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Should you desire additional information on any report, please write to the author. Mailing addresses are listed in the back of this book. We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend all sessions of the Research Conference held in Atlanta each year in conjunction with the SNA Trade Show.



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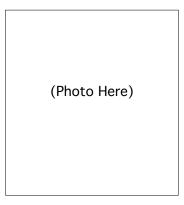
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Charles H. Gilliam Honored By Southern Horticulturists

The 1991 Porter Henegar Memorial Award was presented to Charles H. Gilliam from Auburn University on Friday, August 2nd. Gilliam was honored by his peers with this annual award recognizing those individuals who had made outstanding contributions to ornamental horticulture research and more specifically to the SNA. Gilliam (B.S. University of Tennessee-Martin, M.S. and Ph.D. Virginia Tech) joined the faculty in the Department of Horticulture at Auburn University in 1980 as an Assistant Professor with responsibilities in teaching and research. Prior to accepting the position at Auburn, Dr. Gilliam was on the faculty at Ohio State University. He is a native of Lexington, Tennessee. Currently he and his wife, Gail, live outside Auburn with their two children, Jeremy and Catherine.

He has an active research program involving weed control in ornamentals in field and container grown plants, water use efficiency and water quality as its relates to container grown plants. Dr. Gilliam's present teaching responsibilities at Auburn University include Nursery Management and serving as the departmental graduate program officer.

THE BRYSON L. JAMES STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

1991 AWARDS

This long-standing program was renamed in August 1989, in honor of Dr. Bryson L. James, Director of Horticultural Research for the Southern Nurserymen's Association. Dr. James has been an active participant and leader in the annual Research Conference for more than 30 years and the award named in his honor, is a tribute to his tireless efforts on behalf of the researchers, the association and the industry. Listed below are the guidelines for the Student Competition as well as this year's winners:

- Any <u>student</u> of a university or college having researchers that participate in the Southern Nurserymen's Association Research Workers Conference and not more than a one (1) academic year removed from graduation and whose research was completed prior to graduation.
- Research is to be that of the presenter and a
 part of his/her educational studies. Contract work, unless a part of a thesis or
 classroom report (credit given), is not acceptable since it may provide unlimited
 funding and an unfair advantage.
- 3. Each eligible university or college may enter up to two (2) students.
- Previous first-place winners are not eligible.
- The student must have submitted a title to the SNA Conference Chairman by the specified time in the <u>Call For Titles</u>.

- The paper should be submitted to the Section Chairman for the Student Paper Award no later than **July 1.** Also, a copy is sent to the appropriate "topic" Section Chairman.
- The paper should follow the guidelines for the SNA Research Workers Conference in relation to format and subject matter.
- The student and his advisor should be listed as co-authors.
- 8. Oral presentation <u>must</u> be limited to seven (7) minutes. An additional three (3) minutes will be allotted for questions. A penalty of two (2) points per minute or part thereof for every minute over seven (7) minutes will be assessed.
- 9. Judging shall be based on preparation of the paper (50 points) and oral presentation (100

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1st Place - \$1,000.00 John M. Sherman, Mississippi State Univ.

2nd Place - \$ 600.00 Gary R. Bachman, Clemson University

3rd Place - \$ 400.00 Renee J. Keese, Clemson University

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