Conference Center clients. His infectious attitude, always GREAT, affects all who come in contact with Rocky. Clients often comment how friendly and helpful he is. Rocky knows exactly what his job responsibilities are and has a great knowledge of his job. His quality of work is matched by no one, and he takes ownership of what he does exhibiting tremendous pride in being associated with UGA and the Conference Center. Rocky insures that he be given his work list each Friday for the following week so that over the weekend he can study his work list

and know exactly what events are going to be here and know what is expected of him, week in and week out. He is truly a wonderful ambassador for UGA and represents the goal of the Conference Center to provide 5 star personal service. Customer service is our business.

UGA Tifton Campus Ambassador



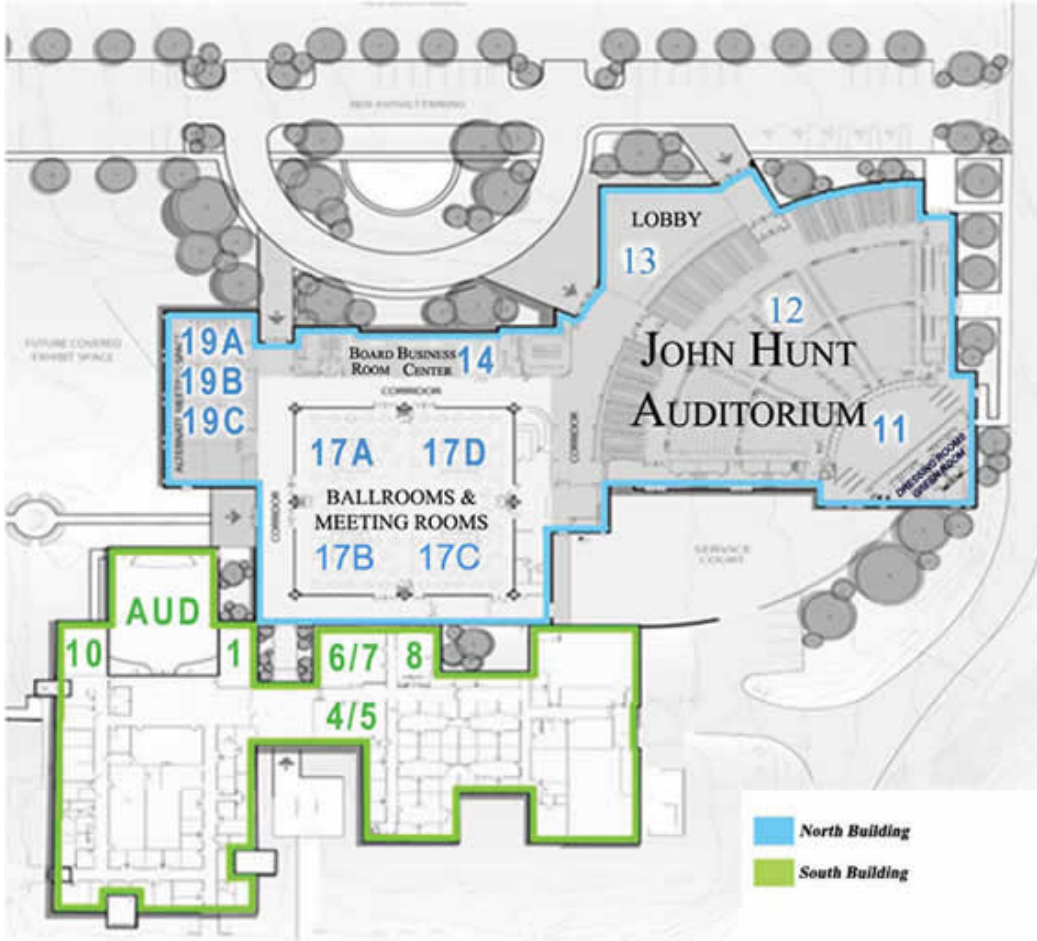
Rocky Jones

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Other Conference Center staff receiving recognition at the annual awards ceremony are Karen McBrayer and Tina Wood, both having served clients at the Conference Center for 10 years. Karen is a conference and event specialist and Tina, our administrative assistant who generally oversees all financial entities.

