



CALENDAR of EVENTS JUNE 10 - 24, 2005

MEETINGS

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2005
Time: 9 - 10 AM
Place: Director's Office

SEMINARS

NEMATODE RESISTANCE, ETC.

(PH.D. CANDIDATE, FIELD REQUIRED EXIT SEMINAR)

Speaker: Laurie Boyden, Ph. D. candidate
Date: Monday, June 13, 2005
Time: 11 AM
Place: Jordan Hall, Staff Room

FITNESS

AEROBICS

Date: Mon. & Fri.
Time: 12:10 PM - 1 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

TAE KARDIO

Date: Mon. & Wed.
Time: 12:10 PM - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED TO RENT: July and August. Furnished house in Geneva. Rental plans fell through. Contact K.Derosa at x2236, kad2 (home) 789-7482

FOR SALE: Nine aluminum storm windows 72 inches tall and 34 inches wide. Good condition. \$50 for the lot. Aluminum storm door 36 inches wide. Good condition, \$20. Call x2480 or email gf35

FOR RENT: Seneca Lake cottage. Two bedroom, boat lift, directly on lake, no stairs. For more info email mlh5

Artist's Among Us 2005



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people who may not consider themselves artistic make a small piece of art and contribute it to the show. The mosaic idea also lent itself easily to incorporating elements of what we do at the Station. It was divided into quarters, with each quadrant featuring a picture made from the 'tiles' people turned in. The pictures were of an apple, a wine glass, leaf and ladybug. The finished project ended up as a visual representation of how the Station works with the effort of so many individuals going into the finished piece.

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This year's 'Artist's Among Us' exhibit featured over 100 participants thanks to a project that was the brainchild of Susan Switras Meyer of PGRU. "The mosaic idea came about at our first art show committee meeting when we were looking idea for a community art project," Susan said. "Since the time I had first seen them in ancient ruins in Greece and in church floors in Rome during my study abroad program in college, mosaics have been of interest of mine.

I liked the idea of doing a project in which we could have people who may not consider themselves artistic make a small piece of art and contribute it to the show. The mosaic idea also lent itself easily to incorporating elements of what we do at the Station. It was divided into quarters, with each quadrant featuring a picture made from the 'tiles' people turned in. The pictures were of an apple, a wine glass, leaf and ladybug. The finished project ended up as a visual representation of how the Station works with the effort of so many individuals going into the finished piece.

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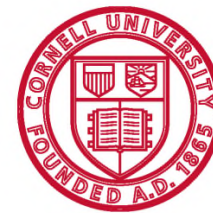
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FOR SALE: Black steel grill guard, brand new, never used. Fits Dodge truck. Heavy duty bed mat w/Dodge logo, fits short bed. Brand new. Contact George at x2618 or gwh1

VACATION RENTAL: Cottage on SW shore of Canandaigua Lake. 45 minutes from Geneva. It's nice: large front deck and lawn overlooking the lake, and cantilevered dock w/seating at water's edge. Also included is sleep cabin w/loft and double bed below. Fully heated. Gas grill, canoe & rowboat included. BYO linens and towels. Suitable 8-10 people. Summer openings remain: July 16-23 and Aug. 20-27. \$2,050/wk + sec. Interested? Contact Elaine at elg2

FOR RENT: Large 2nd Floor apartment, Pulteney Park location. Two bedroom, living room, dining room, new kitchen and bathroom with washer and dryer. Front and rear entrances, porch areas, off-street parking. No children, no pets. \$675/ month plus gas and electric. Water and trash pickup included. Available August. Call 789-3798 or email drr2

FOR RENT: One bedroom lower level apartment, Pulteney Park location. Living room, kitchen, laundry area, porch, off-street parking. No children, no pets. \$475/ month plus gas and electric. Water and trash pickup included. Available July. Call 789-3798 or email drr2



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BRIEFS

You're Invited... To a One-on-One Counseling session led by a TIAA-CREF financial consultant

Let us help you make financial decisions for your retirement planning that are right for you. Schedule an appointment today with a TIAA-CREF consultant who will be available to answer questions about your financial matters.

Date: Monday, June 20, 2005

Time: 8 AM - 5 PM

Place: Cornell University Geneva Campus, Food Research Lab (small conference room)

RSVP: To schedule a one-on-one counseling appointment, please call (877) 209-3144

Visit the web site at tiaa-cref.org (once there select Meetings/Counseling at the top of the page).

Jodi Creasap Receives Scholarship

Jodi Creasap, a Ph.D student in Tom Burr's program, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Education Foundation of the American Wine Society.

