

Fla. Turf Assn. donates \$63,000 for research

TAMPA, Fla. — More than \$63,000 was raised to benefit turfgrass research at the Florida Turfgrass Association's (FTGA) 45th Annual Conference & Show here.

Contributions were made to the FTGA during the association's annual Awards Lunch on Sept. 6. Donations included \$5,000 from Harrell's, Inc.; \$45,000 from the Seven Rivers Chapter of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Asso-

ciation (FGCSA); \$4,000 from the Everglades Chapter of the FGCSA; \$6,000 from the Palm Beach Chapter of the FGCSA; \$2,500 from the Ridge Chapter of the FGCSA; and \$1,000 from the Treasure Coast Chapter of the FGCSA.

The association's officers and directors for the 1997-98 year were installed. Educational scholarships were also awarded to turfgrass students at the University of Florida and Lake City Community College and the association's coveted "Wreath of Grass" was awarded to Charlie Campbell of DowElanco for outstanding contributions to the turfgrass industry.

Combined New England show set

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The first New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show will take place March 3-5 at the Rhode Island Convention Center here. The show is a combination of the annual Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire turf shows and will include representatives from all six New England states as well

as New York and New Jersey. Presented by the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, the event has officially replaced the individual state shows and will be held annually.

The conference portion, Building Together for Tomorrow, will offer industry seminars for turf professionals; recertification credits can be earned at these programs. The show portion will boast over 300 exhibitors.

To register, people should call 401-848-0004.

Batavia Farms' Peca elected NYSTA president

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) 1998 officers and directors were elected by attending members at the annual meeting at the Turf and Grounds Exposition.

Elected president of NYSTA was Anthony Peca Jr., president of Batavia Turf Farms in Batavia. He has served as both an officer and board member for many years.

Peca was awarded the Nursery Professional of the Year Citation for 1997 from the Genesee Finger Lakes Landscape Association.

John Fik now assumes the role of vice president. He is employed by Marriott Management Services at Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva. Fik has served as conference education chairman on multiple committees for the association.

Joe Hahn, superintendent at The Country Club of Rochester, was elected secretary/treasurer. Hahn has hosted many national golf tournaments while working in the Rochester area.

Incoming directors for 1998 are James Diermeier, employed by Reader's Digest Association in Pleasantville, serving the Hudson Region; Angelo Ranieri, of Susquehanna Valley Central School District in Conklin, serving the Mohawk Region; and Robert Scott of DowElanco in Springfield, serving the Atlantic Region.

Current directors serving NYSTA are Kenneth DeCerce of NYS Education Department, Clifton Park; James Hornung of North American Park in Buffalo; Michael Maffei of Back O'Beyond in Brewster; John Rizza of Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. in Latham; and James Seaman of Shaker Ridge Country Club in Colonie.

Stephen Smith of PIE Supply Co. has served for many years as an officer and/or director for the association, and continues on the board as past president.

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