

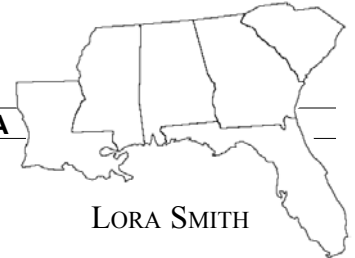


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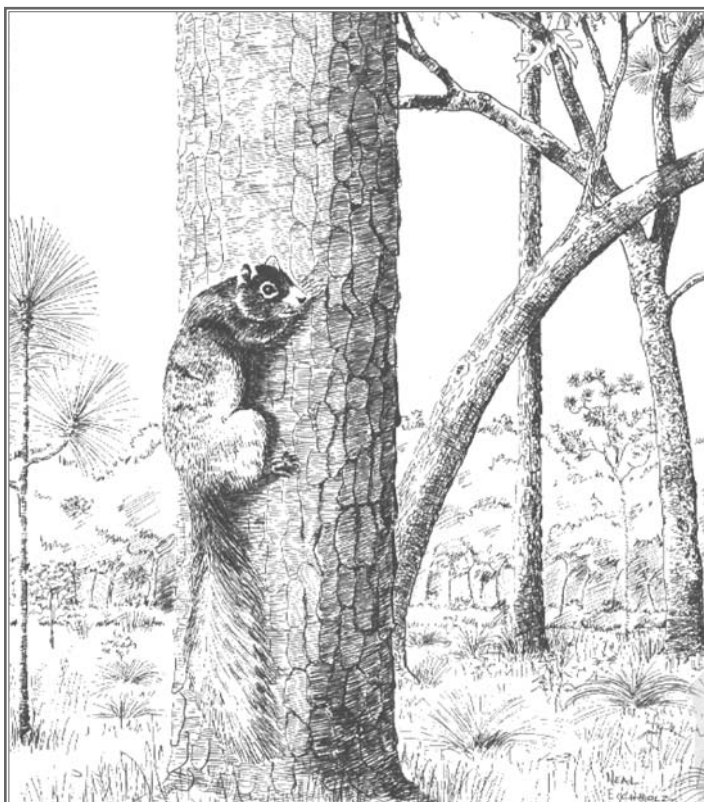


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Notes from a Co-chair

There has been a great deal of behind the scenes activity within the Council over the past few months. Sharon Hermann is in the midst of planning the annual meeting, to be held in Thomasville, Georgia on October 18-20 (see registration information in this issue). Anyone interested in volunteering to help at the meeting should contact Sharon directly. George Heinrich and Colleen Heise have been busy coordinating the Visiting Southeast Asian Turtle Researcher Project. The two researchers sponsored by GTC will be at Camp Shelby getting hands-on experience with tortoises starting in mid-August. The Executive Committee has updated the Gopher Tortoise Council

Bylaws so that they reflect our current goals and mission. We have included a copy of the revisions in this issue of the newsletter for members to review and comment on. The proposed changes will be voted on at the October business meeting. The Executive Committee voted to approve the GTC Relocation Position Statement, which was printed in the summer 2001 newsletter. Copies of the Statement are posted on the website. I'd like to welcome Inés Maxit who has stepped forward to serve as our Louisiana State Rep. As always, we can use your help as volunteers on a number of other projects. If you have the time and interest, please let us know.



Southeastern Fox Squirrel by Neal Eichholz

The J. Larry Landers Student Research Award

The J. Larry Landers Student Research Award is a GTC competitive grant program for undergraduate and graduate college students. Proposals can address research concerning gopher tortoise biology or any other relevant aspect of upland habitat conservation and management. The amount of the award is variable, but has averaged \$1,000.00 over the last few years.

The proposal should be limited to four pages in length and should include a description of the project, a concise budget, and a brief resume of the student. Proposals should be submitted by August 31 to Bob Herrington, Chair of Research Advisory Committee, Georgia Southwestern State University, Department of Biology, Americus, GA, 31709. e-mail bherring@canes.gsw.edu.

Revised DRAFT Bylaws - To be voted on by the membership at the October meeting

CONSTITUTION BYLAWS

Article I-Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be GOPHER TORTOISE COUNCIL.

