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TEXAS TROPICAL PARADISE SITE FOR 2010 TLPCA CONVENTION

Plans are underway for the TLPCA 58th Annual Convention & Trade Show. This year's site is the beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas, June 9—12, 2010. Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and Convention Center is a tropical paradise and one of the premier tourist destinations in Texas.



This resort hotel is accented by Aquarium, Rainforest and Discovery Pyramids, Imax 3-D Theater and ride films along with the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat and Palm Beach. Moody Gardens also has a full service Spa and Saloon, a fitness, exercise room and jogging trail. Adjacent to the hotel is the new indoor/outdoor Schlitterbahn Waterpark.

As summer months are the favorite time of the year for visiting Galveston,



attendees are encouraged to make their reservations before the May 14th deadline by calling the hotel at 1-888-388-8484 and indicate you are with the Texas Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association.

The pre-convention activities begin at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9th with the Early Bird Party for those arriving early on Wednesday to start setting up their booths, or for those who just want to relax and enjoy the hotel.

Registration packets will be mailed the first week in April to all members of the Association.

The complete program will be announced shortly and information will be added to the TLPCA web site at www.tlpca.org under the 2010 Convention link.

TLPCA ANNUAL SUPPLIERS LUNCHEON

TLPCA will host its Annual Manufacturers & Suppliers Luncheon Friday, April 16th starting with a Reception at 11:30 a.m. This year the annual event will be held at the **House of Blues Dallas**, 2200 N. Lamar Street, Dallas, Texas. *(Free Parking is available in the North Lot next to the House of Blues).*

You must register with the Association Office for the Luncheon.

Association news and information will be shared with members and guests, as well as preview plans for the upcoming TLPCA 58th Annual Convention & Trade Show.

Sign up today!

From the President ...



My term as President of the TLPCA will soon be coming to an end.

Together we have made many changes that I believe will make our Association much stronger. We now have a diverse group of

members that is composed of drywall, stucco, EIFS, stone veneer, fire proofing, and ceiling system contractors. With the new addition of drywall and stone veneer contractor members, we now encapsulate the entire wall system.

In 1952, the quantity of contractors was much smaller as were their projects. Profits, however, were substantial. In today's market, our margins will be smaller for the next few years because of the current economic issues. Now more than ever, we need to work harder to educate our members and to help each other to promote our industry. As new energy codes are being implemented, it is important that we keep our members up to date on current industry changes. New energy codes should also produce a dramatic increase in our market share.

Over the years, our Association has grown and changed. Our reach now extends past the Texas borders. Changes have not always been accepted with open arms, but sometimes change is needed whether we like or not. We are no longer just a lath and plastering contractors association. We now encompass more phases of the walls and ceilings industry, and our name should reflect that. The Association needs to move forward and adjust with the demands of the world we live in now. Our name needs to reflect the changes in our Association and more importantly it needs to reflect our *entire member group*, not just the lathers and plasters. Now more than ever it is important to focus on what our industry needs to survive these hard economic times.

We must beat our own drum and push for our products and services. We can no longer afford to wait for business to come to us. We need to make sure that we are always at the forefront and to always be ready to provide our assistance, product information,

and viewpoints to engineers, architects, and designers in all stages of the construction process. They need to know the problems that we face when they are not knowledgeable in our products. Our members are the solution to educating these designers, engineers, and architects. Knowledge is power!

Fifty eight years ago, a group of contractors came together to form the TLPCA and TBLP Associations. Their goal was probably the same as it is now. This goal is to provide a quality job at a good price while still producing revenue for our companies, to provide education for our members, to create better working environments for our employees, to educate our building officials, and to promote our products. I believe that is what we still must do today.

I will see you all at the Annual Suppliers Luncheon April 16th.

As always,

God Bless you all!

Rick Williams
M T C S, Inc.
TLPCA President

***WELCOME NEW
ASSOCIATE & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS***

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**LONGTIME CONTRACTOR MEMBER
JEFF SHUCK LEAVING**

Best Wishes to our longtime member **Jeff Shuck**, Southwest Lath and Plaster who will be moving to Missouri to take care of his parents and their ranch.

Jeff has over 17 years of service and dedication to the construction industry and TLPCA.

Roger Burke has hired **Randy Holster** as the new C.O.O., as well as **Keith Frazier** to fill the position of Senior Project Manager. These two bring many years of talent to this company.

Many Thanks and Best Wishes to Jeff from all the TLPCA members and friends.

***WELCOME NEW
CONTRACTOR MEMBERS***

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ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

**CONTRACTORS
January—March**

*Tobin & Rooney, Inc.	Mar. 22, 1952
F. L. Crane & Sons, Inc.	Mar. 18, 1987
John A. Lytle, Inc. (dba Anchor Plaster)	Feb. 18, 2000
Lasco Lath & Plaster	Feb. 22, 2005
P & M Plastering Contractors	Jan. 26, 2006

** Charter Member*

**ASSOCIATES / PROFESSIONALS
January—March**

Lynwood Building Materials	Feb. 19, 1982
Dryvit Systems, Inc.	Feb. 19, 1982
Don's Building Supply	Mar. 9, 1982
Gordon C. Scott Co. & Son	Feb. 15, 1985
Sto Corp.	Feb. 24, 1989
Powerfoam Insulation	Jan. 25, 1993
Keystone Southwest Insurance	Jan. 1, 1999
Wind-Lock Corp.	Jan. 6, 1999
Bayou City Wall Systems	Mar. 19, 1999
CALPLY	Mar. 14, 2001
Master Wall, Inc.	Mar. 31, 2006
Griesenbeck Distribution Group	Feb. 8, 2007
Structa Wire Corp.	Mar. 29, 2007
TNT Equipment Co., Inc.	Jan. 11, 2008
Benchmark Supply	Jan. 15, 2009
L.K. DeGeorge & Associates	Feb. 11, 2009
Artfoam LLC	Mar. 2, 2009
Shape-Tek	Mar. 31, 2009

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 8—10th	Northwest Wall & Ceiling Industries Convention, Tucson, AZ
Apr. 16th	TLPCA Annual Suppliers Luncheon House of Blues Dallas
Apr. 23—24th	AWCI INTEX Expo Colorado Convention Center Denver, CO
May 24—28th	18th Building Professional Institute (BPI) Exhibitor's Showcase UT Arlington
Jun. 9th	Executive Board Meeting Moody Gardens Hotel Galveston, TX
Jun. 10th -12th	TLPCA Annual Convention & Trade Show Moody Gardens Hotel Galveston, TX 77554



TLPCA & AWCI
Presents

“EIFS DOING IT RIGHT”
Certification Seminar

April 29, 2010

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Seminar held at:
Marek Brothers Systems, Inc.
2115 Judiway
Houston, TX 77018