

### Newsflash!

## 2009 Convention Site Selected

Dear Fellow Seedsmen,

Vickie and I would like to invite you and your family to attend the 2009 NC Seedsmen's Association Annual Convention July 25-28 at the Hilton Riverside in Wilmington N.C. This landmark hotel in the heart of the historic downtown area just completed an \$11 million renovation and offers ready access to all that Wilmington and the surrounding area offers. Within walking access or a short 10 minute drive are local museums, boutique shopping at the Cotton Exchange, riverboat tours, WW II Battleship, N.C. historic home tours, North Carolina's Hollywood location-home to 400+ film credits and don't forget the beach.

More information will be forth coming regarding reservations, activities and program options so let's stay in touch.

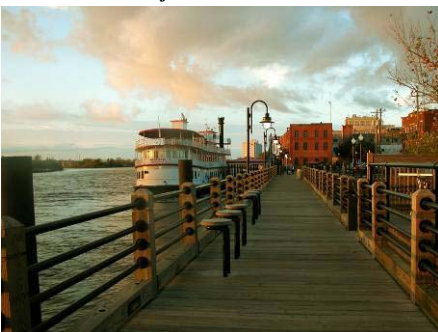
Wilmington offers an exciting destination to host our annual convention and we are looking forward to a memorable family oriented convention for you and yours.

See you in Wilmington!

Billy and Vickie Barrow



Hilton Riverside, Wilmington, NC – site of 2009 Convention



Wilmington Riverwalk

### NCSA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the recent convention at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC, new officers were elected to serve the Association for 2008-2009:

**President:**

**Billy Barrow**  
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**Secretary-Treasurer:**

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Bud Hughes, SSA President, presented plaques to outgoing President David Davenport and incoming President Billy Barrow.

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### 2008-2009 NCSA COMMITTEES

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Kim Foster**  
Berry Lewis  
A. O. Roberts  
Pieter Westerbeeck

**NECROLOGY**

**Jerry Small**  
Dianne Coats  
Dave Sawyer

**SEEDSMAN OF THE YEAR**

**Doug Register**  
Berry Lewis  
Jerry Small

**LEGISLATIVE AND LIAISON**

**Sam Lee**  
David Davenport  
Phil Farmer

**SHORT COURSE**

**Chris Hege**  
Billy Barrow  
Daryl Bowman  
Phil Farmer  
Dave Sawyer  
Jan Spears

**PR GOOD SEED PROMOTION**

**Berry Lewis**  
Dustin Auman  
David Davenport  
Sam Lee  
Matt Renfrow  
A. O. Roberts  
Jan Spears

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**Marion Dilday**  
David Davenport  
Marian Keech  
Elbert Long  
Pieter Westerbeeck

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

**Chris Hege**  
Kyle Edwards  
Marian Keech

**AUDIT**

**A. O. Roberts**  
Billy Barrow  
Kyle Edwards  
Kim Foster  
Doug Register

**NOMINATIONS**

**Sam Lee**  
David Davenport  
Marion Dilday  
Kim Foster

**BULLETIN**

**Dianne Coats**  
Marian Keech  
Jan Spears  
Rick Strecker

**ADVISORY**

**Marion Dilday**  
Kyle Edwards  
Phil Farmer  
Sam Lee  
Elbert Long

Committee chair names are **BOLD**

# NCSA NEWS & UPDATES (continued)

## Farmer-Saved Wheat Seed: Regulations You Should Be Aware Of

J. F. Spears – Extension Seed Specialist  
Rand Weisz – Extension Small Grain Specialist  
Department of Crop Science  
North Carolina State University

### Patented Wheat Seed And Plant Back

As small grain planting time draws closer, growers are deciding which varieties to plant and where they will get their seed. Some have already booked seed with their dealer, some are waiting to see how the year progresses before making this decision, and some will rely on seed they grew last year on their own farms. In the past, other than quality issues, saving wheat seed to plant back on your farm was not a concern. **Today however, some wheat varieties carry a utility patent that makes saving seed of these varieties illegal.** Growers are urged to look closely at what seed they are considering saving for plant-back. If the grain in the bin was produced from seed of a patented variety, growers should sell that as grain and select other sources of seed to plant.

