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From the Southeast Region President



Greetings, Everyone,

As I write this message to you, the temperatures are rising and the heat of summer is on its way.

I'd like to introduce myself to you with a little bit of personal background information. I've lived in Knoxville, Tennessee for the last twenty years, but I'm from just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My garden consists of a little over two acres of land that at one time was a farm. I find that the weather and temperatures in Knoxville present a gardening challenge, with summers being by far the most difficult. I share my home and garden with my better half, Scott, and my pet pig, Spoon.

I'd been a gardener for many years and in 2012 joined the American Conifer Society. I was hoping to learn as much as I could about conifers and that's when my infatuation with them began. Since that time, I've purchased and planted many conifers in my garden, learning by trial and error what will survive and what won't in my area. Many of my plantings have been purchased through auctions

at the ACS Regional and National conferences. I love to promote and encourage the use of conifers in the landscape to those who visit with me.

Last year, I assumed the position of Vice President of the ACS Southeast Region and became President of the Southeast Region when Mike Garner stepped down. Mike has been a huge asset to the Southeastern Region as its President and will continue to play a large role in its future. We look forward to seeing his wonderful garden when we are able to reschedule the rendezvous originally planned for this May.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for the 2023 ACS National Conference that the SER will be hosting in Charlotte, April 26-28, 2023, and plan to attend the 2022 National in Philadelphia, September 16-18, 2022!

Michelle Reimert, SER President

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Around the Southeast Region

2022 Southeast Region Elections

This summer, the Southeast Region will elect a Director and a Vice President. The term of office for each position is two years. Our current Director—Sandy Horn—has been nominated for re-election and is willing to serve. Dr. Martin Stone of Western Kentucky University is our candidate for Vice President. Members are invited to submit additional nominations for either office by contacting President Michelle Reimert at mycowboomer@aol.com by July 1, 2022. All nominees must be current members of the ACS in the Southeast Region. Election details will be provided following the close of the nominations period.

Meet the Candidates!

Sandy Horn - Candidate for Director



Hello, Everyone. Many of you know me best as the editor of the Southeastern Conifer Quarterly Newsletter. I've been newsletter editor since 2015, later taking on the role of web editor, as well. I am also on the editorial team for the CONIFER-Quarterly.

In addition to my editorial duties, I serve on the ACS Board of Directors. In that capacity, I am also a member of the Bylaws Committee. I assisted in the updating of the bylaws passed in May of 2021.

I take my responsibilities as your Director very seriously, always seeking to represent your interests prudently and well at all national and SER board meetings.

On the lighter side, I face all the joys and difficulties of gardening with conifers in the South, just as you do. One of my prouder moments was when mine was a featured garden for the 2018 ACS National Conference, which was held in Raleigh, but more than anything, I think of my garden as a community outreach project. It's located in the Old Downtown Section of Cary, NC, so there's lots of foot traffic on the sidewalk that fronts my sun gardens. I've met hundreds of people who stopped to talk when they saw me working there. They all had questions, and more than a few have thanked me for labeling my plants, so they can know what they're looking at. I hope I've been a good ambassador for the conifers we all love.

If re-elected, I will do my best to represent you well.

Martin Stone - Candidate for Vice President



Dr. Martin Stone is the Director of the Baker Arboretum and the Leichhardt Professor of Horticulture at Western Kentucky University.

In regard to the ACS, he served as the inaugural chair of the ACS Research Committee and is a current member of that body. He is a

Past President of the Southeast Region and hosted an ACS regional meeting at the Baker Arboretum. He has published in the *Conifer Quarterly* and spoken at several conifer meetings and attended many more. He enjoys being a fellow conehead and learning about conifers. His favorite part about the membership is the fellowship with other conifer lovers.

Volunteers Needed. Details Soon!

The Southeast Region will host the 2023 National Meeting in Charlotte, April 26-28, 2023. Many volunteers will be needed for this event.

Watch for the email you'll receive soon, with details about the conference and the tasks you can sign up for. Enjoy yourself while helping make the 2023 National Meeting the best ever!

Around the Southeast Region

The ACS Announces a Photo Contest and 2023 ACS Calendar

All you photo bugs out there, get your best photos together for the ACS Photo Contest! We all take photos of our plants and gardens each year, and now is the chance to show them off. Winning photos will illustrate the 2023 ACS calendar, and entries to the contest will be showcased at the ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia during group meetings. Here is your chance to get your photos seen by your fellow members!

Guidelines for American Conifer Society 2022 Photo Contest Entries

Categories:

- ◆ Conifer portraits - all or part of a conifer
 - ◆ Garden shots
 - ◆ People and conifers
 - ◆ Conifers through the seasons
- Minor photo editing, such as cropping and minor color and light correction, is allowed. Please avoid over-manipulation and enhancement of images. No borders or text should be used.
 - Submitting an entry grants the American Conifer Society (ACS) the right to reprint or republish submitted photograph(s) in any of the newsletters, journals, or websites published by ACS or any of its Regions.

First, second, and third place winners in each category will be published in the 2023 ACS Calendar.

Rules:

1. Only current ACS members may participate in the contest.
2. Photos must be at least 300 dpi. (Tip: Set your camera options to the highest resolution and picture size possible.) Photos should be submitted in .jpeg format.
3. Limit of 5 (five) submissions per member per category.
4. Digital photography ONLY.
5. Deadline is **September 1, 2022**.
6. Email your photos - one photograph per email - to photocontest@conifersociety.org
7. The file name for each photo should include
 - ◆ **The category**
 - ◆ **Name of conifer and/or garden location and/or people/person in photo**
 - ◆ **The photographer's full name**

Photos will be judged on originality, composition, technical excellence, overall impact, and artistic merit using the 4Cs — Creativity, Craft, Composition, Content.

All judging decisions are final.

Around the Southeast Region In Remembrance

Maud Henne

1936 – 2021



Maud with 'Maud'

Maud B. Henne passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 5th, 2021 in Charlottesville, Virginia. She will be missed by friends not just in Charlottesville, but all across the globe. Maud spent the first part of her life in Hamburg, Germany. The bombings of WWII took her family's house and all their belongings more than once. Still, after the war, she got a good education and was able to rise through the ranks to an executive position with the German Tourist Board.

