

NCSA NEWS & UPDATES

North Carolina Seedsmen's Association

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NCSA OFFICERS

At the last convention in Williamsburg, VA, new officers were elected to serve the Association for 2022-2023:

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90th Anniversary Convention 2023



Hyatt House Charleston, South Carolina

The NC Seedsmen will hold their 90th annual convention at the Hyatt House in historic Charleston July 23-25 in conjunction with the SC Seedsmen.

Centrally located in the heart of the Upper King Historic District, this hotel offers well-equipped meeting spaces and puts you within walking distance of many downtown restaurants, bars and beaches. Amenities include complimentary breakfast for each registered guest, a 24-hour workout room, business center and an indoor pool. Explore all Charleston has to offer by discovering historic homes, world-class shopping and dining, the Charleston City Market, and the South Carolina Aquarium. Take advantage of bike rentals at the hotel and explore the best of the Charleston peninsula.



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Scholarship Recipients

The 2022-2023 NCSA Scholarship recipients are:

Ken & Terrie Cherry Scholarship

\$2,000 – Shannon Holliday, Alamance County Junior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

Delta & Pine Land Company/Monsanto Scholarship

\$2,000 – James Lee, Johnston County Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

Marion & Jane Dilday Scholarship

\$2,000 – Bruce Farmer, Pitt County Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

James & Lois Jeffreys Scholarship

\$2,000 – Grayson Frye, Davidson County Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

JL & Evadeane Jones Scholarship

\$2,000 – Becca Karriker, Iredell County Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

Severn Peanut/Hampton Farms Scholarship

\$2,000 – Dustin Martin, Randolph County Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

George & Gladys Spain Scholarship

\$2,000 – Jacob Forehand, Chowan County Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

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\$2,000 – Colden Bradshaw, Duplin County Junior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

Southern Seed & NCSA Joint Scholarship

\$2,000 – Isayara Valverde-Vindas, Orange Co. Senior, Crop & Soil Science – Agronomy Concentration

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WHAT DOES YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DO?

By Phil Farmer

Executive Director has different meanings for different organizations. My job description at the NCSA is to assist the Board of Directors and Officers with the daily operations of the Association. My role is more administrative than managerial.

Job Duties:

1. Report to the President and Board for direction and supervision.
2. Maintain and update our Constitution and By-Laws.
3. Correspond with other state and national associations and keep our Board informed.
4. Help with coordination and planning of our annual convention.
5. Help with Board Activities as needed.
6. New member recruitment.
7. New Scholarship recruitment.
8. Sponsorship for our convention recruitment.

Since I assumed the role of Executive Director, we have updated the Constitution and By-Laws with changes to align with the business practices of the current generation. We were instrumental in getting an update to the North Carolina Seed Laws, in the 2013 Legislature changing the fine for violations from \$500.00 per offense to \$10,000.00 per offense. We have added three new scholarships, including one to be announced at our Convention in July.

I represent our Association at many in-state shows and meetings, such as the Southern Farm Show and the Joint Commodities Conference. I've developed several handouts such as: Advantages of Membership in the NCSA, and Farmer Saved Seed: What is Legal? What is not?

With the help of our members, I try to keep up with any illegal seed sales and educate the seller about his wrong doing and inform the owner of the genetics to the activity so they can take legal action as they wish.

As we in the seed industry continue working together, we will have a strong industry that is in tune with our Legislature, NC State University and our fellow seedsmen promoting high quality seed and ethical business practices. You have a voice in promotion, legislation, education, and other initiatives important to our industry.