### Plant Back For Cover Crops?

Some growers may have questions about their right to save seed based on their intended use of that seed. For example, **what if I am only planting cover crop wheat? Can I save seed from a patented wheat variety? The answer is no.** It does not matter what the crop will be used for. No seed of patented varieties can be saved for planting purposes regardless of the intended use of the crop.

### Patented Seed And Custom Cleaners

What about custom seed cleaners? What are their responsibilities? **Custom cleaners are liable for any seed of patented varieties found in their facility.** To avoid law suits, custom cleaners should consider having growers sign statements related to the identity of the seed to be cleaned, including the variety name, the company that sells the variety, the farm from which the seed came, the amount of seed to be cleaned, and the name and address of the person requesting cleaning service. While taking these steps will not eliminate liability risk it will substantially decrease it and should reduce the risk of the cleaner being guilty of willful infringement.

### Avoid Violations

Violation of patent laws is serious and penalties can be substantial. Growers, retail dealers, and custom cleaners should be aware of all Federal and State laws pertaining to saving seed and handling seed. Your county Cooperative Extension Service has publications that describe the regulations and your responsibilities for handling protected varieties. Contact your local extension office for copies of these publications.

## Scholarship Recipients

The 2008 / 2009 recipients of NCSA scholarships are:

Delta & Pine Land Company Scholarship  
\$2,000 - Michael Grady Davis, Pendleton, NC,  
Junior, Agronomy major,  
Agronomic Science concentration

George & Gladys Spain Scholarship  
\$2000 - Matthew D. Jeffries, Asheboro, NC,  
Senior, Turfgrass Science major

James & Lois Jeffreys Scholarship  
\$2,000 – Phillip Ryan Faulk, Sanford, NC,  
Senior, Agronomy major,  
Agronomic Science concentration

Marion & Jane Dilday Scholarship  
\$2,000 – Wesley Seth Toler, Washington, NC,  
Senior, Agronomy major,  
Crop Production concentration

Severn Peanut/Hampton Farms Scholarship  
\$2,000 Christopher Hayden Eure, Hertford,  
NC, Sophomore, Agronomy major,  
Crop Production concentration

Gold Leaf Seed Co. Tobacco Fellowship  
\$2,000 – Vijay Vontimitta, Raleigh, NC

Foil W. McLaughlin Fellowship  
\$2,000 – Blake D. Bowen, Raleigh, NC

SSA/NCSA Scholarship  
\$2,000 – Phillip Ryan Faulk, Sanford, NC  
Senior, Agronomy major,  
Agronomic Science concentration

NCSA Scholarship  
\$1,000 – Chad W. Harrell, Eure, NC, Junior,  
Agronomy major,  
Crop Production concentration

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### How Many People Does One Farmer Feed?

In 1930 one farmer supplied food for 9.8 people  
In 1940 one farmer supplied food for 10.7 people  
In 1950 one farmer supplied food for 15.5 people  
In 1960 one farmer supplied food for 25.8people  
In 1970 one farmer supplied food for 47.7 people  
In 1980 one farmer supplied food for 75.7 people  
In 1990 one farmer supplied food for 100 people  
Today one farmer supplies food for about 129 people

## 2008 CONVENTION SPONSORS

We would like to salute the following companies for their generous contributions for the 2008 convention. Without their support, we would not be able to have the wonderful conventions we've become known for.