It was in 1972 that her life in the USA started. She married her husband, Reinhard,

in January of 1974, at which time she moved to Rochester, NY. In 1976, they moved to Charlottesville into their beloved house that she described as "just one mountain over from Monticello". There, Reinhard embarked on a 45-year project of creating a dwarf conifer garden. When he passed away fifteen years into this, Maud took over the project with love and devotion, working with the Tree Stewards and the American Conifer Society, even serving as Treasurer and a term as President for the ACS.

Maud was a true Renaissance woman. She loved classical music, sang in the Hamburg choir, played classical guitar, painted colorful acrylic art, and was an award winning photographer. Professionally, she was the business manager for the German school in Washington, a real estate agent with Montague Miller & Co, and in her later years, a driving instructor for seniors.

Maud Henne and her late husband Reinhard started their conifer collection around 1985 and became members of the ACS in 1986. Maud was ACS executive secretary while Jordan Jack was ACS president, and between the two of them, they created the Southeast Region of the ACS.

Maud was a driving force in the Southeast Region for many years. She held the office of Regional President and was the newsletter editor until 2015. She also organized several conifer events, including the regional meeting. She started the Outstanding Service Award for the Southeast Region when she gave Jordan Jack the award during one of the first regional meetings. She was the recipient of the first Southeast Signature Plant, *Thuja occidentalis* 'Maud', named in her honor.

Ron Elardo

1948 – 2022

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of Ronald J. 'Ron' Elardo, Ph. D., Adrian, MI, on May 17, 2022, at home with family at his side.

The ACS lost a good friend, member, conifer lover, and editor of the *CONIFERQuarterly* on that day. Ron became a member of the ACS in 2008, and was hired in 2009 to serve as Editor of the CQ. You can read Ron's article introducing himself to the ACS in the Spring 2010 issue. Ron continued as the CQ Editor for 13 years, making his the longest tenure of any editor.

In addition to his work with the CQ, the national publication of the ACS, he also gave generously of his time to proof-reading and editing the *SER Quarterly*. He was a kind and gentle man. He will be greatly missed.

Ron lived close to Hidden Lake Gardens (HLG). After his brother died, Ron wanted to endow a garden at HLG in memory of his brother. When Ron met Chub Harper, Chub convinced him to shorten the name for the memorial garden to the Elardo Garden.

Ron also volunteered for a period of time as one of the Harper Collection Guardians, a group that met twice a year to monitor the conifer collection and make recommendations for improvement and maintenance. In 2012, Ron and Steve Courtney co-edited the book *People & Plants, The Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers*. The book won a national award for its category the year it was published.

Ron's academic and professional career focused on writing, editing, and language. He received a doctorate from the the University of Michigan, a masters from Purdue University and a bachelors from the University of Buffalo. Ron was a professor at Adrian College from 1980-2007, and held both academic and union leadership positions.

Please keep Ron's wife, Susan, and family in your thoughts and prayers.



Photo from Ron's Twitter page

Upcoming Events

ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA – America's Garden Capital September 15-18, 2022

My name is Mike Larkin. I am Past President of the ACS Northeast Region, and I wish to invite you to join your ACS friends in Philadelphia for this year's National Conference and, for those who have available time, the following Post Conference Tour. Philadelphia is known as "America's Garden Capital," with more than 30 gardens in a 30-mile radius of the city. We will be visiting many of these during the conference and post tour. With the availability of these gardens and numerous historical sites, you will find many opportunities for a very memorable visit.

The conference kicks off on September 15 with dinner and keynote address by William Thomas, Executive Director of the Chanticleer Foundation, on "The Art of Gardening at Chanticleer." Bill is a life member and former president of the ACS. His address will surely whet our appetites for the following public gardens that we will visit during the next two days: Chanticleer, Morris Arboretum, Stoneleigh, and Ambler Arboretum of Temple University. Additionally, the conference will include visits to the private gardens of Fred and

Helen
Consaley
and Michael Kates.

The conference will be held at Marriott Hotel in West Conshohocken, PA, about 10 miles northwest of downtown Philadelphia. Contact the hotel for reservations.

For those who want to see still more gardens, we are offering a special Post Conference Tour that will visit gardens around the New Hope, PA, area and NJ on September 18 through 20. During this Post Tour, we will visit four unique public garden sites (two of them with specialty nurseries) and three outstanding private gardens. Unwind in the evenings at the elegant Golden Plough Inn in New Hope, PA, and with a Murder Mystery dinner thrown in Sunday night for entertainment.

Enrollment is limited for each event, so please register as soon as possible to ensure your place. Registration forms for both events can be found on the "Upcoming Events" part of the ACS website and in this newsletter. I look forward to welcoming many of you to our 2022 Philadelphia events.

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Consalves Garden *Photo provided by the Consalves*

ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA – September 15–18, 2022 Program Description and Highlights by Judy Snow

You've heard the old moniker "Philadelphia, City of Brotherly Love", a reference to its founding by the Quakers. You also learned in grade school about Philadelphia's deep roots in American history as the first capital, where the Constitution was drafted and signed. But did you know that Philadelphia is also "America's Garden Capital", with more than 30 gardens in a 30-mile radius of the city? The two titles have a logical connection.

The Quakers, good farmers and businessmen, prospered in the Philadelphia area. In 1728, John Bartram, a third-generation Pennsylvania Quaker, settled on a farm near Philadelphia and established a nursery, the oldest in the country. John and his son William collected plants up and down the eastern seaboard and did a thriving business exchanging plants with wealthy collectors in England and the American colonies. Franklin, Washington, and Jefferson were among their famous clients. In time, the Quakers and other prosperous businessmen built large estates in the area, often with beautiful gardens and collections of conifers and other unusual plants. Some of these estates are among the 30-plus gardens that make Philadelphia "America's Garden Capital". We'll be visiting several of

these as part of the 2022 ACS National Conference, but there are so many others that you should consider taking a few extra days to see more of them, along with the art and history in the area.