The opening paragraph of the award letter reads: "To confirm our phone conversation, on behalf of the America Wine Society Educational Foundation, I am pleased to inform you that we are awarding you a scholarship in honor of Jane and Wally Schandall. The scholarship is in the amount of \$2,500 and is donated by the Suffolk, Long Island, NY Chapter of the American Wine Society to help you continue your studies at Cornell University. Congratulations!

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Pat Mahoney to Assume Lead HR Responsibility At the Station

The human resources office at the Station is about to undergo a change with the retirement of long-time employee Charie Hibbard.

Charie's official retirement date is July 1. Pat Mahoney will officially assume the lead human resources responsibility at the Station at that time.

"Charie will be remembered as a very dedicated employee who cared greatly for Station employees and their ongoing activities," said Station Director Tom Burr. "She was there through the good and bad times as a strong and knowledgeable advocate for employees."

Charie began work at the Experiment Station in September 1980 as a Personnel Assistant and was promoted to her current position in February 1983. Reflecting on her career here, Charie said, "I have many fond memories of working with the finest researchers in the world and their staff; meeting people from all over who knew they wanted to train with our faculty. The memories are endless and will always be cherished.

"I try not to think of what I'll miss – but instead build the list of what I want to do in the future, including spending more time with family," she went on to say. "I understand there is no spare time in retirement. Enjoying the summer will be our first priority!"

Pat Mahoney came to the Station on September 4, 1998 in the Department of Horticultural Sciences as an Administrative Assistant II under the supervision of Lorraine Barry, and was promoted to Administrative Assistant III in February of 2000.

In October of 2003, Pat transferred to the Administrative Services Center as a Human Resources Assistant IV under the supervision of Charie Hibbard. In April of 2005, she was again promoted to Human Resources Generalist III, taking on the lead HR function at Geneva under the supervision of Mary Lou Doyle, Assistant Dean of Human Resources at CALS.

Pat joined the Employee Assembly (EA) in 1999; it was the first time in over 15 years that Geneva has had a representative on the EA. She was subsequently re-elected and continues to serve as Geneva's Rep. Pat served on the Station Club Banquet committee with Lorraine Barry for two years and is on the Recreation Facilities Committee, and remains a member. She also serves on the "Station Future" group.

Pat was born and raised in Geneva, and lives in the Town of Geneva with husband, Mike and son, Patrick. She is a member of the Town of Geneva Democratic Committee, the Town

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Pat Mahoney



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Volunteers Needed

The Station Outreach Committee will soon be looking for volunteers for the Station's participation in three upcoming events: Empire Farm Days (August 9 -11), Whale Watch (August 20-21), and Fun on the Farm (September 17). This appeal is being made to all faculty, staff, students, and retirees. These are all big events and it would be good if all departments can participate.

Please watch for more information, so mark your calendars now.

Don't be shy...Step right up, and give it a try.

Thank you in advance

Gemma Osborne

Congratulations

Several Geneva Graduate Students received degrees at the May Commencement in Ithaca.

From Food Science and Technology: Sasitorn (Tang) Chantanawarangoon, Ph.D, Jaruk Srikiatden, Ph.D, Hsiao-Wei (Cathy) Wen, Ph.D

From Entomology: Paul Robbins, Ph.D and Chris Silver, Ph.D

From Plant Pathology: Heather Melidossian, MS, and Megan Kennelly, Ph.D



Happy Father's Day!

SeaBreeze Tickets

Adult tickets - \$17.30
Kids under 48" - \$16.28

See Nancy Long between
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM for tickets
A122 Barton

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Planning Board, and the town Comprehensive Plan Committee. She is also a member of the GALE Lodge Sons of Italy in America.

"I see Human Resources in Geneva becoming stronger and more consistent with the continuous support and effort coming from CALS HR Ithaca," Pat said. "Geneva will have new and exciting resources available to us, including training, education, and solid communication tools. I also see HR continuing to develop into a valuable source of information and knowledge for faculty, staff and students who work and study here.

"I am grateful and proud to have been given the opportunity to take on this new role," she added. "I feel I am ready for the challenge, and look forward to working with all the excellent people here at the Station. This is truly an exceptional place to work, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

"I believe Pat Mahoney has the right skills and personality to lead the HR office for the Station," said director Tom Burr. "It's obvious that Pat cares about people and will work hard to provide the services that our faculty and staff need. Pat has done an excellent job already and has demonstrated the ability to work with the HR group in Ithaca very effectively."

