

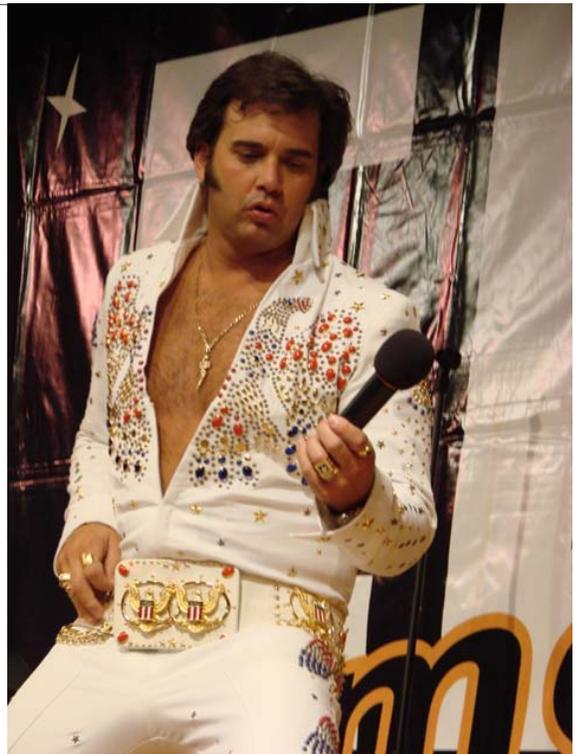
GAPPA

## GAPPA 2009 Leading In Lean Times

Hurry and sign up for this year's GAPPA annual meeting at Jekyll Island Georgia. The 25th annual meeting will be as good as ever. The educational sessions are informative and the networking is helpful.

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Mark your calendar for May 25th and go ahead and register. The GAPPA convention has always been a popular venue for vendors. Our 90 booths are usually reserved early and we always have vendors on the waiting list. We are sure that our booths will be taken this year (see list of vendors page 5



Shane Tucker Elvis Tribute Artist.

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### University of Georgia Awarded CIMS Certificate

The University of Georgia Physical Plant Division, Building Services Department announces it has been awarded the Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS) Certification with Honors for its work in the University's North Campus "Green Corridor." This prestigious designation is awarded by ISSA, Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association.



**CIMS applies to the management, operations, and performance systems of cleaning organizations. Compliance with the standard demonstrates that a cleaning operation is structured to deliver consistent, quality ser-**

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## President's Message

(Jodie Sweat)

It is time to make plans to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Physical Plant Administrators. Our theme, **Leading in Lean Times**, has universal interest this year. The meeting and trade show is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Jekyll Island Conference Center. **Late last year, many members responded to a survey expressing continued interest in attending the annual meeting in spite of reduced budgets.** The GAPPA Board is proud to offer the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in our traditional format in response. The Golf Tournament, Trade Show and Educational Sessions will be offered, same times, same places. **Our members have affirmed that the program**

**and trade show are a valuable resource for dealing with the challenges of our times.** The educational program includes presentations to provoke thought and discussion for the demands facing Facilities professionals in this new environment.

The 2009 Trade Show has 90 exhibitors ready to share innovative solutions, services and equipment that will help you get the most for your campus dollars. Our vendor partners are an important component to find the most cost effective solutions for our institution's facility needs and the Trade Show is a singular opportunity to explore the possibilities.

Along with the peer networking, educational sessions, speakers and vendor show we have planned the exciting Casino Night and auction, children's program, golf tournament and evening entertainment. You don't want to miss this invaluable opportunity to share experiences with colleagues, vendors and professionals from around the state and beyond. We'll share a little fun and camaraderie too. Bring your family to enjoy the activities and beautiful Jekyll Island while you are at the conference.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your family in May to share this great annual experience.

For previous copies of "GAPPA News" newsletter, check on line. We also have photos of previous annual meetings.

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**vices designed to meet customers' needs and expectations.**

"We are certainly proud of our efforts and certification;" notes Al Jeffers, Interim Superintendent, University of Georgia Building Services. "I sincerely believe this is an invaluable tool for our program and I can tell you, **by going through this process, we learned quite a bit about our operation and where improvements can be made.** Our intention now is to roll our "Green" program along with CIMS across the entire campus."

To comply with The Standard, the UGA Physical Plant Division staff had to submit written documentation supporting its compliance with the requirements described in the five key sections of the Standard: **Quality Systems; Service Delivery; Human Resources; Health, Safety, and Environmental Stewardship; and Management Commitment.** An independent, accredited assessor then conducted an on-site review of the University's systems, processes, and documentation to ensure compliance. This process included interviews with Services Department customers, such as Heather Carlson, and numerous other faculty and staff members from the North Campus "Green Corridor."