Article II--Goal and Objectives

Section 1. The goal of the Gopher Tortoise Council is to assure the continued survival of viable populations of the gopher tortoise, *Gopherus polyphemus*, throughout its existing range. ~~Gopher tortoise, for the purpose of the Council, includes only the species *Gopherus polyphemus*.~~

Section 2. The objectives of the Gopher Tortoise Council (hereafter referred to as the Council) are:

- a. To serve in a professional advisory manner, where appropriate, on matters involving management and conservation of gopher tortoises, associated species, and upland habitats.
- b. To support such measures as shall work to insure the continued survival of gopher tortoises, associated species, and the maintenance of their habitats in a natural state.
- c. To stimulate and encourage studies on the status, life history, biology, physiology, and management of gopher tortoises and associated upland species.
- ~~d. To provide a clearinghouse of information among all agencies, organizations, and individuals engaged in work on gopher tortoises.~~
- ~~e. To maintain an active public information and conservation education program.~~
- ~~f. To commend outstanding action and dedication by individuals and organizations fostering the objectives of the Council.~~
- ~~g. To promote conservation of upland habitats through land acquisition and management.~~

Article III--Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in or engaged in management, conservation, research, or study of the gopher tortoise, other upland species or related conservation issues, shall be eligible for membership upon application.

Section 2. ~~Members shall pay to the Treasurer the specified dues required of active members of the Council. Dues shall be \$10.00 per year for a regular membership; \$5.00 for students; \$25.00 for an individual contributing membership and for societies, groups or clubs; \$100.00 for sustaining membership; and \$500 for a life membership. Student memberships are for grade school, high school, and college students. College students shall be eligible for student membership for no more than eight years. The Council may have one or more classes of memberships as designated by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall designate the class or classes of memberships, and the qualifications and rights of members of each class as well as dues for each category. Dues are payable to the Treasurer at the time of the annual meeting and shall be considered lapsed if not paid by 1 January.~~

Section 3. Membership shall be forfeited automatically when annual dues are not paid within ~~thirty~~ sixty days following notification in writing by the ~~Treasurer~~ Membership Secretary that said dues are in arrears.

Section 4. Any membership may be terminated by resignation.

Article IV-Officers

Section 1. Co-Chairpersons. There shall be two Co-Chairpersons and they shall have the general direction of the Council. They, together or singly, shall preside at all meetings of the ~~Executive Committee~~, of the Gopher Tortoise Council, and shall be responsible for organization of the annual meeting. They shall appoint Chairpersons of all regular and special committees and are ex-officio members of all committees. The Chairpersons shall serve in office two years, but may be re-elected. On a staggered basis, one Co-Chairperson shall be elected each year. The senior Co-Chairperson, at the end of her/his term, shall train the incoming Co-Chairperson in job responsibilities.

Section 2. Secretary. The Secretary shall serve as general business manager. The office shall issue notices of annual or special meetings and other materials distributed by the Council to its membership and shall provide a written report concerning activities of the previous year for presentation at the annual meeting and at any time requested by a Co-Chairperson. In the event that the Co-Chairpersons are unable to serve in their capacities, the Secretary shall serve as pro-tempore. The Secretary is an elected position. The Secretary shall serve in office two years, but may be re-elected. The Secretary, before leaving office, shall train her/his successor.

a. Minutes. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings and forward the same to members of the Executive Committee ~~with~~ in thirty (30) days at least two weeks in advance of the next meeting.

b. Files. The Secretary shall maintain files for the Council consisting of: ~~Constitution Bylaws~~, minutes of all meetings, correspondence pertinent to Council affairs, copies of all committee reports, financial statements and records and any other material judged by the Executive Committee as pertinent.

c. Correspondence. The Secretary shall forward copies of all correspondence to the Co-Chairpersons once a month.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and dispersing all funds of the Council. An auditing of the accounts for that year shall be presented to the Council by the Treasurer at the annual meeting and at any time requested by a Co-Chairperson. ~~An official audit shall be conducted annually by two members of the Council other than the Treasurer.~~ The Treasurer is an elected position. The Treasurer shall serve in office two years, but may be re-elected. The Treasurer, before leaving office, shall train her/his successor.

