



# Quarterly FSHS Newsletter

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## SPECIAL EDITION

## 2020 Meeting Changes

Dear FSHS Members,

As you are all aware, the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Florida State Horticulture Society was originally scheduled for June 7 - 9, 2020 in Sarasota.

As the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic continue to unfold and impact every sector of society, it has become apparent that the possibility that the conference could go on safely as scheduled was extremely unlikely.

The Board, working with the conference organizers at ASHS, has reviewed our options for holding the meeting at a later date placing utmost priority on the health and safety of our members.

After careful deliberation, the Board has opted to move the meeting to October 18 -20 at the same venue – the Hyatt Regency Sarasota.

As a result, we have extended the abstract deadline to July 15, 2020. The good news is that as many of us are now working from home, you now have plenty of time to develop and submit your abstract if you missed the previous April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If you have already submitted your abstract and author's agreement, now is a good time to begin work on your paper.

Early Bird prices for registration will now end Friday, Aug 21, 2020.

Refund structure:

- On or before September 4 = Full refund less a \$20 processing fee
- September 5 through September 18 = 75% refund less a \$20 processing fee
- September 19 through October 9 = 50% refund less a \$20 processing fee
- On or After October 10 = No refund

Members who have already registered for the June meeting will be refunded if they are unable to attend the October meeting. Contact: [hhilko@ashs.org](mailto:hhilko@ashs.org)  
Requests for refunds must be received by May 31.

You can rest assured that as we move forward, the health and safety of our members will be our priority.

Prayers for the safety of you, your families and our nation. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support for FSHS!

Stay safe and all the best.

*Gene McAvoy*

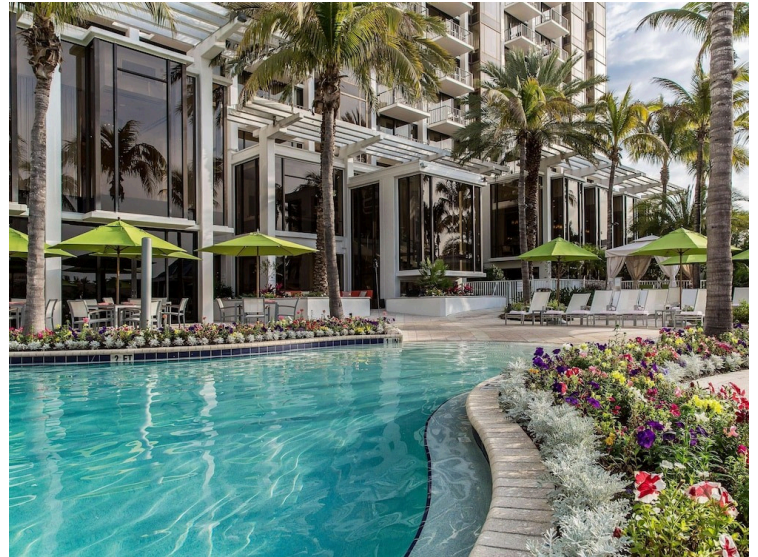
Gene McAvoy  
Chairman of the Board

# Membership and Conference Updates

**Check your calendars**, register and make your hotel reservations for the **133<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of FSHS** that will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Sarasota** (1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236; 941-953-1234) on **October 18-20, 2020**.

**The 2020 Meeting of FSHS** will feature presentations of applied research pertaining to horticultural and agronomic crops and products, and new developments and practices that have been put into use by growers, processors, allied industries, and other horticultural interests in Florida.

Don't hesitate — **renew your membership**, **submit your abstract**, and **register early**:



## New Membership Fees for 2020

CATEGORY	MEMBERSHIP FEE		
	Jan-Feb 15	Feb 16*	Annual Meeting (First Day)
Professional	\$60	\$80	\$105
Patron	\$200	\$200	\$200
International	\$70	\$90	\$115
Student	\$25	\$35	\$50

*\*Up to the day before the annual meeting.*

## Call for Titles and Abstracts to the 133rd Florida State Horticultural Society

**Annual Meeting:** <https://fshs.org/call-for-titles-and-abstracts/> **\*\*\*Due July 15th\*\*\***

## FSHS Conference Registration

	Early Bird	9/21/20	On Site
Member Basic	\$200	\$250	\$275
Member Full (includes 2 meals)	\$300	\$350	\$375
Non-Member Basic	\$300	\$350	\$400
Non-Member Full (includes 2 meals)	\$400	\$450	\$500
Student Member	\$125	\$150	\$175
Student Non-Member	\$175	\$200	\$225