BRIEFS

Grab a Tiger by the Tail!

Rick Bettencourt, the Apple Rep. for Cornell will be at the Station on Thursday, November 3rd. Rick will be doing a presentation on OS X's new “Tiger.” Come and find out what this new operating system can do for you. Rick will also be spending much of the day doing an i-Life and beyond workshop.

Topics for the day include:
- Common GUI elements on MacOSX
- Tiger & how it relates to the iLife suite - Blogging
- Hw cabling & connections
- File formats and Digital Media in general - iTunes
- Podcasting
- iPhoto
- iMovie
- iDVD
- Advanced techniques

Rick will be available during lunch to answer any questions or talk about any additional issues. The day begins at 9:30 and runs until noon when we will break for lunch and resume at 1 pm until 3:30. Refreshments will be supplied in the morning and afternoon. Lunch will be available for those that are interested at a cost of $10. Anyone interested in ordering lunch will need to send a check made out to Cornell University. The check should be sent to Jane Irwin, Frank A. Lee Library, 630 West North Street, NYSAES/Cornell, Geneva, New York, 14456.

Anyone interested in attending the workshop is welcome but you need to register. Registration is free. If you have your own laptop and will be bringing it, please let us know. To register contact Jane Irwin <mailto:mji4@cornell.edu> or call 315-787-2294. http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/library

Susan Brown Honored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Susan Brown in one of the Station's apple orchards. (Inset) front view of the Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal.

The Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal was presented to Susan Brown at an awards dinner held at the Elm Bank Horticulture Center in Wellsley, Massachusetts on September 22. The award, a gold medal, presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society features the likeness of Jackson Dawson on the front, with Susan’s name and the date the award was given engraved on the back. Susan also received a certificate from the Society that reads: ‘For exceptional skill in the science or practice of hybridization.’

“I am most pleased that Susan has received the Jackson Dawson Memorial Award. The award is a tribute to her outstanding research accomplishments in apple breeding and genetics,” said Al Taylor, Chairman of the Horticultural Sciences Department. “Her plant breeding program is well respected by the New York apple industry, and she is recognized as a leader in national and international variety improvement.”

Jackson Dawson was the Arnold Arboretum's first plant propagator. Many new plant materials were being brought to the arboretum from other countries like China and Japan, and from collections of native plants in the US. Jackson Dawson was responsible for germinating seeds from these explorations and was reported to have the proverbial “green thumb.” He also reproduced plants through cuttings and grafting to make additional plants for other arborets. Jackson Dawson was said to be “a walking encyclopedia on plants, a miraculous plant propagator and very skilled in horticulture, plant propagation and hybridization.”

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Dawson used controlled crosses to produce several new hybrids, including the award winning ‘Arnold’ rose, Rosa arnoldiana, the ‘Dawson’ climbing rose, and the ‘Sargent’ rose. The ‘Dawson’ crabapple, Malus × dawsoniana, a hybrid of the native crab apples Malus fusca and Malus pumila was named in his honor.

Previous recipients of the Jackson Dawson award include: The American Hosta Society, Dr. Sidney Waxman at the University of CT (a former professor of Susan’s), Kurt Bluemel, founder of the ornamental grass movement, and The New York Botanical Garden.

“At the awards banquet, the tables were decorated in honor of the particular award winner seated at that table, and my table had miniature topiaries covered with crab apples and roses (which is in the same family as apple),” Brown said. “I had the pleasure of dining with the three remaining grandchildren of Jackson Dawson along with his great-granddaughter, and their stories of his accomplishments added to my appreciation of the award’s significance. My daughter Lauren also attended the banquet making a very special night even more special.”

Among the other awards presented that evening was the George Robert White Medal of Honor to Russell Morash, creator, executive producer and director of the television programs The Victory Garden, This Old House and The French Chef.

“I am very honored to join the ranks of individuals and organizations that have received this award in memory of Jackson Dawson,” Brown said.  

J. Ogrodnick

Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo Trade Show Expands!

