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1937–1941

February 1937
The first Southern Shade Tree Conference was hosted at the University of Florida's Union Building and the Hotel Thomas, Gainesville, FL.

1938–1941
There was no conference in 1938. The next 3 conferences were also held at the University of Florida. The conference featured exhibits and field demonstrations.

Agenda from 1941 Meeting

FOURTH ANNUAL SOUTHERN SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

University of Florida and Hotel Thomas
Gainesville, Florida
February 20-22, 1941

Officers

R. M. Weakley, President	West Palm Beach, Florida
Mrs. T. M. Francois, Vice-President	Birmingham, Alabama
H. S. Newins, Secretary-Treasurer	Gainesville, Florida
G. D. Evans, General Chairman	Birmingham, Alabama

Papers

- "Diseases of Southern Oaks" - W.B.T. Isdale, Head Department of Botany, Experiment Station, University of Florida.
- "The Diseases of Palms" - Erman West, Mycologist, Experiment Station, University of Florida.
- "Little-leaf Disease, A Serious Deterioration of Shortleaf Pine" - Geo. H. Hepting, Pathologist, Division of Forest Pathology, Asheville, N. C.
- "Tree Problems in Virginia" - H. M. Van Normer, Van Normer, Inc., Richmond, Va.
- "Trees and the Landscape Architect" - Carn R. Reid, Auxier Landscape Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- "Shade Tree Legislation" - O. N. Spicer, F.A.Barrett Tree Expert Company, Stamford, Conn.
- "Our Attitude toward Tree Diseases - With Particular Reference to Judas Trees" - H.J.Howe, City Forester, Baltimore, Md.
- "Some Aspects of Soil Treatment for Shade Trees - A Robert Thompson, National Park Service, U.S.Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C.
- "What is an Arborist" - Wesley O. Hollister, Dawey Tree Expert Company, Kent, Ohio.
- "The Holly Leaf Miner" - Ernest N. Cery & Geo. S. Langford, College Park, Md.
- "Distribution of Tree Roots in Relationship to Fertilizer Applications" - L.C.Chadwick, Ass't. Prof. of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- "Callus Formation and Tree Sound Dressings" - Paul E. Tilford, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio.
- "Roadside Development in Michigan - Karl Drosell, Asso. Prof. of Forestry, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

1942

**February 19–21
Miami, Florida**

There were approximately 50 people in attendance at the Fifth Southern Shade Tree Conference.

The Southern Shade Tree Conference voted unanimously to affiliate with the National Shade Trade Conference (now ISA).



R.M. Weakly

Served as the Southern Shade Tree Conference President from 1937 to 1943.

Original Geographic Footprint of the Chapter

Alabama • Florida • Georgia • Louisiana • Maryland
Mississippi • North Carolina • South Carolina • Tennessee
Texas • Virginia • Washington, DC • West Virginia



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1943–1957

Annual Southern Shade Tree Conference Locations

Gainesville, FL
Charleston, SC
Asheville, NC
Washington, DC
Chattanooga, TN
Williamsburg, VA



PRESIDENTS

1943	R.M. Weakley
1944	John T. Creighton
1945	John T. Creighton
1946	John T. Creighton
1947	George H. Hepting
1948	Lewis G. Scoggins
1949	George S. Langford
1950	H.S. Newins
1951	C.M. Blume
1952	H.M. Van Wormer
1953	Hacket C. Wilson
1954	Herbert O. Drennan
1955	Marvin E. Fowler
1956	H.C. Scott
1957	Stephen J. Pugh



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1958–1975

Annual Southern Shade Tree Conference Locations

Houston, TX • Asheville, NC • Baltimore, MD • Mobile, AL • Atlanta, GA • Pine Mountain, GA • Durham, NC
Fredericksburg, VA • Nashville, TN
Richmond, VA • Orlando, FL
Langley Park, MD • Tampa, FL
Hunt Valley, MD



PRESIDENTS

1958	O.J. Anderson
1959	Alden R. Eaton
1960	Thomas D. Cobb
1961	Henry P. Orr
1962	Daniel D. Boone
1963	William A. Shields
1964	Bryon L. James
1965	F.W. Orrock
1966	Frank E. Graham
1967	Charles W. Hendryx
1968	Thomas F. Cannon
1969	Orville Graves
1970	Charles W. McComb
1971	Marilyn Guerra
1972	John Mixon
1973	James T. Oates
1974	Buhl C. Reid
1975	Earl Yingling



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1976

ISA
The International Shade
Tree Conference
(originally the National
Shade Tree Conference)
becomes the International
Society of Arboriculture
(ISA).

The original six regions of
NSTC began dividing into
Chapters.

1978

Washington, DC, Maryland,
Virginia and West Virginia
split off to form the
Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

Texas forms its own
Chapter.

