

2004-2005 HORTICULTURE CLUB Newsletter

Better Late Than Never!!!

The first Newsletter has finally arrived, so let me first introduce myself. My name is Missy Johnson, I came to ICC for one reason: it was the first college to pop up on my computer that offered the program that I was looking for. I come from Nokomis, a very small town where I lived on a fairly large and very productive farm. I, worked at Nokomis Gift and Garden Shop where after 6 years became the full-time "supervisor" while the boss was away on wholesale deliveries. This meant I became a professional waterer and babysitter to the high school workers. In reality I had many responsibilities and was thrilled to be in the position! So my knowledge of plants is actually very limited but I am excited about everything so far that I have learned. I am also for the most part undecided about what I would like to do in this industry. More than likely I will in the future start my own greenhouse retail shop. For those of you who haven't spent much time with me I hope to change that and have loads of fun this year in the Hort Club!!!

Not-so-recent Events: Haunted Forest A Horrific Success

Could the weather have been more perfect? It was somewhat chilly but very tolerable!!! Thanks to everyone who helped with the Haunted Forest, those young and old!!! It looked bleak in the planning stages but everyone rallied together and it was a hit!!! We earned about \$500 which contributed to our ever popular GIE trip. The mad doctor with the chainsaw gave an awesome scare at the very beginning of our tour into Frankenstein's Castle. Frankenstein and his doctor were once again a big hit, even though Frankenstein's dancing made some of the smaller guests cry, the majority of the groups loved it!!! In my opinion the unexpected young spooksters jumping out of trees and from behind bushes throughout the tour really filled it in perfectly!!! And of course we need to give credit to our lively gargoyle and his dinner table. He fooled a lot of people into thinking he was a harmless statue and then showed his ghoulish behavior as we passed. Great Job to all though we couldn't have done it without any of you and we hope you all had fun!!!

GIE-The Place to Be

I think everyone would agree when I say "NORTH CAROLINA WAS AWESOME!!!" The seminars, while very interesting, could not compete with The Keynote Speaker on Friday, Vince Poscente. His thrilling and inspiring stories really revved everyone up! "BE INVINCIBLE" was his motto. He spoke about 12 simple principles that he practices everyday such as being honest, have willpower and faith in yourself and others as well as respecting yourself and others as well as nine others. If you are interested go to www.beinvincible.com.

The Student Networking Session was also exciting. Our task was to talk to at least 5 leaders of the industry there and get a better feel for their particular business, get their business card and just chat with them and mingle. While it was scary at first, it became easier to talk to these high-rollers of the Landscaping Industry.

As usual everyone "cashed in" at the expo, coming home with t-shirts, hats, and ink pens galore! Some even won quite large gift certificates. Our own Rachel gets to go to a Nascar Race!!! What did everyone do with their down time in North Carolina? Sit back and relax, play a little pool, go back to the hotel and watch a movie...or win basketball tickets and go see the Charlotte Bobcats!!! All around everyone had a good time. Saturday before departing a small group of us broke away from the GIE Scene and visited the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. It was a beautiful site even at this time of year. Thanks Genny, it was quite a treat!!!

Upcoming Events

ALCA Student Career Days-if you are planning on attending let Genny or Randey know and come to the next meeting! We will be planning the Competitions at the next meeting so don't miss it!!!

Hope everyone who could make it had fun at the Christmas Party held at Venochen's. Happy Holidays to everyone!!!

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I have all my pictures from GIE in my scrapbook which I will bring to the next meeting. Hope to see you all there!!