The 2006 Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo continues to expand and grow in its central New York location. The Expo will be held again this year at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, New York. The dates for the Expo are February 14-16, 2006 with the annual Becker Forum to be held on Monday, February 13 to kick off the conference.

The Expo always has a great trade show featuring the latest in agricultural businesses such as seed companies, chemical companies, insurance companies, packaging companies as well as equipment companies offering the very latest in specialized equipment for fruit and vegetable operations. Due to the continued growth and expansion of the trade show, the Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo planning committee is pleased to announce the selection of Lee Trade Shows as the official Expo trade show managing company. “Country Folks Grower and Lee Trade Shows are honored to be working with NYSVGA and we are pleased to be working with Jeff and Lindy Kubecka to continue the growth of the trade show,” says Dan Wren of Lee Trade Shows. The addition of Lee Trade Shows provides a company with the experience necessary for an agricultural trade show that will showcase the very latest in agricultural technology and innovation.

In addition to all of the services and equipment in the trade show, there will be short educational sessions and demonstrations offered in the hall as well. These demonstrations will include worker protection standards information, refrigeration for small scale growers, Good Ag Practices demonstrations, new products and services available from exhibiting companies, and spraying information and technology. In addition, many of these demonstrations will take place in both English and Spanish. The trade show is set up for socializing with a large hospitality section in the middle that will provide plenty of space for attendees to catch up with acquaintances, interact with session speakers and exhibitors, and enjoy a meal or happy hour together. “The trade show is set up to not only highlight the very best products and services in agriculture, but also to provide plenty of opportunities for growers to interact with each other and session speakers,” says Jeff Kubecka, executive secretary for the New York State Vegetable Growers Association, which co-sponsors this event.

Three full days of educational commodity sessions take place in the Oncenter as well. Session topics include the latest in research and grower experiences regarding production and marketing of a variety of fruit and vegetable crops, including tree fruit, stone fruit, potatoes, pumpkins, onions, vine crops, cabbage and berries, to name a few!

The Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo is sponsored by the New York State Vegetable Growers Association, Empire State Potato Club, New York State Berry Growers Association, New York State Horticultural Society, Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Trade show and exhibitor information will be available in September and the Expo program, which includes detailed educational session information and a pre-registration form, will be available in early December. Free shuttle bus service is available from the Holiday Inn Liverpool, right off exit 37 of the New York State thruway. You don’t want to miss the 2006 Empire State Fruit and Vegetable Expo!

For general information, please contact Jeff and Lindy Kubecka, New York State Vegetable Growers Association, PO Box 70, Kirkville, NY 13082 or email nysvga@twcny.rr.com. For information on exhibiting, please contact Dan Wren, Lee Trade Shows, at 800-218-5586 or email dwren@leepub.com.
Experiment Station Hosts Visitors from Vietnam

In the fall of 2002, Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the National Institute for Plant Protection (NIPP) in Hanoi, Vietnam, to establish a long-term collaborative program in research, technology transfer, and capacity building in agriculture.

As an offshoot of this agreement, Le Van Trinh, Director of the Bio-Control Research Center, National Institute of Plant Protection from Hanoi, Vietnam, and Nguyen Trong Binh, Deputy Director of Planning and Financial Department, Ministry of Sciences and Technologies, also from Hanoi, recently visited the Experiment Station.

“The primary purpose of their visit was to learn how to use insect pheromones for monitoring and controlling insect pests of Vietnam, and to learn about the work being done in integrated management of vegetable insect pests in New York,” said Tony Shelton, who hosted the visitors. “An important stop during their whirlwind visit was with Wendell Roelofs’ group to learn about chemical and behavioral analyses of insect pheromones. They get their pheromones from China and Japan, but are considering what they would need to set up their own pheromone unit. They now have a two-year grant from the Vietnamese government to explore the potential use of pheromones for insect pest management in their country.”

The two also spent half a day with Art Agnello in fruit orchards learning how he uses pheromones to monitor insects and disrupt mating. They also had a brief meeting with IPM’s Abby Seaman who runs a pheromone trapping system for insect pests of sweet corn in New York.