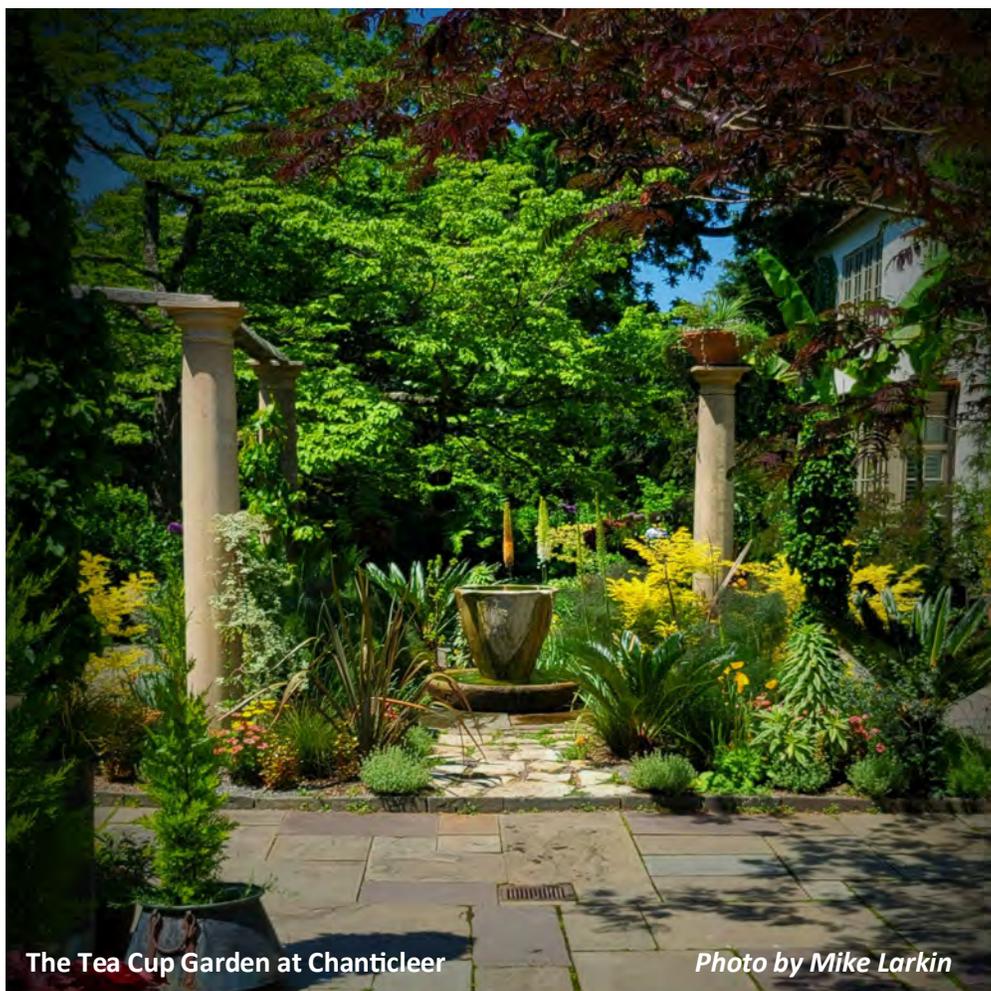
Program Overview: The ACS planning team (Michael Larkin and Frank Goodhart) has lined up a great schedule of talks and visits to several public and private gardens. Public gardens include Chanticleer, Morris Arboretum, Stoneleigh, and Ambler Arboretum of Temple University. The last two were recently awarded ACS Reference Garden status. Private gardens on the schedule are those of Fred and Helen Consaley and Michael Kates. You won't want to miss the popular conifer auction on Saturday night and the parking lot sale on Sunday. For those who still haven't had enough, there will be more post-conference garden visits around the New Hope, PA, area and in New Jersey, September 18 – 20. Tentative plans are to visit public gardens, including the Scott Arboretum, Grounds for Sculpture, the Gardens at Mill Fleurs, and Paxton Hill Farm, as well as the private gardens of ACS members Ed Shinn and Ridge Goodwin. More details on the post-conference tour will follow in the next issue of the *CQ*, and a list of all gardens

to be visited will be available to registrants before the Conference. COVID-19 issues may require changes to the schedule along the way.

Home base for the 2022 meeting is the Marriott Hotel in West Conshohocken, PA, about 10 miles northwest of downtown Philadelphia. The meeting kicks off on Sept. 15 with dinner and a talk by William Thomas, Executive Director of the Chanticleer Foundation, on "The Art of Gardening at Chanticleer". Bill is a life member and former president of the ACS. He'll whet our appetites for a visit the following morning to **Chanticleer, A Pleasure Garden**

(chanticleergarden.org), a 35-acre estate in nearby Wayne, PA. Considered one of the most imaginative and romantic public gardens in the US, the garden combines contemporary plantings within a historic setting. The property was the country home of Adolph and

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The Tea Cup Garden at Chanticleer

Photo by Mike Larkin

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Christine Rosengarten, whose pharmaceutical firm became part of Merck in the 1920's. Adolph Jr. left the property for the enjoyment and education of the public following his death in 1990. Magnificent trees; unique, staff-made furniture; and decorative features add to the overall effect, along with rooster motifs throughout the garden. The conifer collection includes 87 species in 28 genera, representing seven families.



Maloney Garden, Morris Arboretum

Photo courtesy of Morris Arboretum

The **Morris Arboretum** (morrisarboretum.org) was originally the summer home of Quaker siblings John and Lydia Morris, heirs to an iron-manufacturing fortune. Both were avid plant collectors who shared a vision that their estate would eventually become a public garden and an educational institution. On their extensive travels, they collected plants, art, and garden design ideas from around the world. Today more than 14,000 labeled plants from North America, Asia, Africa, and Europe comprise the Arboretum's living collection. Plants collected in China by E.H. Wilson in the late 1800's and early 1900's form the foundation of the historic Asian collection. Significant plant collections include conifers (15 genera from four families), hollies, magnolias, oaks, maples, roses, flowering cherries, and witch-hazels. In 1932, the estate became the official arboretum of Pennsylvania, administered by the University of Pennsylvania. Its magnificent garden

displays, sweeping views, and champion specimen trees showcase the region's best horticultural practices and plant selections. The Arboretum's research on Pennsylvania's plant species and their habitats and its plant collecting expeditions conserve plant diversity, vital for proper environmental stewardship.

