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A Word from President... George Prucha

Greetings,

The Christmas meeting is near and we will be voting in a new Board & its Officers. If anybody would like to nominate someone or themselves, please feel free to do so. The nominating committee has offered the following candidates for next year's board:

-President George Prucha Home Growers Nurseries

-Vice Pres. Alan Gardipee Number 1 Nursery

-Treasurer Beth Hott Hott Tree Farm

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Please note that there is no Past President, and that I have been nominated for President again. In previous year's, the Vice-President was automatically nominated for President, but that will not happen since we lost our Vice-President to the bad economy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that served on the STNGA board of Directors this year. Well, last year too! They were put in a very tough position. They were forced to make some very hard decisions for this association; decisions that were needed to ensure the continued well being of STNGA.

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Enclosed is a link to an article in a Dallas newspaper that speaks about the huge loss of trees in Texas from the prolonged drought we are suffering through right now. You might come away from reading it with the idea that we are going to sell a lot of trees and plant material. In my opinion, the verdict is a ways out. First of all, the drought isn't over yet, and where is the money coming from to buy all of this stuff? The need is there, but I would proceed with caution when rebuilding inventory.

See you in December,

George Prucha
Pres. STNGA

Texas Trees Struggle Through Drought

Full article can be found at:

<http://www.pegasusnews.com/news/2011/nov/16/texas-trees-struggle-through-drought/>

Janette Monear, President & CEO of Texas Trees Foundation, talks about the state of Texas trees and some of her organization's greatest accomplishments.

Monear: The drought conditions in Texas this year have been devastating to our trees and the high temperatures and winds were the nail in the coffin for millions of trees throughout the state. According to Trees for Houston, the city and surrounding counties could lose as many as 66 million trees due to the unprecedented weather conditions.

We know that thousands of trees have died and we know that more will continue to die, especially if they don't get water. Spring will reveal just how many trees really succumbed to this year's worst drought. Many trees will leaf out only to die quickly after they have expended the necessary energy to do so. Then, we will see the real effects of the drought of 2011 and we will continue to see it for years to come.

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December Annual Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 6PM

\$20/person

Steamboat House

8045 N. Sam Houston Pkwy W. Houston TX 77064

RSVP no later than Friday December 9, 2011 @ 5PM

Sponsored by KBW and Natural Industries

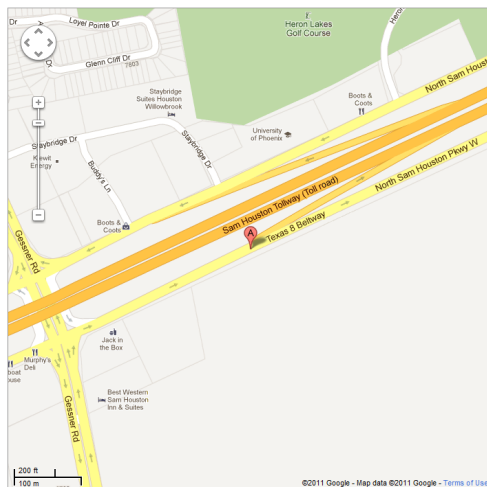
Dinner Choice of:

12oz Rib-eye (medium) served with choice of Baked Potato OR Herb-Garlic Mashed Potatoes and a Dinner Salad

Spicy Peach Chicken Breast with Grilled Quail served over Wild Rice with Sautéed Vegetables and a Dinner Salad

8oz Grilled Salmon Filet with Mango Salsa and 4 Grilled Shrimp served over Wild Rice with Sautéed Asparagus and a Dinner Salad

*All entrees include homemade bread and tea.



★ **DESSERT Choices Include:** ★

Steamboat House Bread Pudding: Made with a base of butter croissants, raisins and nuts; then covered with bourbon & vanilla sauce (Voted #1 by many guests)

New York Cheesecake: A traditional New York cheesecake with fresh berries and berry sauce

Chocolate Turtle Cake: Very moist Triple Layer Dark Chocolate cake layered with chocolate mousse topped with caramel and pecans

Key Lime Pie: Our number one dessert served with lime sauce and a thin slice of fresh lime

2012 Tradeshow - January 26-27, 2012

As the tradeshow draws near we still have some exhibit spaces available.

If you are interested in exhibiting at this year's show please contact George Prucha or email info@stnga.org. Tradeshow information is available at www.stnga.org/tradeshow.html including a list of speakers, booth layout; as well as info on the ICPI Level 1 certification available.

Hope to see you in January!

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Upcoming Events/Notices...

Our Program Committee Will be Working Hard to Bring Numerous Opportunities to You Through the Year. Stay Tuned in Upcoming Newsletters for the Latest Information!

- **Now—We need your help recruiting new members! You were recently mailed a new member packet. Please use it and help spread the word about membership in our association!**
 - **Annual Meeting—Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at Steamboat House. Social at 6:00PM and dinner at 6:30PM. See Page 3 for details. RSVP Deadline December 9, 2011.**
 - **STNGA Tradeshow—January 26th—27th 2012. Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe TX**
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