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Sciences, which this year is celebrating its 100th year as the New York State College of Agriculture," said Terence Robinson, associate professor of horticultural sciences and one of the organizers. "On July 27, we will focus on tree fruit technologies and demonstrations, and July 28 we will focus on grape and small fruit production."

In addition to the field trials, an international array of equipment will help growers determine which technologies are best for orchard or vineyard. Representatives from various companies will advise growers on the latest technologies. Each day, the Cornell pesticide application technology team will demonstrate different methods of improving deposition and testing sprayers, including tips about nozzle orientation.

The event will be held on the Station's Fruit and Vegetable Research Farm South, 1097 County Road No. 4, one mile west of Pre-emption Rd. in Geneva, NY. Signs will be posted. Attendees will be able to select from tours of apples, stone fruits, small fruits, and grapes. Admission is free and lunch is provided, courtesy of industry sponsors. Pre-registration is encouraged.

The last Fruit Field Day was held in Geneva in 2000 and brought in 425 representatives from nurseries, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the United States Department of Agriculture, Cornell Cooperative Extension, fruit processors, as well as growers from Western New York, the Hudson Valley, Central New York, the Finger Lakes, Ontario, and neighboring states. Organizers this year expect over 500 attendees.

The event is co-sponsored by the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and the New York State Horticultural Society.

For sponsorship and exhibitor information, contact Alison DeMarree at 315-589-9698 or AMD15@cornell.edu. More information will be posted as it becomes available.—

For information about the event, a map, and a more complete schedule as it becomes available visit <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/fieldday2004.html> To pre-register, contact Nancy Long at 315-787-2288 or NPL1@cornell.edu.

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Vermont provides comprehensive assistance to beginning and established food entrepreneurs, helps promote sustainable economic development in rural communities, maintains the rural landscape, and protects the environment. NECFE addresses food safety and business development and marketing for small-scale food processing through one-on-one assistance, workshops and conferences.

Since its inception, NECFE has worked with over 500 entrepreneurs who needed food safety evaluations and regulatory compliance for over 1500 new products. More than 1800 food prototypes were analyzed for safety and commercial production feasibility, more than 3100 inquiries for assistance on marketing specialty foods were answered, and more than 300 entrepreneurs received direct assistance. (For more on NECFE, see <<http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/necfe/index.html>>)

Padilla-Zakour joined Cornell in 1997 and became an assistant professor of food processing at the Station in 1999. She has been the director of NECFE since its inception. Padilla-Zakour received her licentiate in food technology from the University of Costa Rica in 1983. She earned both her masters and doctorate in food science and technology from Cornell University in 1988 and 1991, respectively.

K. Tan



NECFE Group, Geneva: (Front, L to R) Cheryl Leach; Olga Padilla-Zakour; Sarah Lincoln. (Middle) Judy Anderson; CyLee; Kawaljit Tandon. (Back) Don Downing; Tom Gibson. (Not pictured, Robert Weybright).



Jim Moravec, who left full-time employment at the Station, chats with Ping Wang (entomology) during an ice cream social given in his honor on June 25. Jim began work at Cornell in 1970 and has worked at the Station since 1995. He will be providing support to CALS' finance offices, Geneva and Ithaca, until he retires at a later date.

Jan Nyrop Named Entomology Chair, Ithaca

Jan Nyrop has been named chairperson of the entomology department in Ithaca, effective July 1. "My decision to become chairperson in Ithaca can be explained in one, albeit complex word—"citizenship," Nyrop said.

"Entomology as a field of research and education is strong at Cornell because of the synergies that arise from the two entomology departments," he went on to say. "Neither department alone could provide the depth of research, instructional and extension expertise that is a result of both departments being vigorous and vibrant enterprises."

In contrast to the department in Geneva, the Ithaca department was faced with a short-term leadership vacuum. For a variety of reasons, there was no member of the Ithaca department who could fill the role of chairperson over the next several years. Nyrop was asked to serve in this capacity.

"After carefully considering the pros and cons of doing so, and being mindful that ego not cloud my objectivity, I agreed because "I felt this was the best contribution I could make to the entire field of entomology at Cornell," he said. "Of the leadership needs that I could meet in the entomology departments at Geneva and Ithaca, I judged those in Ithaca most pressing and felt these needs were not parochial but would affect the entire entomology, and ultimately, College community."

Nyrop plans to maintain his long-term commitment to the Experiment Station and entomology department at Geneva, though in the short-term, will devote a good portion of his energy to helping the Ithaca department realize all of its potential. "Initially I will spend four days a week in Ithaca, but plan to cut this back to three days a week within six months," he said. "I will maintain my lab here in Geneva, strive to sustain the collaborations that I have, and continue to enjoy, and contribute towards charting a new course for this institution."

Dean Susan Henry has asked Wendell Roeloffs to continue on for a little while longer as Chair of entomology on the Geneva Campus during the transition time which includes Nyrop assuming his new position and the search for a new director at the Experiment Station.



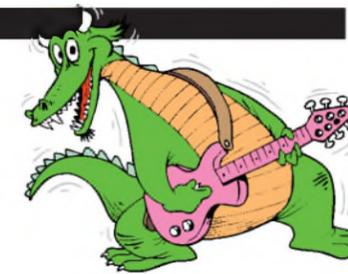
J. Nyrop

Tickets Available for the 28th Annual Renaissance Festival.
Saturdays and Sundays
July 3-August 15, 2004 in Sterling, NY
(rain or shine) from 10 AM to 7 PM

Once again, Station Club is sponsoring the sale of discount passes: \$16. for adults, \$6.99 for children 6 to 12 years old, free for Children 5 and under.

For more information, you can visit this website: www.sterlingfestival.com Tickets are available by contacting Amy Andersen at Ext. 2331, by e-mail (ada10@cornell.edu), or by visiting A104, Barton Lab.

Checks should be made payable to Station Club, or please bring exact change.



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Plant Pathology Is Elementary

Anyone who passed through the lobby of Barton Lab on the morning of Thursday, June 10th might have thought that we were violating child labor laws. Not to worry: the "Stepping Stones" 2nd and 3rd grade class from North Street Elementary School was visiting the Department of Plant Pathology for a year-end field trip.

Bob Seem's and Chris Smart's labs managed to keep 45 very active children interested in various aspects of plant pathology for over an hour. David Gadoury, Heather Melidossian, Berit Nordskog, Laura Wakefield and Megan Kennelly all showed off their research on powdery and downy mildews, assisted by Sara Dean and Kristen Hutchinson. The class inoculated grapevines with powdery mildew, watched zoospores of the downy mildew pathogen swim under the microscope. The real fun began, as Chris Smart, Silvia Restrepo, Maryann Borsick, Holly Lange and Gabrielle Meeks showed the class how to precipitate DNA, and make slimy strands of nucleic acid stick to their fingers.

From the package of 45 hand-written thank you notes that arrived at the department a few days later, it appears that the visit was a hit with the children, and we're looking forward to them coming back as graduate students in 2019!

D. Gadoury

Station Employees Receive Service Awards

Twelve employees received service recognition awards at the 49th Annual Service Award Recognition Dinner held last month in Ithaca.

35 Years

Tom-DeYulio

30 Years

Pat Marsella-Herrick
Patty Gibbs, Ann Cobb,
Fred Meyer (Hudson Valley Lab),
Bill Srmack, Ellen Chirco, and
Marty VanKirK.

25 Years

Fred Jensen, Kandi Nelson,
Mary Jean Welser, and Gail Knapton.

That's 345 years of combined service!
Congratulations to all of you.