On the main line in Villanova, PA, lies **Stoneleigh** (stoneleighgarden.org), formerly an elegant country estate, is now the newest public garden in the Philadelphia area. This spectacular property was the home of the Haas family for three generations. In 2016, it was donated to Natural Lands, the region's largest and oldest land conservation foundation. Stoneleigh's conifer collection is comprised of species native to the temperate forests and grasslands of the eastern US, with a focus on taxa native to the Mid-Atlantic, New England, and Southeast regions. There are

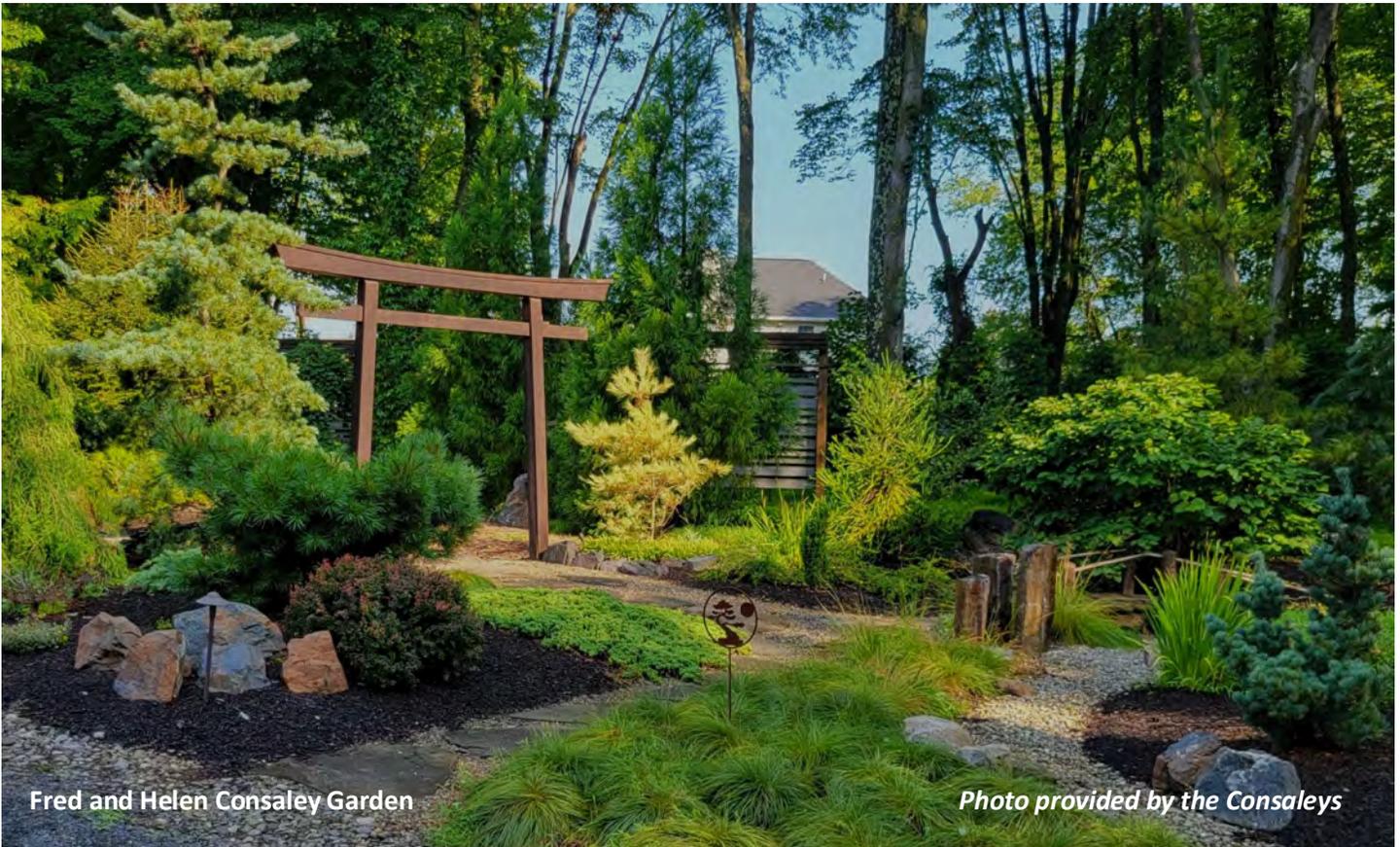


Stoneleigh Garden

Photo by Mike Larkin

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Fred and Helen Consaley Garden

Photo provided by the Consaleys

also many notable specimens of non-native conifers, all planted during Stoneleigh's time as a private estate, including many by the renowned Olmsted Brothers' Landscape Architecture Firm. Splendid examples of 100-year-old *Thuja occidentalis*, *Chamaecyparis pisifera*, and *Tsuga canadensis* can be found across the garden's 42 acres, along with 45 additional species and more than 110 more recently planted conifer cultivars. Stoneleigh became an ACS Reference Garden in 2020.

Another new addition to the Reference Garden roster is the **Ambler Arboretum** of Temple University (ambler.temple.edu/arboretum). Formerly a farm, this property became the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women in 1911. It was founded by Jane Bowne Haines, who inherited her love of horticulture from her Quaker family. Today, as a part of the campus of Temple University, the Ambler Arboretum offers degree programs in horticulture and landscape architecture, as well as non-credit programs in floral design and aquaponics. The focus of the ACS visit will be the Colibraro Conifer Garden, dedicated in 2010 and donated by the Colibraro family. The garden includes 70 exquisite, dwarf conifer cultivars, surrounded by full-sized examples of some of the same species, offering a unique opportunity for study and comparison. More than 40 other species/cultivars are located throughout the campus. Sadly, Ambler Arboretum was badly damaged by a tornado spawned by Hurricane Ida. Director Kathleen Salisbury will give us a presentation about "Gardens Past, the Current Destruction, and Future Plans for the Arboretum".