The UGA CIMS certification team was lead by Dexter Fisher, Director of Services, and Kimberly Thomas, Asst. Director of Services, but ultimately involved the entire Building Services Department staff. Further, the team was assisted by a certified "ISSA Certification Expert" (I.C.E.), John Chittom, President of Athens Janitor Supply Company Inc., Athens, GA. In his role as an I.C.E. professional, Chittom provided unique guidance and support throughout the entire process.

**Fisher and Thomas both believed certification would demonstrate their department's commitment to excellence, and provide an opportunity to build on the department's innovative "Green Cleaning Pro-**

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## Historic Town Spring Restored at UGA



**At the intersection of Fulton and Spring streets, a lush green oasis is beginning to take shape** amongst the gray concrete NO4 parking lots at University of Georgia.

Just steps from downtown, two small bumblebees frolic between purple pickerelweed flowers, birds caw and crawfish swim in a stream recently revealed as part of the Athens Town Stream Restoration Project. Campus buses still roar by, but the area is much more green than it was in spring, when the project began.

Scheduled to be completed by the start of fall semester, the project aims to restore the spring—thought to be the namesake of Spring Street—to be more reminiscent of what it used to be: a rock outcropping providing water to UGA students and Athens townspeople. The project also will help in the broader goal of making campus more green.

Physical Plant employees have mucked dirt and decades worth of debris out of what was previously a grassy shoulder behind the business services building to reveal old cobblestone streets, railroad ties and a rock outcropping thought to be the very one John Milledge mentioned in his letter to the search committee responsible for finding a location for the University of Georgia.

With its “copious spring of excellent water,” the stream is heralded as the reason UGA stands where it does today. **It served as Athens’ primary water source for decades, and its water was later pumped into a cistern in the mid-1800s.** Eventually covered up by a lumber yard, the stream still is only partially “daylighted,” or exposed to the open air, while much of the stream, which flows into the North Oconee River, is piped underground. The spring may become further exposed to celebrate the university’s history.

**Danny Sniff, associate vice president for facilities planning, said he’d like to see the stream head, which is thought to reside under the Central Duplicating Services building, exposed one day.** While there is no time frame on that project, the university’s master plan does eventually call for the elimination of the building and the small

parking lots in the area—replacing them with two smaller buildings and extending green space east of North Campus into the new northeast precinct. Sniff said he’d also like a historical marker for the area.

**The restoration has been a collaborative effort between facilities planning and the grounds department at UGA and Athens-Clarke County Public Works Department and its stormwater team.**

Jennifer Perissi, a landscape designer, has stocked the area with water-loving native plants including spikerush, Juncus, Carex and Hydrocotyle, all of which grow in the gaps between old railroad tracks.

An old brick wall has been restored with wood beams and even some authentic old railroad hardware. The old building footings also remain

**“I wanted to leave the artifacts that were here—the tracks, the cobblestones—and really do as little disturbance as possible to the stream,”** said Dexter Adams, director of UGA’s grounds department.



# GAPPA Scholarships Available

To further the development in the field of facilities management through education and training, and to provide financial assistance to qualifying GAPPA members, the Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that **funding has once again been made available**, and it is calling for application submissions.

Preference is given to persons who plan to continue their career in facilities management. Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Association Member for 12 Months
- Employed Full-time in Facilities Management

Scholarship applications are reviewed by the committee and recommendations for award are presented to the Board of Directors. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by available funds, and individual **award amounts (\$2,000)**.

GAPPA Scholarships are typically awarded for three basic categories (see complete Scholarship Program document for details):

- APPA Institute for Facilities Management**
- APPA Leadership Academy**
- Degree Courses from Accredited Educational Institutions, Technical Training, Certificate programs, etc.**

For consideration, interested members must complete the scholarship application form to include recommendations and signatures from their supervisors and Director of Physical Plant at the sponsoring institution. In addition, letters of recommendations should be printed on institutional letterhead. Mail completed application and recommendations to the scholarship chairman via U.S. Mail (do not e-mail), postmarked by October 15, 2008 to be considered for the upcoming quarter.