Section 4. State Representatives. The Representative for each state shall be responsible for informing the Council of all ongoing projects in her/his particular state that relate to the gopher tortoise and upland issues, and in keeping the Council up-to-date on any potential or existing problems. The State Representative should act,

where possible, as coordinators or sources of information for those within the states. State Representatives shall forward copies of all correspondence to the Co-Chairpersons and Secretary once a month. State Representatives, before leaving office, shall train their successors. State Representatives shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a two-year term. Representatives may be reappointed for additional terms.

Section 5. Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary shall maintain up-to-date records of active members, issue notices to those whose memberships are lapsing, and provide quarterly mailing lists to the Newsletter Editor and to the Co-Chairpersons on request. The Membership Secretary, before leaving office, shall train her/his successor. The Membership Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a two-year term. A membership Secretary can be reappointed for additional terms.

Section 6. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall compile information sent by the officers and members and solicit contributions as needed. The Editor shall produce The Tortoise Burrow four times a year, in ~~April, July,~~ **March, June**, September, and December. The Editor will send a draft of each newsletter to the Co-Chairpersons to review before printing. The Newsletter Editor, before leaving office, shall train her/his successor. The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a two-year term. A Newsletter Editor can be reappointed for additional terms.

Section 7. Website Manager. The website manager shall maintain the official Council website. Material added to the site shall be reviewed and approved by the Co-Chairpersons prior to posting on the site. The Web Site Manager shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a two-year term.

Section ~~7 8~~. Terms of Office. The officers shall serve for a term of two years. ~~Elected officers and~~ shall be elected at the annual meeting. Appointed officers shall be ~~appointed~~ **designated** within thirty (30) days of the annual meeting. All terms of office begin **at the annual meeting on 1 January of the following calendar year.**

Article V-Committees

Section 1. Chairpersons of standing committees shall be appointed by the Co-Chairpersons as deemed expedient for carrying out the objectives of the Council.

Section 2. Standing committees can include, but are not limited to:

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Public Information and Education Committee
- ~~c. Publishing and Editing Committee~~
- ~~d. c.~~ **c.** Research Advisory Committee
- ~~e. d.~~ **d.** Nominating Committee
- ~~f. Land Protection Committee~~

Section 3. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall manage affairs of the Gopher Tortoise Council. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Council, the immediate past Co-Chairpersons and the six State Representatives. The Executive Committee shall conduct its affairs to conform to the provisions of the ~~Constitution and~~ Bylaws. The Executive Committee is authorized to act for the Council between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at the annual meeting. Any action of the Executive Committee may be overridden by two-thirds majority vote of the attending membership.

Section 4. Public Information and Education **Committee**. This

Committee shall be composed of at least ~~five~~ **three** members, ~~with at least one from the academic community, a state agency, a federal agency, and the private sector.~~

a. Obligation. It shall be the obligation of this committee to make public contact through ~~news, radio and television~~ various forms of media for ~~publicity, information, and education,~~ **and publicity. This committee shall be responsible for developing and distributing education materials of the Council.**

b. Restriction. Publicity will be restricted to Council action, programs, awards, announcements, general education and information. ~~At no time will publicity be released that would discredit any person or organization, state agency, federal agency or educational institution.~~

~~Section 5. Publishing and Editing Committee. This Committee shall be composed of an editor and three assistants of his or her choice. It will be the responsibility of the Publishing and Editing Committee to publish proceedings and separate works in a timely fashion.~~

Section ~~6 5~~. Research Advisory Committee. ~~The membership~~ **This committee** shall consist of at least three members ~~one member each from a state agency, federal agency and at least three members~~ with pertinent research experience.

a. The name of the Research Award shall be the J. Larry Landers Student Research Award.

b. Proposals will be submitted to the Committee Chairperson who will then refer them to a minimum of ~~three~~ **two** members of the Research Advisory Committee for review. The chairperson will make a ~~response on behalf of the committee~~ **response** within thirty (30) days to the Secretary. In absence of the **Committee** Chairperson, the Executive Committee can refer ~~them~~ **applicants** to another member of the Advisory Committee.

c. Obligations. Obligations include, but are not limited to advising students and those engaged in research of current status of unpublished projects, ongoing government projects and areas and research subjects in need of investigation.