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Boehlert Staff Members Visit The Station

Staff members from Rep. Sherwood Boehlert's office visited Geneva on May 31 for a brief tour of NYSAES and the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park. The group included: Dean D'Amore, the Congressman's Chief of Staff, and staff members John Konkus and Patricia Dellante. Also attending was Paul Lattimore, an advisor to the Congressman and Finger Lakes businessperson who has a great interest in the Park's success.

The visitors stopped by Randy Worobo's lab, the USDA-ARS grape genetics group, and also did a site visit to CAFTP. The visit was hosted by Tom Burr, Marc Smith, Steve Johnson and Dan Fessenden.



Peter Cousins explains to the group how they (the Grape Genetics Group) breed and evaluate grape rootstocks for resistance to nematodes. (L to R) Dean D'Amore, Paul Lattimore, Patricia Dellante and John Konkus.

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Geneva Employees Honored at Service Recognition Dinner

In early June each year, the Office of the President at Cornell hosts the annual Service Recognition Dinner, honoring those staff members who have been employed by the University for twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, and forty or more years. This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the event, which was first held during the presidency of Deane Mallot.

In attendance, were over 400 awardees, guests, and administrators from the Ithaca and Geneva campuses, including two staff and their guests from the

Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. The dinner recognized the long-term service of 252 staff members, representing 6,960 combined years of service to Cornell.

Several Geneva employees were on hand for the reception and dinner. Judy Anderson, Jim Moravec and Gary Chicoine were honored for thirty-five years of service, Joe Shail for thirty years and Joe Ogrodnick and Pam Adams for twenty-five years. Bob Clise and Matt Lewis also reached the twenty-five year milestone but were not able to attend.

President Lehman, in his remarks, specifically mentioned Geneva and indicated how aware he and Kathy Okun are of the excellent work done here. He also pointed out that Judy Anderson was a member of the NECFE group that received the USDA 'Award for Superior Service' and that Joe Shail and Joe Ogrodnick had been recipients of the Outstanding Employee Award at Geneva.

"It was a very enjoyable evening," said Station Director Tom Burr, who was also in attendance. "We have several dedicated employees who have been at the Station for many years and it was gratifying to see some of them recognized at the dinner."



The Geneva group included: (front L to R) Pam Adams, Jim Moravec, Judy Anderson, Joe Ogrodnick (back L to R) Gary Chicoine, Joe Shail, and Tom Burr.

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"Mr. D'Amore initiated the visit and requested the tour, which indicates the Congressman's strong interest in the success of the Station and the Park," said Marc Smith. "Congressman Boehlert, chair of the Science Committee of the US House of Representatives, is eager to encourage businesses with valuable connections to Cornell research to make the decision to locate here.

"The visitors seemed particularly enthusiastic about the quality of our relationships with USDA-ARS and the worldwide importance of the problems we solve together," Smith added.

"An important objective for the visit was to familiarize the staff with the components of our Geneva campus (Cornell, USDA, and the Ag Tech Park), and how we cooperate, said Tom Burr. "We are very grateful to the Congressman's office for supporting several programs including reinstatement of Federal Formula Funds, special grants and the continued development of the ARS Grape Genomics facility this year."

New York Wine & Grape Foundation Wine Country Events for June

Event: Wine Cards Wild Weekend
Location: Cayuga Wine Trail
Date/Time: Saturday the 25th - Sunday the 26th @ 11 PM
Admission: Advance tickets: \$15 per person or \$20 per person at the door
Phone: 1-800-684-5217
Website: www.cayugawinetrail.com
E-Mail: info@cayugawinetrail.com

Event: Barbecue at Keuka Lake Wineries
Location: Keuka Lake Wine Trail
Date/Time: Saturday the 25th @ 10 AM and Sunday the 26th @ 5 PM
Admission: \$20
Phone: 1-800-440-4898
Website: www.keukawinetrail.com
E-Mail: info@keukawinetrail.com

Event: Friday Night on the Deck
Location: Wagner Vineyards
Date/Time: Every Friday Night
Admission: Charged 8-11 PM, \$3 per person
Bands: 6/17/05 - The George Kaye Band
6/24/05 - Alice and Marge Van
Phone: 1-866-924-6378
Website: www.wagnervineyards.com
E-Mail: info@wagnervineyards.com

Event: Strawberry Delights
Location: McGregor Vineyard & Winery
Date/Time: Saturday the 18th @ 10 AM and Sunday the 19th @ 6 PM
Admission: Contact McGregor Vineyard
Phone: 800-272-0192
Website: www.mcgregorwinery.com
E-Mail: info@mcgregorwinery.com