The two private gardens that we will visit are just as impressive for their size as public gardens, given that they don't have the public resources and staff to develop and maintain them. They're also focused heavily on conifers, which heightens their appeal to ACS members. The **Consaley** garden, called Sanctuary Much, was carved out of a densely wooded 10-acre lot. Fred and Helen Consaley started the garden 40 years ago, but most of the expansion has taken place during the last 20 years. The garden offers several different areas or "rooms", featuring a few dozen conifer cultivars, as well as many deciduous selections. An aura of peace prevails from the flower beds around the pool and house to the Koi pond-garden, through the woodland walkway and an Asian-themed stroll-garden. The natural stream bed with its native plants and other points of interest also add to the relaxed atmosphere. All of this was designed to maintain the rustic forest feel of the garden.

The garden of **Michael Kates**, planted over the past 21 years, provides a sense of journey and peaceable comfort. A

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multitude of pebbled paths invite a contemplative ramble through the diverse, one-acre suburban property, allowing close access to more than 150 cultivars of conifers and Japanese maples in a wide array of forms. A manicured expanse of lawn provides long vistas of grouped dwarf conifers, dominated by variegated blue and gold cultivars.

Weeping specimens span numerous arbors, epitomized by a 20-foot *Taxodium* (bald cypress) tunnel. Surrounding a natural pool are impressive specimens of

Pinus densiflora 'Oculus Draconis' (dragon's eye Korean pine), *Pinus wallechia* 'Zebrina' (zebra-striped Himalayan white pine), *Pinus strobus* 'Pendula' (weeping white pine), and *Cedrus atlantica* 'Pendula' (weeping Atlantic cedar). There are several places to sit contemplatively in the shade. Mike's favorite is under a densely branched Ashe Magnolia (*Magnolia ashei*) overlooking the 7th green of the adjacent golf course. Other highlights include a cone-bearing Japanese umbrella pine (*Sciadopitys verticillata*), a thriving *Franklinia alatamaha* (Franklin tree), and a myriad of miniature conifers, happily filling in the limited spaces available.

More delights follow on the aforementioned post-conference tour. If these are not enough to tempt you to plan a longer stay, consider the many other attractions nearby. These include the world-famous Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum of Art, featuring the Wyeth family's iconic paintings, the Hagley Museum and Library, Winterthur Museum, the Nemours Estate, and many more of the 30-plus gardens in America's Garden Capital. Be sure to check out that website (americasgardencapital.org) for more ideas. Save the dates and start planning!

Registration and Post-Meeting Tour information is available at conifersociety.org.



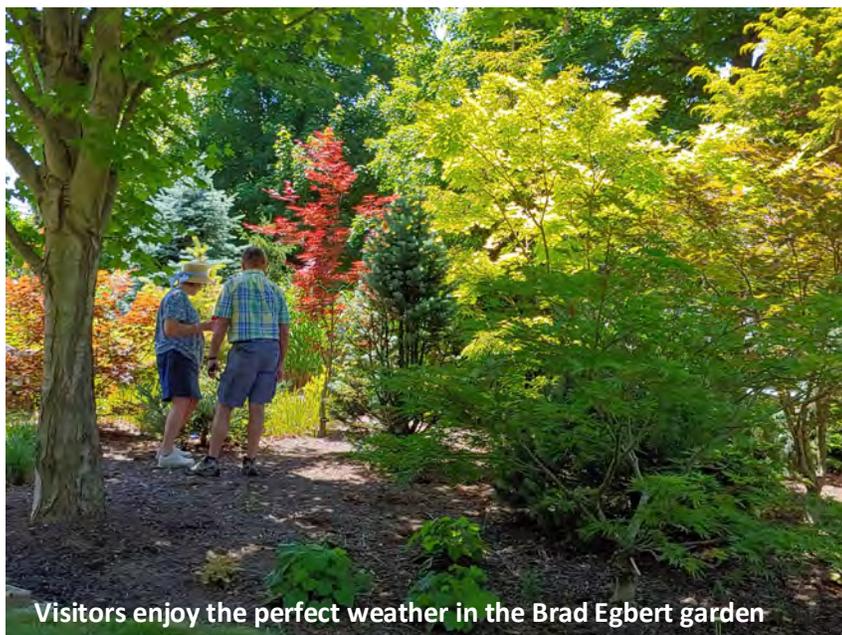
Michael Kates' Garden

Photo provided by Michael Kates

And a Good Time was Had By All!

A Report from the Central Region's Soiree

By Sandy Horn



Visitors enjoy the perfect weather in the Brad Egbert garden

I have only recently returned from Dayton, OH, where the Central Region's Conifer College and Annual Meeting was held in absolutely perfect weather. I attended sessions by Bob Fincham, a founding member and first President of the ACS, who presented my first lecture during the Conifer College, where I also picked up tips on pruning conifers, as well as which Japanese maples make good companion plants. I and close to 150 other cone-heads visited beautiful gardens and attended Bob Fincham's keynote address, at the end of the day. We ended the gathering by attending the parking lot sale on Sunday morning, where we picked up even more beautiful plants and fine gardening tools to add to those we had won at the fabulous auctions of