Section ~~7 6~~. Nominating Committee. This Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Co-Chairpersons of the Council.

a. The Committee shall present a slate of no more than two candidates for each vacant elective position; namely, a Co-Chairperson-elect, Secretary, and a Treasurer. The positions of Newsletter Editor, **Website Manager**, State Representative, and Membership Secretary are appointed by the Executive Committee.

b. The choice of candidates for office should attempt to cover the widespread interest groups present in the Council. For example, the candidates should include representatives from state and federal agencies, educational institutions and other persons interested in the gopher tortoise, associated upland species, and upland habitats.

c. Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

d. The Committee's list of nominees shall be sent to the Secretary and shall be available at the annual meeting.

e. Floor Nominees. Additional nominations from the floor may be placed on the Nominating Committee's slate at the Annual Meeting. Such nominees must have formally accepted the nomination.

f. Balloting. When more than one nominee **has been put forth** for

an office ~~has been nominated~~, written ballots shall be received from members present at the annual meeting. **Ballots shall be distributed, collected, and counted and shall be counted** by the Secretary and two members appointed by the Chairpersons. Balloting for ~~an individual nominee~~ (a single candidate for an office) may be taken by a show of hands or indicated by voice.

g. Alternate. If the Secretary's office is being contested, one of the Co-Chairpersons will fill the obligations of balloting.

h. Election. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes (a plurality) shall be declared elected. No one may hold two elective positions simultaneously in the Council.

~~Section 8. Land Protection Committee. This Committee will be composed of at least five people, and an effort will be made to include at least one representative from a state agency, a federal agency, and the private sector.~~

~~a. Obligation. It shall be the obligation of this committee to further the conservation of gopher tortoises and other upland species by identifying important tracts of upland habitats within the existing range of the gopher tortoise and working to secure the protection of said lands through acquisition, proper management, or other appropriate means.~~

~~b. Restriction. No member of the Land Protection Committee will benefit financially from the Council's efforts to secure acquisition of important upland habitats.~~

Article VI-Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Gopher Tortoise Council shall be held in the fall of each year at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of **conducting day-to-day business such as** electing officers, appointing chairpersons of committees, receiving reports, transacting other business and **for disseminating information through organized workshops and symposia** ~~presenting papers.~~

~~Section 2.~~ Meeting Notices. Council members shall be notified in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

~~Section 3.~~ Executive Committee Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet as needed to transact business necessary to maintenance of the Council.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called as necessary by the Co-Chairpersons. Twenty members or more may request a special meeting by writing to the Co-Chairpersons.

Section 5. Voting on Motions. At all scheduled meetings, motions may be passed by a simple majority vote of the Council members present.

Article VII-Finances

Section 1. Finances. Funds of the Council shall be under the supervision of the Treasurer and shall be handled by the Treasurer.

Section 2. Disbursement. The Treasurer shall make no disbursement of more than ~~\$100~~ **\$2000** without the authorization of one of the Co-Chairpersons. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds on behalf of the Council in a bank approved by the Executive Committee, at frequent intervals, and in the name of the Council.

The Treasurer shall balance the accounts at the end of each fiscal year and ~~her/his his/her~~ written report shall reflect the adjustments as required by the annual audit. **The Treasurer also shall file appropriate paperwork with the state and federal government to maintain the nonprofit status of the Council.**

Section 3. Audit. An audit of the financial status of the Council shall be made once a year by two **members of the Council other than the Treasurer.** ~~These~~ persons **shall be** appointed by the Co-Chairpersons and the Secretary. **An official audit by a certified public accountant shall be conducted between 2-year terms of the Treasurer.**

Section 4. Funds. Funds may be derived from dues, ~~special assessments, work~~ **special** projects (e.g., **t-shirt sales and silent auctions**), and contributions.

Section 5. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Council shall end on December 31.

Article VIII-Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the Council and the Executive Committee, subject to the special rules which have been or may be adopted.