Julie Kikkert, vegetable specialist from CCE, accompanied them as they visited the local vegetable production areas around Geneva and Penn Yan. “In Vietnam, fields are generally quite small and most of the labor is done by hand, and they were quite impressed by the large scale mechanized agriculture here,” Shelton said. “They met farmers who are harvesting cabbage by machine and also discussed pest management ideas with local growers. In Vietnam, one of the big problems is the overuse of pesticides and the resulting harmful residues left on the crops, so they were interested in how our growers decide when to spray and what regulations they needed to follow to avoid illegal residues.”

The two also spent a day in Ithaca meeting with staff from CALS International Programs and touring the Echols collection in Olin Library at http://www.library.cornell.edu/Asia/ECHOLS. The Echols collection is part of the Southeast Asia collection that houses one of the largest collections of Vietnamese literature outside of Vietnam. “The library even gets the daily Hanoi paper, which was a big surprise to the visitors,” Shelton said. While in Ithaca they also met Assistant Professor Lorraine Patterson who teaches a course in Vietnamese literature and Tro Bui, an extension associate in Animal Sciences who was born in Vietnam.

Another aspect of their visit was to determine if there are ways to improve the enrollment potential for Vietnamese students at Cornell, which was also one of the goals of the MOA signed in 2002.

They also had some fun while in the Finger Lakes. They traveled with Tro Bui to the Carousel Mall in Syracuse to shop, went sailing on Seneca Lake, and visited Fox Run Winery where they bought a few bottles of wine to bring back to Vietnam. “All in all it was a very useful and enjoyable trip, and they are excited about making a return trip in the near future,” Shelton said. He also noted that Vietnam welcomes collaborations with other agricultural scientists from Cornell. He suggests that anyone who is interested in investigating collaborations between their program and Vietnam look into funding opportunities such as the CALS International Traveling Fellowship or USAID programs.

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2006 Cornell Calendars

Station Club would like to offer you the new 2006 Cornell color calendars at a specially reduced price. These calendars currently sell for $14.95 at the Cornell Store.

For a limited time only, the calendars will be offered for $11.00 or $11.00 off if you bring in a canned good at the time of purchase.

If you wish to reserve your calendar now, please e-mail Amy Andersen at ada10@nysaes.cornell.edu before Tuesday, November 1st.

We will be placing an order for those who reserve a calendar, otherwise, there will only be a limited supply on hand to sell.

“By the time you finally make ends meet, they move the ends.”
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HOLIDAY
CRAFT SHOW & BOOK SALE

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 12
10 AM—3 PM

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Do your Christmas shopping early, have a snack and check out all of the books!

Donate Three, Get One FREE!

The Library will be accepting used book donations November 7-11th. Receive a coupon for 1 FREE book in return for every 3 that you donate! Children’s, Cooking, Fiction and any other subjects are welcomed. Your support of our Library is appreciated. Please call x2214 if you have any questions. Thank you.
You’re Invited...
All employees, retirees, and students are invited to attend the dedication of the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park!
Wednesday, November 16th
Registration: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Ceremony: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
500 Technology Park Drive, Geneva, NY
Please RSVP by November 1st at:
or call 781-0070
Pre-registration for this event is required.
This is an invitation-only event, not open to the public.

It’s Time for the Annual Pumpkin and Apple Cook-off!
Wondering what to do with your apples and pumpkins from the Station? Well find your best pumpkin and/or apple recipes and bring your dish to the Station-wide cook-off at the Sawdust Cafe next Thursday (Nov. 3) at noon. Prizes will be awarded for the best savory dish, best sweet dish and most innovative dish.
If you don’t have a dish, come anyway! The event is open to EVERYONE. It’s free for anyone who cooks, or just $2 for people who just want to taste.
This event is sponsored by the GPSAFC and is open to the Cornell Community (students, post-docs, profs, etc).