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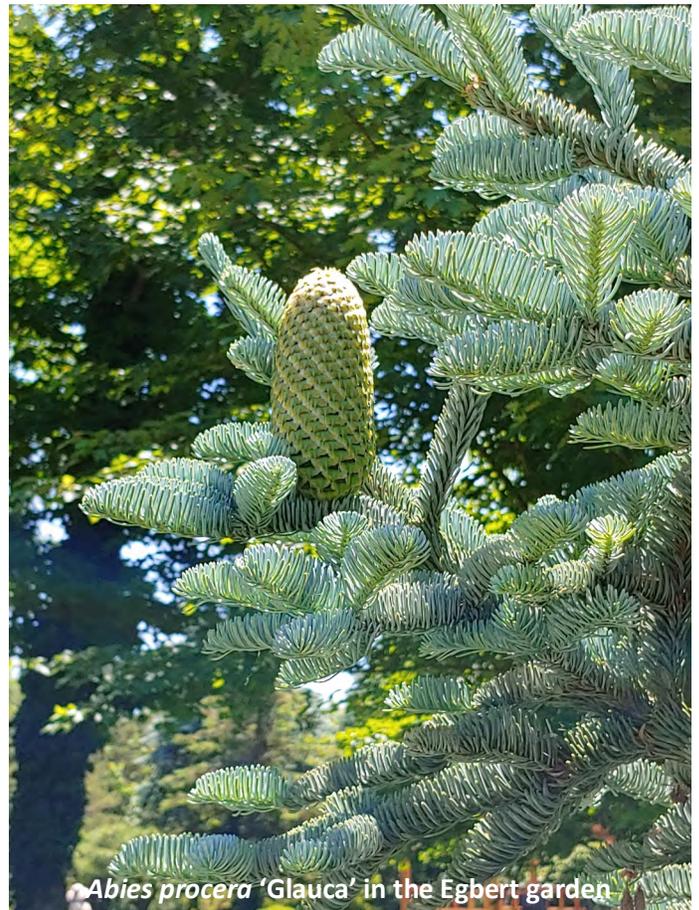
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Container gardens on the Egbert garden deck

the previous evening. For those whose bids had come up a bit short, the “Morning After” sale was a real morale booster. We all left Dayton with a smile and maybe a few new plants, greatly cheered by the opportunity to visit with like-minded conifer lovers for the first time in years. Thank you to our Central Region hosts for putting on such a fun and informative event.

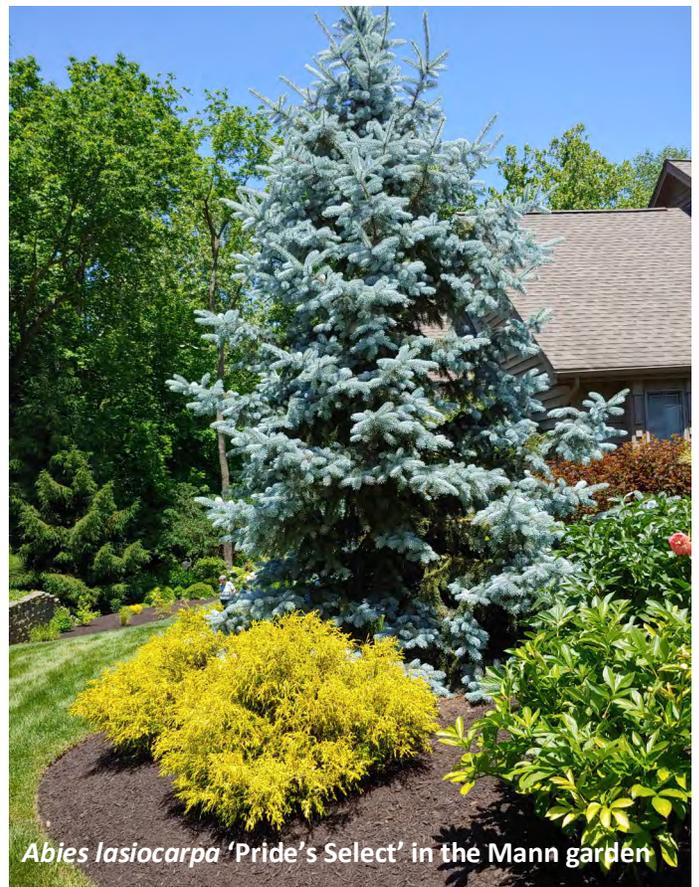
I hope you enjoy these photographs from the event’s tour gardens--the gardens of Bob and Karen Iames, Greg and Bette Rau, Robin and Gary Mann, and Brad Egbert. Perhaps they will inspire you to attend the National Meeting in September, where we can once again share the company of friends and our mutual love of conifers.



Abies procera ‘Glauca’ in the Egbert garden



Early morning in the Iames garden.



Abies lasiocarpa ‘Pride’s Select’ in the Mann garden

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Above left: a water feature in the Rau garden.

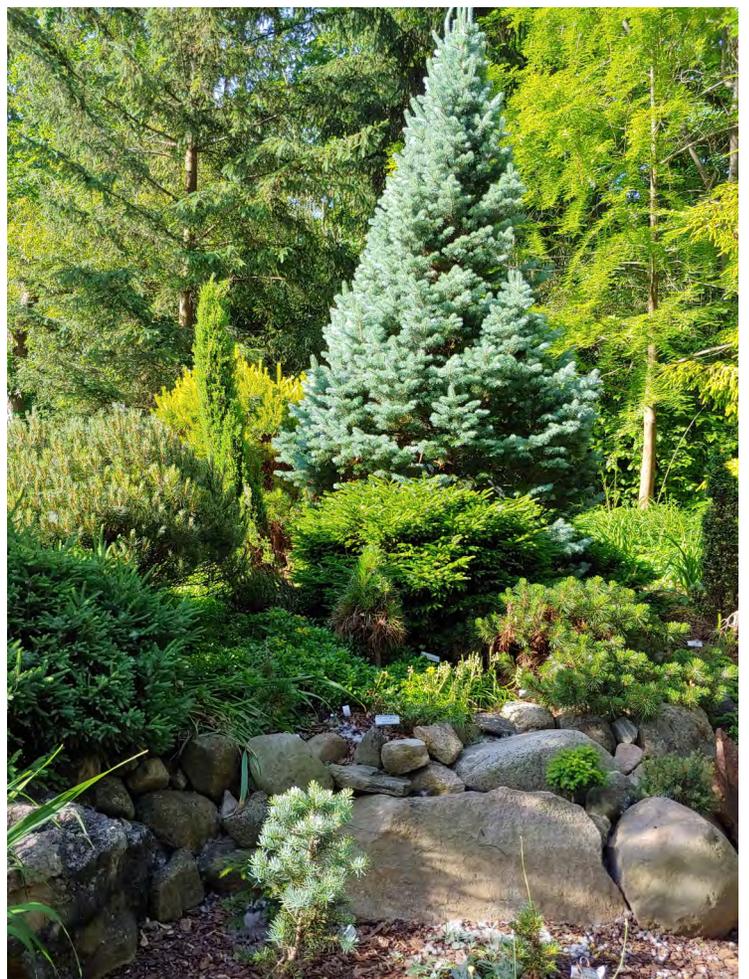
Above right: the liames' beautiful *Abies concolor* 'Hosta la Vista'.