2022 Convention Sponsors

THANK YOU to our wonderful sponsors! We could not have had a great convention without you:

AgraTech Seeds, Atlanta, GA
AgriMaxx Wheat Co., Mascoutah, IL
AgXplore International, Parma, MO
Americot, Chocowinity, NC
Bayer CropScience, Richlands, NC
Birdsong Peanuts, Suffolk, VA
Blanton Packaging, Valdosta, GA
Carolina Eastern, Inc., Scranton, SC
Carolina Peanut, LLC, Cameron, SC
Lewis M Carter Mfg, Donalsonville, GA
Cherry Farms Seed, Columbia, NC
Circle Grove Seeds, Belhaven, NC
Clifton Seed Company, Faison, NC
CNI, Leesburg, GA
Coastal AgroBusiness, Greenville, NC
Corteva AgriScience, Yanceyville, NC
D & D Farms, Allendale, SC
JP Davenport & Son, Greenville, NC
D & D Farms, Allendale, SC
Eure Seed Farms, Hertford, NC
Farm Credit Associations of NC, Statesville, NC
AT Ferrell – Clipper, Bluffton, IN
Garner Seed Company, Denton, NC
Gerard Seed Co., Washington, NC
Gold Leaf Seed Co., Hartsville, SC
Grow Pro Genetics, Bourbonnais, IL
Helena Agri Chemicals, West Columbia, SC
Langston Companies, West Memphis, AR
Little Mill Seed, LLC, Dillon, SC
AR McKay Processing Machinery, Hickory, NC
Meherrin Ag & Chemical, Severn, NC
MFA, Inc., Columbia, MO
Mixon Seed Service, Orangeburg, SC
NC Crop Improvement, Raleigh, NC
NC Farm Bureau Federation, Raleigh, NC
NC Foundation Seed Producers, Zebulon, NC
NC Small Grain Growers Assn, Raleigh, NC
NK Seeds/Syngenta, Greensboro, NC
Northern Star Seed, Lafayette, IN
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Conway, NC
Parkway Ag Supply, Hertford, NC
C.A. Perry and Son, Hobbsville, NC
Precision Pallet, LLC, Pantego, NC
Rockydale Quarries, Roanoke, VA
Seedway, LLC, Hall, NY

Seminis/Bayer Crop Sci., Cary, NC
Severn Peanut Company, Severn, NC
Sharp and Sharp Certified Seed, Allendale, SC
Smithfield Grain, Hobbsville, NC
Triangle Chemical Co., Wilson, NC
UniSouth Genetics, Inc., Dickson, TN
UPL Ltd., King of Prussia, PA
White Hat Seed Farms, Hertford, NC
Wyatt-Quarles Seed Co., Garner, NC

NCSA Scholarships – WHO can apply? WHAT are the requirements?

The undergraduate scholarships are awarded to four-year students enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State that are rising sophomores, juniors or seniors majoring in Agronomy or technical agriculture. Awards may be renewable and are based on both academic merit and financial need. The Memorandum of Agreement for the NC Seedsmen's scholarships indicates that need in this case is "not necessarily recognizable need" which means the committee can recognize need without qualified need being shown through completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, it would be preferable that applicants apply for financial need through the normal process since qualification for need would allow students to also be considered for other need-based scholarships that the College and University have to offer. It is also preferred that applicants be from family farms in which the farm is the primary source of income. Also, only one award per year can be made to a student in the Turfgrass Management concentration of Agronomy.

The College requires that students complete the online scholarship application that can be found at the address below. Only students who are already enrolled in CALS or students who have been admitted to CALS can access the application. In order to qualify for need-based scholarships, students must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A link to Financial Aid forms is also included on the web site below. Additional information about the scholarship process can also be found on the site below.

www.cals.ncsu.edu/academic/scholarships

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2022-2023 NCSA Committees

MEMBERSHIP	NECROLOGY
David Brickhouse John Leggett Pattie Mills Dawson Rascoe	Matt Lassiter David Brickhouse Jason Hinton John Leggett
SEEDSMAN OF THE YEAR	LEGISLATIVE & LIAISON
Pattie Mills David Brickhouse Jason Hinton Wyatt Richardson	Phil Farmer Corey Clayton Wyatt Richardson A.O. Roberts
SHORT COURSE	PR GOOD SEED PROMOTION
Adrian Boyd Dustin Auman Phil Farmer Chad Young	Dawson Rascoe Dustin Auman Adam Lassiter Matt Lassiter
SCHOLARSHIP	CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
Pattie Mills Adrian Boyd Adam Lassiter Matt Lassiter	John Leggett Phil Farmer Pattie Mills A.O. Roberts
AUDIT	NOMINATIONS
Adam Lassiter Corey Clayton Pattie Mills Dawson Rascoe	Wyatt Richardson Corey Clayton Adam Lassiter Chad Young
BULLETIN	ADVISORY
Dianne Coats Phil Farmer Jason Hinton Matt Lassiter	Burt Eure Phil Farmer A.O. Roberts Kevin Roberts Rick Strecker