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## Educational Sessions

**Arc Flash:** John Welch, Director of Critical Power, M.C. Dean

**Water Treatment Systems:** Casey Charepoo, U&E Superintendent Georgia Institute of Technology Office of Facilities

**Champagne Services on a Beer Budget:** Lee Richey P.E., Draper & Associates and Randy Ellis

**Educating Supervisors:** Reginald Woods, Senior Hr Manager University Of Georgia, Physical Plant Division

**Storm Water Master Plan:** Matt Tanner

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# Vendors List

Classic Groundcovers  
Full Circle Restoration and Const.  
Automatic Logic ALCC  
Winter Construction  
Andrews, Hammock & Powell  
Parker Young Construction  
School Dude.com  
Georgia Power Company  
Boiler Supply Company of GA  
Illingworth Eng. Co.  
Asset Works, Inc.  
Albion Scaccia Enterprises, LLC  
Menefee & Winer Architects  
Calloway Engineered Systems  
Solid Waste Solutions  
North Ridge Restoration  
DVA Architecture, LLC  
RHD Services  
John Q. Bullard Association, Inc.  
Michael E. Clark & Associates  
Andras Allen Starr Architecture  
Carter Goble Lee Companies  
Siemens Building Technologies  
ISES Corporation  
Sanco Products  
Carrier Complete Systems  
Georgia Safe Sidewalks  
Spencer Bristol Engineering

Turner Construction  
Palacio Collaborative  
EMC Engineers, Inc.  
ECOS Environmental Designs  
DPR Construction, Inc  
Georgia Trane  
Johnson Controls  
Prime Power Services  
Batteries Plus  
Brasfield & Gorrie LLC  
Nalco Company  
Belfor USA  
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McCarthy Building Companies  
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Stevens & Wilkinson  
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Tandus  
Concord Project Consulting  
Repo Sales of Georgia  
Spotswood Associates  
Cathedral Stone Products  
Parrish Construction Group  
Technicon Engineering  
O'Brien & Gere  
M.C. Dean  
Quality Pavement Markings  
Atlanta Paving & Concrete  
Construction  
Timothy Haas & Associates  
Cooper Carry  
Draper & Associates  
The Mohawk Group  
Heat Transfer Systems  
KRB  
Holder Construction  
Barton Marlow Company

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**Red, Black & GREEN: The UGA Green Cleaning Success Story:** Kim Thomas, Assistant Director for Services, University of Georgia Physical Plant Division, and John Chittom, President of Athens Janitorial Supply  
**Integrating a Capital Project Status and Accounting System for Program Manager's Use :** David Goldfarb

## **Executive Leadership Institute**

Tina Woodard, BOR of the University System of Georgia

## **The Many Facets of Campus Sustainability**

Uma Umashnker, HGOR Planners and Landscape Architects

**Subsurface Utility Engineering:** Joel Davis

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If you are a vendor, you should expect a good traffic in the convention hall and good contact where you can develop a good relationship with potential clients.

As an attendant of the convention, you can count on educational sessions, good exhibitors, and a bunch of creative ways to help you do your job better and more efficient.

We also have entertainment. Shane Tucker will be **Elvis Tribute Artist** at the Annual banquet.

Mr. Tucker began his career as an ETA began nondescriptly at a staff Christmas party and has evolved to include parties, balls,

Elvis Remembered concerts, ETA competitions, and various other types of appearances. While mostly he performs while accompanied by recorded music, he has done several performances with live bands. He says “my favorite performances include performing with Brandon Bennett's band, The Heart Break Orchestra, the EAS band, and the Foley High School Orchestra.



**gram.”** In fact, the Physical Plant Division was recently chosen to receive an Honorable Mention award in the Universities category of the 2008 Green Cleaning Award for Schools and Universities thanks in large part to their CIMS certification efforts. Only four universities across the country receive such an award, which is sponsored by American School and University Magazine, The Green Cleaning Network and the Healthy Schools Campaign. (Continued on page 6)

Stark highlighted the following “Best Practice” programs as evidence of the University’s commitment to true excellence:

**The “Green Cleaning” initiative**, which began in 2007 to improve indoor air quality and reduce air contaminants and has now lead to the elimination of more than 300 products from the University’s overall chemical inventory.

**The Building Services Academy** program, which provides new Building Service Workers with a two-week orientation and training curriculum prior to the individual’s assignment in the field.

**Health and Safety** training programs for Building Service employees which emphasize hazardous material spill containment and response and other overall worker safety programs.

The University of Georgia Physical Plant Services Department is delighted to be among the “Best of the Best” in their industry. Currently, the only other college or university in the United States to obtain the CIMS with Honors designation for their Physical Plant operations is The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

More information on CIMS, certification and ISSA can be found at [www.issa.com/standard](http://www.issa.com/standard). Information on the environmental sustainability initiative for the University of Georgia Physical Plant Division can be found at [www.gogreen.uga.edu](http://www.gogreen.uga.edu).