

To: **GES Membership**

Date: **January 16, 2024**



2024 GEORGIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The upcoming meeting will be **April 3-5, 2024** at the beautiful Villas by the Sea Resort & Conference Center, Jekyll Island, GA. A block of rooms is available at Villas by the Sea <http://www.villasbythesearesort.com/>

To receive the contracted group room rates, contact Villas by the Sea by **March 4, 2024** (reservation deadline).

Villas by the Sea is now accepting reservations. Call 912-635-2521 or 800-841-6262 and mention **Group Code #541037** or **GES Conference** for group rates. Group rates are not available online.

Please make your reservation directly with Villas by the Sea so it will count toward the GES room block.

- Be sure and mention that you are with the Georgia Entomological Society to get the meeting rate.
- Room Rates*:

	Islandside	Oceanside	Oceanview	Available Block
Mini Villa/Studio	\$149	N/A	N/A	7
One Bedroom	\$159	\$169	\$179	17
Two Bedroom	\$229	\$249	\$259	18
Three Bedroom	\$309	\$329	\$339	5

- Tax Exemption Documentation (Sales 6% and/or hotel 5%) due at check-in.
- Note: Excluding coffee, breakfast will not be provided by GES. However, the rooms at VBS have a full kitchen (large refrigerator, stove, oven, coffee maker, toaster, silverware, bowls, etc.) should you choose to bring and prepare your own hot or cold breakfast. There are also numerous restaurants on Jekyll Island.
- 6% Sales Tax, 5% Hotel Occupancy Tax, & 5% Resort Fee are additional to room rate.
- Rate is per room per night. Tax and resort fee subject to change.
- **Guests are responsible for their own charges.**
- **All accounts with a balance must be paid in full at check-in.**
- No other discounts can be applied to this room block.
- **Reservations cancelled less than 3 days prior to arrival will forfeit deposit.**
- Hotel Check In is at 4:00pm and Hotel Check out is no later than 11:00am

As in the past, the meeting will have a Founders Lecture recognizing the 2024 Founder honoree and the recognition of a 2024 Fellow.

The meeting will also consist of contributed papers and posters from regular members, the Photo Salon competition, B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. student paper and poster competitions, announcement of the M.S. and Ph.D. scholarship winners, an industry panel session, and the always highly anticipated and highly competitive fishing tourney and bug fun run.

The meeting registration fees will be: \$175 for early-bird regular members (**register before March 15**), \$250 for late registration for regular members, \$87.50 for Fellows and Emeritus members, and \$25 for spouses. Student participation is \$35. Registration includes annual dues, journal subscription, lunch banquet, and morning and afternoon breaks.

Paper and Poster Submission

Submit paper and poster titles by **March 4, 2024**. *Please don't wait until the last minute.*

Submit your paper or poster online at: <https://bit.ly/2024GES-Submission> or scan QR code →



Be sure to include the following:

- Title, Author(s), Author(s) Affiliations
- Is it a Paper or Poster?
- Are you a regular member, B.S. student, M.S. student or Ph.D. student?
- Dietary restrictions

Please be sure to use this format when emailing:

Life as the Kudzu Bug (Hemiptera: Plataspidae) Whisperer. Wayne Gardner¹. ¹ Department of Entomology, University of Georgia, Griffin, GA.

***Shimat Joseph (svjoseph@uga.edu) is the local arrangements chair and is also handling the visual aids at the meeting. To speed up the process, Shimat is asking everyone to send their PowerPoint presentation by March 21st with the file name as "GES last name of presenter.pptx" (for example, "GES_Joseph.pptx").**

Submitted papers should be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes for discussion. A LCD computer projector will be available for oral presentations. *Authors must have PowerPoint presentations on a flash drive to load onto the computer prior to the session if they do not meet the **March 21st deadline.***

Posters should be 36" wide by no more than 48" tall to fit on the provided poster boards. Posters should be easily read from a distance of 6 feet (no less than 24 font and 28+ font preferred).