This year the May 7 annual University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Tifton Campus Awards Ceremony included College of Ag Director and Dean Scott Angle; Dr. Joe Broder, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Dr. Beverly Sparks, Associate Dean for Extension; and Dr. Bob Shulstad, Associate Dean for Research. Dr. Joe West, Assistant Dean Tifton Campus served as MC for the event.

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South Building	Max. Capacity
Auditorium (AUD)	350
Room 1	60
Room 2	24
Room 2/3	54
Room 3	27
Room 4	27
Room 4/5	54
Room 5	27
Room 6	28
Room 6/7	72
Room 7	28
Room 8	15
Room 10	60
North Building	Max. Capacity
Auditorium Area 12	2,000
Area 11	Stage, Dressing Rooms, Green Room
Area 13	200
Room 14	54
Business Center	--
Boardroom	15
Ballroom	1,000
Room 17A	240
Room 17B	240
Room 17C	240
Room 17D	240
Room 19A	60
Room 19B	72
Room 19C	72

**The
Right
Location!**

VISIT THE ACTIVE ART GALLERY AT THE TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER

The TCCC Art Gallery, organized in early 2007 by Entomology Professor David Riley, was born to provide UGA employees, spouses and members of their families a creative outlet to share their artistic works with colleagues, family, the Tifton community, and clients of the Conference Center.

Located in the Executive Board Room of the TCCC, artists have an outlet on campus for sharing artistically framed art work of all categories: paintings, photographs, dried and preserved plants or insects, the work environment, one's garden, travels, animals, equipment, or some other creative artistically rendered category.

Persons wishing to exhibit in this space are requested to submit digital images of two works. These works are displayed on a designated web page, ranked, and coordinated by a committee consisting of David Riley, founder of the exhibition, and professor of entomology, spouse and illustrator Angelika Riley, Polly Huff, ABAC Arts Connection, colleague Joseph La Forest, entomology professor, and TCCC Director Jean Hurst.

Once the selection of the exhibition has been determined, artists are notified and those not chosen for this exhibition may be requested to leave works archived for future quarterly



new exhibitions.

Currently on exhibit are the black and white ink illustrations by Angelika Pia Schmid-Riley illustrating significant Celtic lore of chapter headings of husband David's 2008 publication : *A Celtic Tale: The Legend of Deirdre*.

For a preview of Ms. Schmid-Riley's very detailed ink drawings, visit [Ink Illustrations by Angelika Pia Schmid-Riley Online](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THE UGA TCCC

JULY 15

TRMC—PALLIATIVE CARE—DR. PATEL
For More Information
229-353-6311

JULY 25

TRMC MEN'S EVENT
For More Information
229-353-6311

AUGUST 8

TRMC WOMEN'S EVENT
For More Information
229-353-6311

AUGUST 11, 12, 13

2009 SE BIOENERGY CONFERENCE
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AUGUST 25-27

LONGLEAF ALLIANCE
For More Information
229-386-3416

SEPTEMBER 8

TRMC—CHILDHOOD OBESITY COMMUNITY LECTURE
For more information
229-353-6311

SEPTEMBER 9-10

MASTER TIMBER HARVESTER
Sponsored by UGA Warnell School of Forest Resources
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OCTOBER 7-8

PRESCRIBED BURN CERTIFICATION
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OCTOBER 23, 24, 25

LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANTIQUE SHOW
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NOVEMBER 3

TASTE OF HOME COOKING SHOW
Sponsored by The Tifton Gazette
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PRIVATE EVENTS ALSO BOOKED

TIFTON-TIFT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

3RD ANNUAL

Antique Show & Sale

OCT. 24-25, 2009
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UGA-Tifton Campus
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Proceeds benefit the Tifton-Tift County Public Library.
www.tiftonantiqueshow.com

**Tifton Campus Conference Center
Setting For
Library Foundation 3rd Annual
Antique Show and Gala**

Tifton-Tift County Public Library Foundation will be presenting the 3rd Annual Antique Show and Gala October 24-25. A private preview gala for sponsors, vendors, and special guests will be held on Friday, October 23.

This year's honorary chairs will be Jimmy and Quay Allen.