Article IX-Reference Library

Section 1. A reference library relating to gopher tortoise research and management is being maintained at the Archbold Biological Station library, at P.O. Box 2057, Lake Placid, FL 33852. All members of the Executive Committee and Council should forward relevant information to the Archbold Biological Station library. The general membership of the Council should be encouraged to contribute relevant data.

Article X- ~~Constitutional~~ Amendments **to Bylaws**

Section 1. Recommendations. Council members may recommend changes to the ~~Constitution~~ **Bylaws** by submitting such changes to the Secretary, who will then forward them to the Executive Committee for ~~Committee~~ consideration.

Section 2. Amendments. ~~This constitution~~ **These Bylaws** may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or by mailing ballots to all members. Notice of proposed amendments shall be given to Council members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting, or at least thirty (30) days before ballots are due.

Section 3. Acceptance. Amendments to the ~~Constitution~~ **Bylaws** must be voted on and passed by two-thirds majority vote of the attending membership, or by two-thirds majority vote of responding members in the case of mail ballots.

Article XI-Dissolution

Section 1. No member will benefit financially upon dissolution of the Gopher Tortoise Council.

Section 2. Assets at the time of dissolution will be forwarded to: The Nature Conservancy, with funds restricted for use only on projects in the southeastern United States with significant upland acreages.

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Update on the Visiting Southeast Asian Turtle Researcher Project

GEORGE L. HEINRICH

Three visiting Southeast Asian turtle researchers arrived at the Wetlands Institute (Stone Harbor, New Jersey) in late May supported by the New York Turtle and Tortoise Society's Asian Scholarship Program. Ji chao Wang (Hainan Island, China), Firoz Ahmed (Guwahati, India), and Sovannara "Nara" Heng (Phnom Penh, Cambodia) will study the ecology and conservation of the northern diamondback terrapin and learn field techniques, data collection, and analysis under the direction of Dr. Roger Wood (Stockton State College/Wetlands Institute). In mid-August, the latter two will travel to Camp Shelby (Hattiesburg, Mississippi) to begin a month-long program sponsored by the Gopher Tortoise Council. During that time, Firoz and Nara will study gopher tortoise field research techniques and conservation methods under the direction of Colleen Heise (The Nature Conservancy of Mississippi). Readers wanting to learn more about the development of the Council's first international conservation project are referred to articles in the past three issues of this newsletter. In addition, you can visit www.nyttts.org to view photos of the interns and read about their individual backgrounds.

Response to our recent fundraising efforts has generated an additional \$1,905 in support of this project. We are well within reach of our expected final budget due to the generosity of the members and individuals listed below. Council members who want to assist with the success of this program and international tortoise conservation efforts still have time to do so. Checks made out to the VSATRP can be mailed to the Gopher Tortoise Council, c/o George L. Heinrich, 1213 Alhambra Way S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705-4620. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the financial success of this project!

Donations in response to recent fundraising efforts for this project were received from:

Jan and Dave Anschuetz	Roger L. Ivey
Mark and Karan Bailey	Thomas H. Keenan
Robert E. Brechtel	Donald M. Kraus
Kate Caldwell	Willy The Losen, Jr.
Alex Cannon and Marina Liem	Joseph T. Maier
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Judith C. Hancock	Wally Wahlquist
George and Donna Heinrich	Linda J. Wilson



Photo courtesy William H. Espenshade III, NYTTS

Left to right: Firoz Ahmed (India), Ji chao Wang (China), and Nara Heng (Cambodia) in front of the Wetlands Institute after their arrival in May.



Ji chao, Firoz, and Nara with an alligator snapping turtle at Spring Creek near Bainbridge, Georgia.

Editor's Note:

The summer issue normally is mailed in June, but due to early uncertainties regarding arrangements for the annual meeting, publishing was delayed until August so more accurate information could be presented. Hence, this combined summer-fall issue.