- AB Seed Laboratory, LLC, Norcross, GA**
- AgCarolina Financial, Raleigh, NC**
- AgriPro Coker Wheat, Wilmington, NC**
- Bayer CropScience, Rocky Mount, NC**
- Birdsong Peanut, Suffolk, VA**
- Canaan Logistics, Inc., Cullman, AL**
- Cardinal Chemicals, Wilson, NC**
- Carolina Eastern, Scranton, SC**
- Lewis M. Carter Mfg., Donalsonville, GA**
- Chem-Nut, Albany, GA**
- Cherry Farms Seed Co., Columbia, NC**
- Circle Grove Seeds, Belhaven, NC**
- Coastal Agrobusiness, Greenville, NC**
- Colonial Bag Company, Lake Park, GA**
- Crop Production Serv., Washington, NC**
- Cross Creek Seed, Inc., Raeford, NC**
- JP Davenport & Son, Greenville, NC**
- Eure Seed Farms, Hertford, NC**
- Garner Seed Company, Denton, NC**
- Gerard Seed Company, Washington, NC**
- Gold Leaf Seed Company, Hartsville, SC**
- Golden Peanut Company, Suffolk, VA**
- Harvey Fertilizer & Gas, Kinston, NC**
- Helena Chemical, W. Columbia, SC**
- Herring Seed Company, Stantonburg, NC**
- Hulsey Seed Laboratory, Decatur, GA**
- Kansas City Bag, Overland Park, KS**
- AR McKay Processing, Hickory, NC**
- Mead Seed Brokerage, Jonesboro, AR**
- Mixon Seed, Orangeburg, SC**
- Monsanto, Cary, NC**
- NC Crop Improvement, Raleigh, NC**
- NC Farm Bureau, Raleigh, NC**
- NC Foundation Seed Prod. Zebulon, NC**
- NC Peanut Growers Assoc. Nashville, NC**
- Patten Seed Company, Lakeland, GA**
- Pennington Seed, Columbia, SC**
- Perdue Agribusiness, Greenville, NC**
- Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Winterville, NC**
- RJ Reynolds Tobacco, Winston-Salem, NC**
- Severn Peanut Company, Severn, NC**
- Syngenta Seed Care, Midlothian, VA**
- UniSouth Genetics, Nashville, TN**
- Wachovia Bank NA, Washington, NC**
- White Hat Seed Farms, Hertford, NC**
- Wyatt-Quarles Seed Co., Garner, NC**

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### Do you ever wonder.....?

Do you ever wonder if being a seedsman has an impact on the world? Did you know that in the past 30 years average soybean and wheat yields have both increased almost 12 bushels per acre and that 75% of the wheat and 85% of the soybean increases are because farmers have better genetics and better varieties. High quality seeds of these varieties are essential for our farmers, now more than ever. We have more people to feed and fewer farmers to feed them.

Jan F. Spears, Professor and Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator, Department of Crop Science, NCSU

# NCSA NEWS & UPDATES (continued)



## Silent Auction

The 4th annual silent auction was held at this year's convention and it was a huge success! A number of people secured some excellent prizes:

John Deere Tractor	Van Alphin
Country Ham	Berry Lewis
Carhartt Shirt	Randy Park
24 piece Fireworks	Zack Webb
Carhartt Cap	Kyle Edwards
2 ½ gal. Glyfos Xtra	Matt Renfrow
Myrtle Beach Marriott-2 night stay	Doug Register
Holiday Gift Wrap	Doug Register
2 ½ gal. Glyfos Xtra	Kyle Edwards
2 VIP tickets, CocaCola 600	Bill Pritchett
Case Tractor	Van Alphin
Cary Marriott-1 night stay	David Davenport
Gift Basket – children's	Kim Foster
Gift Basket – children's	Robert Wright
Gift Basket – children's	David Davenport
Kingston Plantation-2 night stay	David Davenport
Hilton Myrtle Beach-2 night stay	Bryant Coats
Talstar Insecticide	A. O. Roberts
Country Ham	Berry Lewis
Dragonfly Glass Jar	Keith Oakley
2-piece Travel Set	Stacy Burwick
Hampton Farms Gift Basket	Robert Wright
Ducks Unlimited Print	Fred Garner
Reversible Jacket Set	Kyle Edwards
Puppy Love Statue	Berry Lewis
Pink Vase	Kyle Edwards
2 ½ gal. Roundup original	Lawrence Davenport
Dog Statue	Jim Martin
Hilton Kitty Hawk-2 night stay	Ken Cherry
City Hotel & Bistro-1 night stay	Lawrence Davenport
Bass Pro Gift Card	Billy Barrow
Autographed Football	Bill Pritchett
Home Depot Gift Card	Walt Gerard
2-piece Knit Outfit	Keith Oakley
4-piece Knit Outfit	Sadie Eure
Spa Package	Doug Register
Football Tailgate Basket	Walt Gerard
15-piece Fireworks Set	Zack Webb
Home Depot Gift Card	Ray Anderson
Bass Pro Shop Gift Card	Kyle Edwards
2 ½ gal. Roundup Max.	Berry Lewis
Green Necklace Set	Zack Webb
Turquoise Necklace Set	Lawrence Davenport
Rust Shell Necklace Set	Zack Webb
Ice Blue Necklace Set	Zack Webb
Blue/Yellow Necklace Set	Keith Oakley
Blue Ice Necklace Set	Sadie Eure