1978 Geographic Footprint of the Chapter

Alabama • Florida • Georgia
Louisiana • Mississippi • North Carolina
South Carolina • Tennessee



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1976–1982

Annual Southern Chapter Conference Locations

Myrtle Beach, SC • Pine Mountain, GA
Fredericksburg, VA • Tampa, FL
Charlotte, NC • Savannah, GA
Atlanta, GA



Participants in the Tree Injection Conference are left to right - Chuck Cissel, ...
s., Guardian Tree Experts; Dr. Gayle Worf, Plant Pathologist, Univ. of ...
n; Dr. T. C. Ryker, Biochem Products Manager, Dupont Company

PRESIDENTS

1976	Richard L. Keggereis
1977	Sam Davis
1978	Irvin O. Bauer
1979	James L. Argo
1980	Douglas Horan
1981	Donald Ham
1982	John Hurst



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1983

Tree Climbing Championship

The chapter's first Tree Climbing Championship was held in Savannah, GA. William F. Schultz, Sr. attended the 1982 International Tree Climbing Championship where he obtained the rules to start the Southern Chapter's event.

Judges were given a crash course on ITCC rules and climbers ascended on manila ropes.



1984–1996

Annual Southern Chapter Conference Locations

Huntsville, AL • Knoxville, TN
Lake Buena Vista, FL
Biloxi, MS • Hilton Head, SC Nashville, TN •
Charlotte, NC Raleigh, NC • Jacksonville, FL
Mobile, AL • New Orleans, LA Asheville, NC •
Pine Mountain, GA • Chattanooga, TN

PRESIDENTS

1983	Eugene Nease
1984	Larry Biles
1985	Max Treece
1986	Jan Randolph
1987	Dennis Greene
1988	John Harrell
1989	Chandler Hancock
1990	T.E. (Gene) Efird
1991	Brian Morris
1992	Kim Coder
1993	Mike Zarichnak
1994	Kitty Nappen
1995	Perry Odom
1996	Herschel Hale

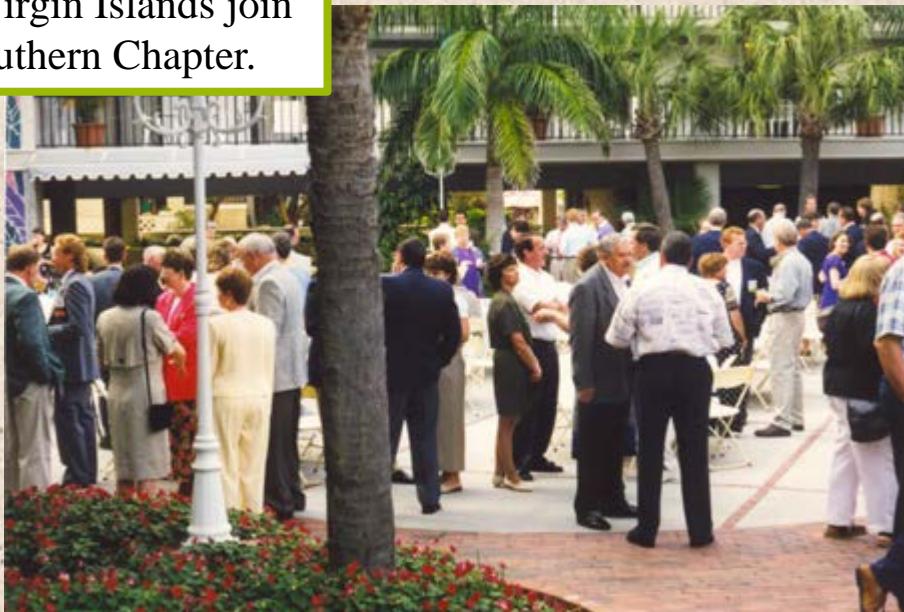


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1996

Florida forms its own chapter.

Arkansas, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands join the Southern Chapter.



Current Geographic Footprint of the Chapter

Alabama • Arkansas • Georgia
Louisiana • Mississippi • North Carolina • Puerto Rico
South Carolina • Tennessee • U.S. Virgin Islands



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1997–2017

Annual Southern Chapter Conference Locations

Chattanooga, TN • St. Pete Beach, FL
Little Rock, AR • Charleston, SC
Birmingham, AL Memphis, TN
Asheville, NC • Nashville, TN
Savannah, GA • Knoxville, TN
Shreveport, LA • Charlotte, NC
Myrtle Beach, SC • Mobile, AL



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PRESIDENTS

1997	Hugh Tyer
1998	John Whitney
1999	Debbie Price
2000	Steve Ketner
2001	Tom Smiley
2002	Bob Richens
2003	Connie Head
2004	Danny Sapp
2005	Tom Wolf
2006	Jimmy Etheridge
2007	Carl Absher
2008	David Vandergriff
2009	Don Woods
2010	Lois Edwards
2011	Steve Johnston
2012	Pete Rausch
2013	Wes Hopper
2014	Karl Pokorny
2015	John Morris
2016	Michella Huff
2017	Jon Balkcom