Committee chair names are in **Bold**

Dates to Remember

- July 23-25 – NCSA Convention, Charleston
- July 23 – 8:30 AM – NC Board Meeting, Charleston
- July 25 – 8:30 AM – NC Board Meeting, Charleston

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Charleston Attractions

Charleston City Market

The Historic Charleston City Market is perhaps the most visited destination in downtown Charleston. Always bustling with shoppers and sightseers, the City Market is open 365 days a year, and showcases local Charleston vendors, their unique wares and crafts, and casual and fine dining take-away fare. Stop by the Charleston City Market to pick up souvenirs, snack on local goods, or to just leisurely stroll and people watch. Charleston's famous sweet grass basket weavers can be found practicing their craft along the Market's open-air stalls. The Market was constructed between 1804 - 1830, and originally used as a meat, vegetable, and seafood marketplace.

Battery Park & White Point Gardens

Battery Park is the quintessential image of Charleston for most Holy City locals. Walking along East Bay Street, with the famous Battery mansions to one side, the Charleston harbor to the other, you'll be able to spot Ft. Sumter in the distance, and imagine the first shots of the Civil War that took place here in 1861. Over many centuries, the Battery has seen many wars, such as the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and was even the hanging grounds for famous pirate Stede Bonnet, among others. Here you are completely surrounded by the charms that Charlestonians love the most- antebellum historic homes, a view of the Ravenel Bridge across the harbor, and centuries old oaks alongside stately palmettos.

South Carolina Aquarium

Charleston's Aquarium brings visitors into the lowcountry coastal environment and its wildlife through touch tanks, two-story wall aquarium tanks, salt march aviaries, and educational tours and programs. Panoramic views of Charleston's harbor and Ravenel Bridge serve as a background to your aquarium visit. Display themes are classified into each of South Carolina's major geographic regions, where more than 5,000 animals live: Shark Shallows, Mountain Forest, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, and Saltmarsh Aviary, the Touchtank, Coast, and Ocean. A variety of songbirds, reptiles, like the Albino

Alligator, and both salt and freshwater fish are at home in the SC Aquarium, along with a few species unusual to most aquariums, like lemurs. The interactive touch tank and stingray tank invite children to hold horseshoe crabs and starfish, feed shrimp to the aquarium's stingrays, and come 'fingers to fins' with sharks.

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum

Just across the sparkling span of the Arthur J. Ravenel Jr. Bridge from downtown Charleston, Patriots Point preserves naval history in its centerpiece: a World War II aircraft carrier named the USS Yorktown. Both kids and adults alike love to scramble up and down the 13 decks of this 888-foot-long ship, which was commissioned in Newport News, Virginia, in 1943. As you roam the decks, you'll find 26 naval aircraft on board as well as the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum (in Hangar Bay #3). Also on-site are a recreated Vietnam Support Base, the Cold War Memorial, and two other World War II ships: the submarine USS Clagmore and the destroyer USS Laffey. Beyond impressive naval history, Patriots Point serves as a departure dock for boat tours to the Fort Sumter National Monument, where the first shots of the American Civil War were fired.

Boone Hall Plantation

An iconic row of ancient live oak trees welcomes you to one of America's oldest living and working plantations, and one of the most famous plantations in the Southern states. The majestic Boone Hall Plantation, set on 783 acres and established in 1681, and opened to the public in 1956, has been the filming location for dozens of movies and TV series with its historic buildings and old slave cabins still perfectly intact. Boone Hall offers guided group tours of the elegant house, a carriage tour of the grounds or self-guided tours through the slave quarters and the extensive gardens.

These are just a few of the places you can visit when you attend NCSA's 90th annual convention July 23 – 25 2023. You can find other attractions by visiting www.charlestoncvb.com. Plan now to attend!