Annual Meeting Registration Form



Workshop on Fire Management and Fauna of the Upland Coastal Plains
and

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the Gopher Tortoise Council
Thomas University, Thomasville, Georgia
18-20 October, 2002

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____; Email: _____

<i>Pre-registration costs</i>	Regular	Student	Enclosed	
Friday Fire Workshop Only	\$40	\$30	_____	
Saturday GTC Meeting Only	\$40	\$30	_____	
Both Days (discounted fee)	\$70	\$50	_____	<i>circle one</i>
BBQ Saturday Night	\$20	\$20	_____	meat vegetarian
\$10 non-GTC member surcharge (or see below to join)			_____	
GTC Membership dues (due each fall)			_____	<i>circle one</i>
\$10 student, \$15 individual, \$25 contributor, \$50 corporate/society, \$100 sustaining, \$250 life				new renewing
			TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____	

Sunday Field Trip Options (open to all participants for no additional fee; please check one)

Wade Tract/Tall Timbers Research Station (S. Hermann and Craig Guyer, leaders) _____

Apalachicola National Forest and Coastal Plain Institute (Bruce Means, leader) _____

Jones Ecological Research Center (Lora Smith, leader) _____

Spring Creek Canoe Trip, Decatur County, GA (John Jensen, leader) _____

note: participants must provide their own canoes

Please check if you are interested in SAF continuing education credit: _____

Lodging: Attendees must make their own arrangements for lodging. Make reservations as soon as possible.

Dawson Street Inn	(229) 226-7515	324 N Dawson St	Knights Inn	(229) 228-0800	16309 US Highway 19 N
Days Inn	(229) 226-6025	15375 Highway 19 S	Melhana Plantation	(229) 226-2290	301 Showboat Lane
Hampton Inn	(229) 227-0040	1950 Highway 122	Shoney's Inn	(229) 228-5447	14866 Highway 19 S
Jameson Inn	(229) 227-9500	1670 Remington Ave	Super 8	(229) 226-9585	15211 Highway 19 S

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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCT. 7. ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS SUBJECT TO SPACE AVAILABILITY (lunches not guaranteed). Late, on-site registration fees will be \$50/day.

Registration fees include the Friday night social, daily lunches, breaks, and a Sunday field trip.

Welcome Louisiana Rep Inés Maxit

Inés Maxit is the GTC's new state representative for Louisiana. Originally from Argentina, Inés received her Masters Degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Florida in 2001. She has been with the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program since February 2002. After working on carnivores in South America for the last 8 years, Inés says she is truly excited about learning about gopher tortoises and working for their conservation.

Welcome, Inés!

Silent Auction Items Needed

LAURA WEWERKA

The silent auction held at last year's annual meeting helped raise funds to sponsor an extended visit to the southeastern United States by two Southeast Asian turtle biologists. As George Heinrich's column (page 5) shows, that project is well underway. Like last year, we have earmarked the proceeds from this coming fall's auction for a specific project. Proceeds will go towards making copies and distributing the new GTC educational slide presentation. This project will only succeed with your help! We need items with a southeastern herpetological or ecological theme including artwork, jewelry, posters, books, scientific publications, field equipment, shirts, and any other related items. Also, nights at cabins, hotels, and other "vacation" packages have raised a tremendous amount of money at previous auctions.

If you can mail items before the meeting, it will save the auction organizers a lot of time! Items can be mailed to: Laura Wewerka, c/o Calusa Nature Center, 3450 Ortiz Avenue, Ft. Myers, FL 33905. If you have any ideas of people, organizations, or companies to contact for donations you can also e-mail that information to Laura (laura.w@mindspring.com).

Although this is a special combined summer-fall issue, *The Tortoise Burrow* is normally published quarterly (March, June, September, December). Deadlines for submission of announcements and articles are the 15th of the preceding month. Send materials to the editor: Mark Bailey, 2040 Old Federal Road, Shorter, AL 36075, telephone (334) 727-2040, fax (334) 727-1005, mbailey@conservationsoutheast.com. Decisions concerning publication of submitted material rest with the editor and co-chairs. Please send address changes to membership secretary Colleen Heise, Camp Shelby Field Office, CSTS-ENV, Bldg. 6678, Camp Shelby, MS 39407, or e-mail at cheise@tnc.org.

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Announcement

Workshop on Fire Management and Fauna of the Upland Coastal Plains
and
Annual Meeting of the Gopher Tortoise Council

October 18-20, 2002
Thomas University,
Thomasville, Georgia

Registration form and details on page 6 and on website (www.gophertortoiseCouncil.org).
Pre-registration deadline is October 7.



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