New York Wine Country Events

Event: Keuka Holidays
Location: Keuka Lake Wine Trail
Date/Time: Sat., November 12 at 10:00 AM - Sun., Nov. 13 at 5:00 PM
Description: Hearty winter foods are paired with our award-winning red wines. Come and see the wineries all decked out for the holidays and receive a unique wine gift just for you.
Phone: 800-440-4898. Please call the Wine Trail for tickets.
Admission: $50 Website: www.keukawinetrail.com E-Mail: info@keukawinetrail.com

Event: Deck the Halls-Seneca Lake Wine Trail
Location: Seneca Lake Wine Trail
Date/Time: Saturday the 19th - Sunday the 20th
Description: Celebrate the start of the Holiday Season with a visit to the Seneca Lake Wine Trail. Taste holiday wine & food combinations as you travel to 24 participating wineries. Decorate a grapevine wreath with a ribbon and a unique ornament from each winery you visit. Also receive a recipe book so that you can repeat the delectable pairings at home. $43/single, $65/per couple. This event has been known to sell out very early, so don’t delay!
Admission: $43/single, $65/per couple
Phone: 877-536-2717
Website: www.senecalakewine.com E-Mail: info@senecalakewine.com


FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment, nice neighborhood, screened in porch, hardwood floors, off street parking, laundry on premises. Close to Station. $525 + electric (includes heat, water and trash removal). Contact Nancy Long X2288.

FOR RENT: Available in November. Two bedroom apartment, 1st floor, big kitchen, laundry hook up or laundry on premises. Nice neighborhood, off street parking, close to Station. $650 + electric (includes heat, water and trash removal). Contact Nancy Long x2288.


FOR SALE: 425 John Deere Lawn Tractor/mower, 54” hydraulic mower and front blade, wheel weights, tire chains, and a large utility cart. Excellent condition (85 hrs of total use). Listed book value is $5,600.00. Best offer. Call George at 2374 or 585-905-0392.

FOR SALE: Craftsman 10 hp chipper/shredder (Model #987.799930). Excellent condition. Best offer. Call George at 2374 or 585-905-0392.

APT FOR RENT: Two-bedroom, furnished, downstairs apartment on N. Main Street is now available for rent. Quiet surroundings. No pets or smoking. No lease required. Please contact kw22@cornell.edu or call 789-7239 during weekday evenings or any time on weekends.
CALENDAR of EVENTS
OCT. 28 - NOV. 11, 2005

MEETINGS

CHAIRS’ MEETING
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Director’s Office

CALS FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2005
Time: 4 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

SEMINARS

ENTOMOLOGY
Date: Thursday, November 3, 2005
Time: 10:30 AM, cookies & coffee at 10:15
Place: Room 310 Barton Lab
Speaker: Grad students, postdocs, and others
Subject: Practice talks for ESA meetings in Florida

FOOD SCIENCE
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2005
Time: 11 AM
Place: Food Science Conference Room
Speaker: Melissa Mundo
Ph.D. Candidate, FS&T, NYSAES
Subject: Characterization and Partial Purification of Antibacterial Compounds in Honey and from Bee Honey Stomach Isolates

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2005
Time: 11 AM
Place: Food Science Conference Room
Speaker: Noranizan Adzahan
Ph.D. Candidate, FS&T, NYSAES
Subject: Effect of Ultraviolet Treatment on Water Soluble Vitamins in Juice and Juice Systems

HORT SCIENCE
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2005
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Staff Room, Coffee in Jordan Hall Lounge
Speaker: Majid Foolad, Professor, Dept. of Horticulture, Penn State
Subject: Breeding Fresh Market and Processing Tomatoes for the Northeast US Climate

PLANT PATHOLOGY
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Time: 3:30 PM, coffee at 3 PM
Place: Barton Lab, check foyer sign for room location
Speaker: Jorunn Bos, Ohio State University
Subject: Functional Analysis of Avr3a of Phytophthora infestans, a Member of the RXLR Family of Cytoplasmic Effectors

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2005
Time: 3:30 PM, coffee at 3 PM
Place: Barton Lab, check foyer sign for room location
Speaker: Xiaohong Wang, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Cornell University
Subject: Understanding Cyst Nematode Parasitism

Don’t forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour on Sunday night, October 30!

Department and Unit Holiday Parties will be held on Friday, December 16, beginning at 1:00 pm.

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