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## A Word from President...

Glenn Middleton

As I write this letter, the rain is pouring down over Southeast Texas. This is a good thing! Our whole state has needed the rain and it appears the whole state got some. I know it hurts our sales. But it does save you some money by not having to water.

Speaking of sales, hope your sales are up. I know ours has started to increase over the last month. It appears that the housing market is doing a little better. Housing starts have risen during past 30 days. Hopefully this is a good sign.

We are going to have our spring farm tour on May the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to attend. We are very fortunate to have John Lammers and Suzanne Longley co-host our farm tour.

I would like to welcome back Alvin Tree Farm into our Association. Alvin Tree Farm is one of the premier growers in

Southeast Texas. If you have not had the opportunity to visit their nursery. I would strongly recommend a tour the next time you are in the Alvin area.

## Glenn

*The Association received this letter from Shirley Mauney.*

I want to thank all the members and the Association Board of Directors for your very thoughtful decision to honor my husband, John Mauney, and me, in a special way through the education scholarship you established under our names. John knew of this honor before his death, and he was very grateful that the Association felt us worthy of the designation.

We started this association years ago to fill a need to establish a network among the growers in southeast Texas. We never gave a thought to any type of legacy that could come our way, so this scholarship is truly a wonderful surprise.

John loved to share his knowledge with others. He welcomed phone calls and always had time for others. He especially enjoyed it when visitors would drop by our farm to chat about whatever was on their mind. Through this scholarship, his desire to educate and the willingness we both always had to share knowledge can continue in a meaningful way.

Appreciate the Association member's donation to this scholarship fund and am grateful for your efforts to promote it in the years to come.

*With deep appreciation,  
Shirley Mauney*

*Spring into Spring!*  
*At*  
*STINGA's May Special Event*

*Saturday, May 09, 2009*  
*Beginning at 10 am*

*What: Tour of two successful growing operations in Brenham, Texas:  
John Lammers' "Discount Trees of Brenham"  
and Suzanne Longley Farms*

*The Plan: Gather at John's Trees (Wholesale Division of Discount Trees  
of Brenham) at 10 am for a Review of John's extensive Horticulture  
enterprises, then proceed to Suzanne Longley's farm property for tour, lunch and program  
(about noon)*

*What's Special: Spring flowers in full bloom  
Special Speaker Mike Serant  
Luncheon in the pastoral country setting of the  
Longley Country home*

*The Speaker: Mike Serant, Founder and owner of San Jacinto Environmental  
Supplies since 1994. Since 1986, Mike has taken his company  
from a traditional chemical supply company to becoming one of  
Houston's largest Organic/Green Build supply providers. Mike  
serves as a Board Member of Urban Harvest and as chair of  
OHBA, an Organic Education think tank,*

*The Program: An overview of the exciting world of Organics, Green Build  
and LEED projects. There are excellent opportunities for  
the Landscape and Nursery Industry to prosper in this new  
millennium. We'll also visit total plant nutrition via Organics  
and how to keep your farm operation chemical pesticide free!*

*Plan NOW! To be in beautiful Brenham, Texas on Saturday morning, May 09  
for a special day devoted to quality horticulture. Call Randi at  
1-866-88STINGA or e-mail her at [randi@iapc.net](mailto:randi@iapc.net) NOT LATER*

*Don't miss this special treat sponsored by your Association!  
Directions to the May 09  
Special STINGA Event*

*To John's Trees, 10050 Hwy 36 North, Brenham, TX:*

*Proceed to Brenham Texas, then find TX Highway 36 North. From the end of HWY 36 Business, where it rejoins HWY 36, go north 7 miles. Just after you pass FM 390, look for "Discount Trees of Brenham" on the right. You've arrived at the headquarters of John Lammers' horticultural enterprises.*

*To Suzanne Longley Farms, 3100 Trails End Lane, Brenham, TX:*

*From John's Trees, return to FM 390, turn right (west). Go 3.2 miles until you come to Beaver Road/County Road 44 on the right, turn right onto Beaver Road. Go .4 miles, look for Trail's End Lane on the left. Proceed to the end of the Lane, where you will find the Longley home, large barn, greenhouse and the growing area of Suzanne Longley Farms.*



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*Personality  
can open  
doors...*

*But only  
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keep them  
open.*

*Elmer G. Letterman*

## **COMING EVENTS**

**May 9**

**Watch your newsletters  
for future events!**

**Doubil Bill Farm  
Tours!!**

**Details in newsletter**

**RSVP NOW!!**

