

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE  
TEXAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!

### *The Runaway Scrape Oak*

This year's award features a painting by Texas artist Ronnie Wells of Salado. It is the ninth in a series of historic tree paintings commissioned by the Texas Forest Service. The painting depicts The Runaway Scrape Oak. At the foot of this giant live oak, General Sam Houston and a force of less than 400 Texans camped on the first night of their historic retreat from Gonzales, a retreat often referred to as the "Runaway Scrape." The date was March 13, 1836.

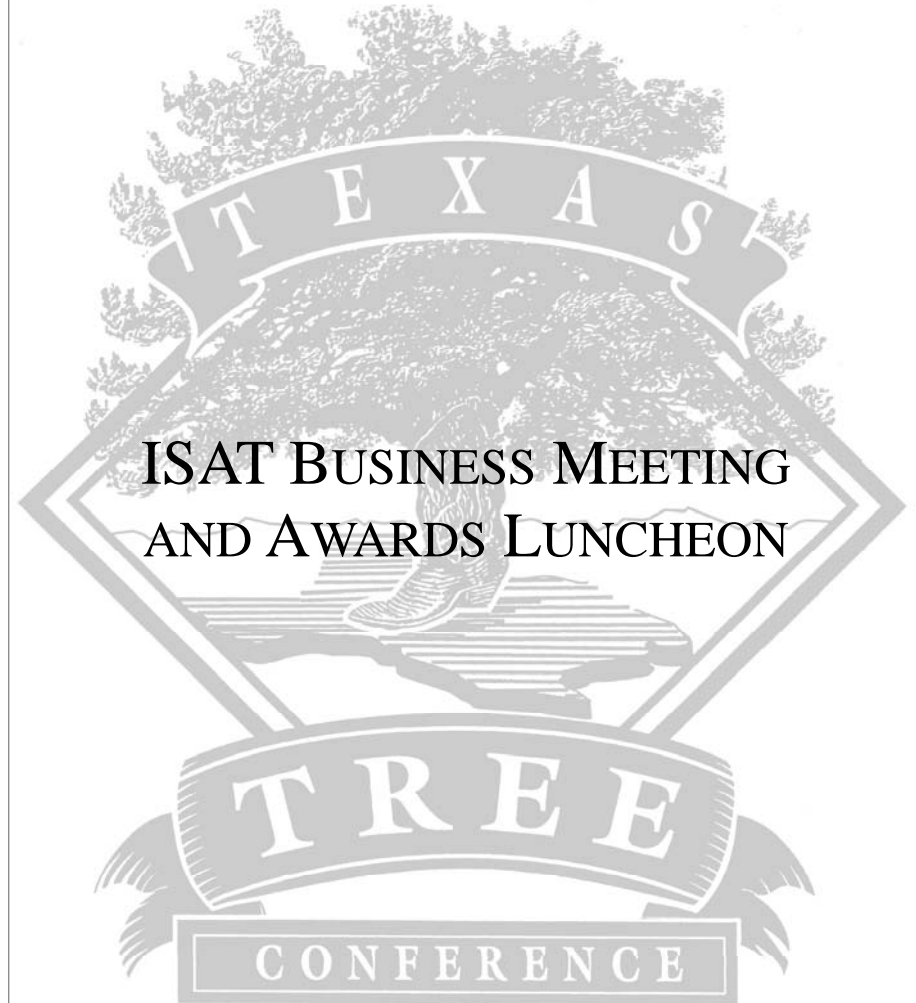
It was a time when the life of the young Republic seemed to be ebbing rapidly. The Alamo had fallen a week before, and Col. William B. Travis and his gallant band of 187 men were dead. The divided forces under Johnson and Grant, which had set out to capture Matamoros, had been almost annihilated, a part at San Patricio, a part at Agua Dulce. Fannin had been ordered to abandon Goliad and retreat to Victoria.

At sunrise on March 14, 1836, Houston mounted his horse under the famous oak and told his men, some of whom were panic-stricken, that those who saw fit to stay behind must suffer the consequences. He and an army of about 374 men continued east to the Brazos and then south to engage Santa Anna in the decisive victory in the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836—just 46 days after the fall of the Alamo.

*The Runaway Scrape Oak is a half mile north of Alternate U.S. Highway 90, ten miles east of Gonzales.*

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# 2006 TEXAS TREE CONFERENCE



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**Welcome and Introductions**

*Patrick Wentworth, President, Texas Chapter ISA*

**Invocation**

*Deacon Dennis Egan, St. Williams Catholic Church  
Round Rock, Texas*

**Outgoing President's Remarks**

*Patrick Wentworth, President, Texas Chapter ISA*

**Incoming President's Remarks**

*Gene Gehring, President, Texas Chapter ISA*

**The State of Texas Trees**

*James B. Hull, State Forester and  
Director of the Texas Forest Service*

**Presentation of Texas Community Forestry Awards**

*Gene Gehring and James Hull*

**International Update**

*Walter Warriner, ISA Vice-President  
Santa Monica, California*



**2006  
AWARD WINNERS**

**Texas Community  
Forestry Awards**

**INDIVIDUAL AWARD**

**Arborist of the Year**  
Jim Rooni


**PROJECT AWARDS**

**Arboricultural Project Award**  
*Old Settler's Park Tree Mitigation Project*  
IKEA and BWM Group

**Arboricultural Project Award**  
*Saving the Caswell Oak*  
Austin Tree Specialists

**SERVICE AWARDS**

**Distinguished Service Award**  
*Mark Peterson*



*All award winners are requested to have their  
photos taken either before or after the program.  
Thank you.*