Two of Robin Mann's amazing hostas, hybridized by her father.

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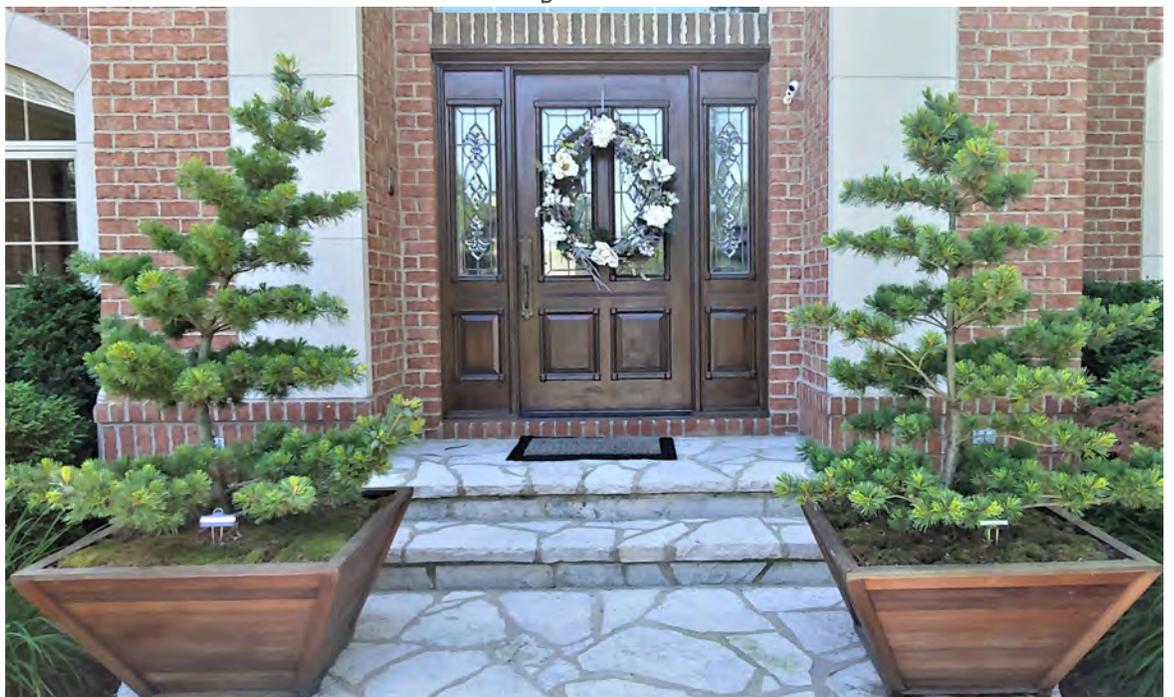
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Left: This huge thistle adds architectural drama to the Rau garden. Above: A lovely woodland scene from the liames garden.

The formal entrance to the Egberts' home is framed by two sculpted specimens of *Pinus parviflora* 'Goldilocks'.

Hope to see you in Philly!



In the Garden

A Review of the ARS Telescopic LongReach Pruner

By Sandy Horn



The Morning After sale in Dayton.



The Central Region's Morning After sale found many conference attendees eager to indulge in a last minute splurge before heading for home after the conference, and plants weren't the only things on offer. Tool lovers such as myself could also pick up something special, so I gave myself the present of the really cool ARS Telescopic 180ZF LongReach Pruner.

Collapsed to their shortest length, they measure 49", but with the press of a lever, they expand to an additional 15" or 30", depending upon your needs. The added length might have made them unwieldy except for the fact that

they're made of aluminum and are extremely light while maintaining their strength. Everything works smoothly and feels strong and reliable, and they can handle anything your normal pruners can with about the same amount of effort. Don't expect to cut anything bigger than you could with your hand pruners.

The grip is very similar to a good pair of hand pruners, and the blades are very sharp. A crucial feature is that you can easily rotate the cutting head up to 360° by turning the shaft while holding the grips, so it's easy to get the correct angle on your target from a distance.

When I bought these, I thought I'd mostly use them for pruning higher branches, but as I tested them out for this article, I realized that they're going to be useful for way more than that! In fact, I may use them even more for reaching into hard-to-access locations. See the picture of using them to prune the interior of a pine.

I tested these pruners on a 12' camellia in my front yard. I was able to do all the pruning from the ground, except for the center top of the tree. I needed a three-step ladder to get to the center top because I couldn't get a good angle on it from the ground.

I can tell I'm going to get a lot of use from these pruners and not just because I have another huge camellia in my back yard. Good tools are a joy to own and to use. Happy gardening!



Pruning the interior of a pine.



My 12' camellia, prior to pruning.



My camellia after pruning.

SER Reference Garden Grant Report

UT Gardens, Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens

Text and Photos by Shalena Durkot, Garden Coordinator, UT Gardens, Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens



Storm damage that cleared the way for the new mixed screen demonstration area.

Who knew losing some trees could end up being a blessing in disguise? Typically, I would never agree to such, but in this case there was definitely a silver lining. We lost several pine trees due to a supercell that came through the property. The loss and damage seemed devastating until I received news of a grant opportunity from the

Southeast Region of the American Conifer Society. The clearing created by the storm became a great space for a new 'Mixed Screen' demonstration plot, the perfect scenario to incorporate some nice conifer specimens. While there is a mix of broadleaf evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs, we were able to add eleven new conifers to



The planting begins!

our reference garden collection. These include *Chamaecyparis nootkatenensis* 'Pendula', *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Sunny Swirl', *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Vintage Gold', *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Bandai-sugi', *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Gyokuryu', *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Yoshino', *Cupressus arizonica* 'Carolina Sapphire', *Pinus flexilis* 'Vanderwolf's Pyramid', *Pinus thunbergii*

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'Thunderhead', *Thuja* 'Green Giant', and *Thuja occidentalis* 'Yellow Ribbon'.