Thanks to all our lucky winners and contributors, \$2,813 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.

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## Scenes from the 2008 North Carolina Seedsmen's Association President's Banquet



President David Davenport and wife Anissa



Vickie and Billy Barrow, incoming President



First Vice President Doug and Dee Register



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Berry and Kim Lewis



American Seed Trade Association representative Jason Laney enjoyed NC hospitality



Carole Roberts was one of the recipients of a makeover during the Ladies' Program

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## Convention 2009 Early Registration

Want to make plans to attend the 2009 North Carolina Seedsmen's Association Annual Convention? Registration packets will be sent to all members in May. If you want a head start on planning, you can call the Hilton Riverside at 1-888-324-8170 Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Hilton Worldwide at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667), or online at [www.wilmingtonhilton.com](http://www.wilmingtonhilton.com).

Rates for the convention will be \$151 for single or double rooms, \$171 for Riverview Suites and \$251 for Junior Suites. Rates include daily valet parking.

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There are many fun, adventurous things to do in Wilmington. Here are examples of just a few:



Standing with quiet dignity and majesty across the river from downtown Wilmington, the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA beckons visitors to walk her decks and envision daily life as well as fierce combat that her crew faced in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.



HORSEDRAWN CARRIAGE & TROLLEY TOURS



Looking for something new and exciting to do with your children? How about a visit to the Wilmington Railroad Museum? Here you'll find a great collection of displays that are both fun and educational. For more than a century, railroading was Wilmington's chief industry. In 1840 the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad was completed and was the longest continuous rail line in the world at 161 miles long. On the FUN Side are a Thomas the Tank Train play area, operating HO and O scale trains, and a real life-size caboose and steam locomotive.



The Bellamy Mansion is one of NC's most spectacular examples of antebellum architecture built on the eve of the Civil War by free and enslaved black artisans, for John Dillard Bellamy (1817-1896) physician, planter and business leader; and his wife, Eliza McIlhenny Harris (1821-1907) and their nine children. After the fall of Fort Fisher in 1865, Federal troops commandeered the house as their headquarters during the occupation of Wilmington. Now the house is a museum that focuses on history and the design arts and offers tours, changing exhibitions and an informative look at historic preservation in action.



Henrietta III – Sightseeing Cruises



Wilmington generates more film income than any other American city except New York and Los Angeles. With over 400 film & TV credits, Wilmington is known as The Hollywood East!

This 90 minute fun-filled walking tour will have you laughing and crying, and you better do it on cue if you ever want to work in this town again



SHELL ISLAND RESORT, Wrightsville Beach

When you stay at the Hilton Riverside, you get the benefit of visiting beautiful Wrightsville Beach! Check with the front desk for details on receiving your day pass.

Your day pass includes parking, indoor/outdoor pool privileges, changing room privileges, beach access, access to chair and umbrella rental. With the new bypasses around Wilmington, you can reach the beach in just minutes.



The Riverfront Farmers' Market is an open air, curbside market situated in Historic Downtown Wilmington along the scenic Cape Fear River featuring local farmers, producers, artists and crafters. Products offered include fresh vegetables, fruits and berries, herbs, flowers, plants, eggs, cheeses, farm raised meats, seafood, honey, baked goods and confections, legumes, pickled items, jams & jellies, arts & crafts, and more. Musical entertainment is provided to set the mood and customers can take advantage of special events, activities and seasonal projects.

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