Competitions

- Best oral presentation by Ph.D. Student (C. M. Beckham Award)
- Best oral presentation by M.S. Student (T. L. Bissell Award)
- Best oral presentation by B.S. Student (J. H. Oliver Jr. Award)
- Best student poster submission (U. E. Brady Award)
- Best oral presentation by a regular member (O. I. Snapp Award)

Judging Criteria

- Organization (20 points)-sequence of topics logical and effective; introduction, body of talk
- Delivery (20 points)-poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer
- Visual Aids (20 points)-appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye appealing
- Subject Matter (30 points)-important questions addressed, appropriate methods
- Handling of Questions (10 points)-questions made clear to audience; answers logical and appropriate
- Conformation to time constraints (maximum 8 point penalty)-deduct 1 point for each 15 seconds over time or each 30 seconds under time limit.

Other Activities

Surf/Pier Fishing "Competition" (April 3; meet at noon at pier) --- Email Will Hudson (wghudson@uga.edu) for details. Call (1-800-366-2661) or go online (<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/licenses-permits-passes>) to obtain a Georgia fishing license (State and one-day salt water) and SIP permit.

Bug Fun “Run” (April 3; meet at 5:00 in hotel lobby) --- Email your name, and that you will participate, to Jason Schmidt at jschmid2@uga.edu.

GES Scholarship Applications should be sent to David Shapiro-Ilan at David.Shapiro@usda.gov. See the GES Website for Guidelines on Scholarship Applications (<https://site.caes.uga.edu/ges/scholarships/>).

Photo Salon --- Email submissions directly to Lisa Ames (lames@uga.edu). Rules and form are below.

Summary of DEADLINES:

1. *Paper/Poster Title Submissions*: Submit your title online at <https://bit.ly/2024GES-Submission> - **March 4**.
2. *Meeting Registration and Payment* (no deadline, **March 15 for early-bird**): Go to <https://site.caes.uga.edu/ges/> to use your PayPal account. Checks may be sent to Stan Diffie at Dept. of Entomology 2360 Rainwater Rd. Tifton, GA 31793. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but not necessary.**
3. *Room Reservations*: Call Villas by the Sea at 800-841-6262 - **March 4**.
4. *Photo Salon Entries*: Send to Lisa Ames at lames@uga.edu - **March 4**.
5. *GES Scholarship Packets*: Send to Davis Shapiro-Ilan at David.Shapiro@usda.gov - **March 4**.

If you have any questions, contact **Ash Sial**, GES Program Chair at ashsial@uga.edu

INSECT PHOTO SALON

CATEGORIES: **Portrait**—close-up photo of a living insect. **Biology**—photo that ‘tells a story’ of how insects live and/or die. **Sequence**—3-5 photos describing insect biology. **Microscopic**—photo of living insect, non-living insect or insect material.

FORMAT: Only photographs with a horizontal format will be accepted (this limitation is based on the format for the journal cover). Limit of 2 individual photos per category and one sequence per participant.

DIGITAL IMAGE REQUIREMENTS: Digital images submitted for cover photos must be saved and submitted as TIFF files or high-quality JPEG files. For cover consideration, photos should be at least 1 MB in file size (preferably larger—the more detailed the), but still feature the insect prominently without an abundance of extraneous background.

Submission of Digital Images: Digital submissions should be submitted to Lisa Ames (lames@uga.edu) or if too large, send on a CD (see below for CD submission). Each image, whether sent via e-mail or regular mail, should include *name of photographer, category, photo title and brief description*.

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by Lisa by **March 4, 2024**.

JUDGING: Criteria for judging are excellence in photographic technique, aesthetic appeal, engaging use of subject and scientific accuracy.

Four photos will be chosen from the total pool of photos to appear on the cover of the *Journal of Entomological Science*. Photos need not win a category to be chosen for a cover.

For regular mail submissions, please use the following form:

Please fill out one form for each category entered.
Please make sure that your name is on every slide or that every file is named.

CIRCLE THE CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER:

PORTRAIT BIOLOGY SEQUENCE MICROSCOPIC

Photographer's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

SLIDE or FILE TITLE/DESCRIPTION (Please Print, limit of two for categories other than Sequence):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Slide submissions will be turned into digital files for judging. **Send all non-digital entries and digital CD entries to: Lisa Ames, Department of Entomology, Griffin Experiment Station, 1109 Experiment St., Griffin, GA 30223**