This project was completed at a total cost of \$2460, thanks to some plant donations from University staff and a Reference Garden sponsor. The cost included topsoil, plants, soil conditioner, and mulch. The \$1000 grant we received from the American Conifer Society helped make this project and the addition to our conifer collection possible.

UT Gardens, Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens is open 365 days per year during daylight hours. It is free to visit and part of our state's botanical garden. Come and see these new conifers along with others placed throughout the Gardens. We are located at 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville, Tennessee 38571.



Volunteers hard at work on the new planting bed.



Several of the conifers planted in the new demonstration area.



Another view of the new planting bed.



ACS SOUTHEAST REGION CONIFER REFERENCE GARDENS

Gardens of the Big Bend, Quincy, FL

Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA

Armstrong State University Arboretum Conifer Garden,
Savannah, GA

Lockerly Arboretum, Milledgeville, GA

Smith-Gilbert Gardens, Kennesaw, GA

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, GA

Baker Arboretum, Bowling Green, KY

JC Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC

Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, SC

Hatcher Garden-Woodland Preserve, Spartanburg, SC

Historic Columbia, Columbia, SC

Moore Farms Botanical Garden, Lake City, SC

East TN State University Arboretum, Johnson City, TN

Memphis Botanic Garden, Memphis, TN

University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, TN

Plateau Discovery Gardens, UT Gardens, Crossville, TN

**West Tennessee Research and Education Center
Gardens**, Univ. of TN Jackson, Jackson, TN

Al Gardner Memorial Conifer Garden, Reynolds
Community College, Goochland, VA

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA

Norfolk Botanical Garden, Norfolk, VA

State Arboretum of Virginia, Boyce, VA

**Map of all ACS Reference Gardens, with complete
addresses:**

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?
mid=1QV5L1IEQx20qcpXAPI1GyVPMwKLnTYt&ll=43.03](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1QV5L1IEQx20qcpXAPI1GyVPMwKLnTYt&ll=43.03)

When you go to the Southeast Region Reference Garden Map via the link provided above, clicking on the name of a reference garden in the list on the left zooms the map to that garden's location and provides information on the garden you clicked. Click on a star to identify gardens in locations you may want to visit. Depending upon what's available, you will see any or all of the following: the physical address, phone number, web site, photos, and a link to click if you need directions. Our Reference Gardens are a treasure! Visit soon!

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Garden Markers

- ★ Al Gardner Memorial Conifer Garden
- ★ Armstrong State University Arboretum Conifer ...
- ★ Atlanta Botanical Garden
- ★ Baker Arboretum
- ★ Brookgreen Gardens
- ★ East Tennessee State University Arboretum
- ★ Gardens of the Big Bend
- ★ Hatcher Garden-Woodland Preserve
- ★ Historic Columbia
- ★ JC Raulston Arboretum
- ★ Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- ★ Lockerly Arboretum
- ★ Memphis Botanic Garden
- ★ Moore Farms Botanical Garden
- ★ Norfolk Botanical Garden
- ★ Smith-Gilbert Gardens
- ★ State Arboretum of Virginia
- ★ The State Botanical Garden of Georgia
- ★ University of Tennessee Gardens
- ★ UT Gardens, Crossville, Plateau Discovery Gard...
- ★ West Tennessee Research and Education Cent...

Newsletter Wrap-up



Hi, Everyone,

I returned just yesterday from the Conifer College and Central Region Conference in Dayton, OH. What a wonderful time that was! The temperature at my place in Cary, NC, was expected to reach 96° the day I left, but the weather in Dayton was glorious all three days, with clear skies, a refreshing, light breeze, and highs in the mid-70's. The auctions were spectacular, and the parking lot sale on Sunday morning was one of the best ever. I came home with several new plants for my own collection and an extendable ACS pruner, too!

It was my first "large group" outing since 2019, and I was still nervous enough to wear a mask for indoor events, but I was one of very few who felt the need. I got plenty of actual face time, though, since the whole day of the conference was spent in beautiful gardens, and there was a lovely outdoor seating area for lunch both days, all the better to enjoy the perfect weather. It was such a pleasure to listen to the wisdom of plantsmen and women from across the US and to share gardening successes, failures, and projects while catching up with old friends.

It's also good to be home--just another benefit of travel, and not the least of them. Coming home with new ideas, memories, and experiences - and plants, too! - fills me with a feeling of anticipation and renewed energy. Once I apologize to my two cats for being away, I head into the garden to see what needs doing first, finding along the way a tree to which I can apply the techniques I picked up in the pruning class or a place where I might be able to create a container display inspired by one of the gardens we visited. I am already looking forward to the ACS National Meeting in Philly, this September. I hope you are, too!

Sandy

Share Your Tips ! In the Garden

Share your garden tips and tricks, favorite tools or design ideas, successes, and failures. Tell your fellow ACS members how you made a path, built a new planting bed, dug up a stump, dealt with weeds, defeated a fungus or a critter (2-, 4-, 6-, or 8-legged!). How do you fertilize, make compost, or improve your soil? Do you have a strategy for moving big rocks, digging up stumps, or draining swampy ground? What's the best way to help a new planting succeed?

Send your helpful thoughts to us, along with a picture or two, and be our next "In the Garden" author. We look forward to hearing from you!

Help Us Raise Needed Money!
Bloomin' Bucks
with Brent and Becky's

You can order bulbs from Brent and Becky's and support the Southeast Region at the same time, so why not take advantage of this opportunity to surprise fill your garden with color, this year? It's easy to do, and you'll be so glad you did! Instead of going directly to the Brent and Becky's website, go to **BloominBucks.com** and select **American Conifer Society Southeast Region** from the dropdown menu. You will then be taken to the Brent and Becky's website, and 25% of anything you spend there will go to the Southeast Region! You don't pay anything extra for your bulbs, but your purchases will support the Southeast Region. **Happy Planting!**

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Remember! Deadline for the September 15th newsletter is August 15th!