



STATION NEWS

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BRIEFS

WalkAmerica Update:

Sunday, May 7, was a beautiful day for the Station WalkAmerica Team who enjoyed a walk at Seneca Lake State Park and at the same time raised money in support of the March of Dimes. The team collected \$365 toward the mission of the March of Dimes.

I would like to thank the Team and all those who contributed to our effort for your dedication and devotion to the very real public health crisis of premature birth in our community.

Kathy DeRosa

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is almost here! Next Friday, June 16th the NYSAES team will be walking to raise money to fight cancer. So far, we have a team of 8, but are hoping for a few more volunteers to even out the walking time! Thank you very much for those have already signed up! Just click on the link and 'join our team' to be part of this important community event <http://www.acsevents.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=141845&team=1285911>



American Society for Enology and Viticulture/Eastern Section Meeting to be Held in Rochester

The 31st annual American Society for Enology and Viticulture/Eastern Section (ASEV-ES) conference and symposium will be held July 9 through 11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Rochester, NY. A number of Cornell researchers, extension educators and students are participating in the meeting.

The meeting will feature a preliminary winery and vineyard tour throughout the Finger Lakes region, two days of technical sessions, student awards, and this year's symposium topic – The Wine Industry vs. Multicolored Asian Lady Beetles.

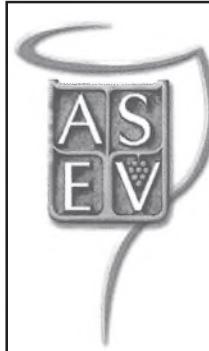
"Since the Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle was recognized as a threat to eastern wine grapes in 2001, its occurrence has been sporadic as growers have learned to better manage the pest in the vineyard," said Eastern Section chair Bruce Bordelon who is with the department of horticulture and landscape architecture at Purdue University. "It is still a significant problem for the industry and we have some top researchers speaking on the topic."

Also during the meeting, Cornell grape breeder Bruce Reisch will announce the release of three new wine-grape cultivars developed for the eastern wine industry. The session will include a tasting and roundtable discussion by growers and researchers from the area.

Of the event's 26 presentations and abstracts, 12 topics will be covered by students who participated in a research paper competition, giving them a chance to win one of two \$500 awards for either the best viticulture paper or the best enology paper. Additionally the ASEV-ES will cover the students' costs of accommodation, meeting registration, meals, and banquet ticket; while the Viticulture Consortium:East will provide a total of \$3,500 in travel reimbursement—up to \$500 per author.

"This year our program is full and we had an excellent response from students. We like to encourage students since they are the future leaders of our industry," said Eastern Section chair-elect Murlidhar Dharmadhikari, an extension enologist from Iowa State University.

Graduate students from Cornell University involved in the competition are I-Yuan Chiang and Paul Brock II, both of whom are studying under Thomas Henick-Kling. "My giving a presentation is just a bonus," said Brock, who began his work at the Station in August. "The rest of the conference is what it's all about."



AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
ENOLOGY & VITICULTURE
Eastern Section

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English as a Second Language, Free Classes

Finger Lakes Community College will again be offering English as a Second Language in Geneva at the FLCC Center on 63 Pulteney Street.

There is currently a course already in session that began on Monday, May 23, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same time.

The next course will begin on Monday, July 10, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same time.

There is continuous enrollment in these classes, so **new students may join at any time.**

If you are interested in registering, please contact **Sharon Nedrow at 585-394-3500, extension 7431.**

Station Club Lunch / Sale

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Where: Sawdust cafe

Lunch will include a grilled hot dog, pasta or macaroni salad, chips, soda and a cookie

All for \$4.00

The learned fool writes his nonsense in better language than the unlearned, but it is still nonsense.

-Albert Einstein

(ENOLOGY, continued)

A \$1,000 scholarship will be given to one of ten applicants from six accredited area universities during a special awards luncheon. According to Eastern Section scholarship committee chair Terry Bates from Cornell's department of horticultural sciences in the Lake Erie regional grape program, the 2006 scholarship money was raised during an auction at Wineries Unlimited in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The auction's success was made possible in part by the generous donation of a small copper still from the Prospero Equipment Corporation.

The ASEV is a society of wine and grape professionals that promotes industry vitality through the exchange of information and the support of research and education. The Eastern Section is comprised of all states east of the western boundaries of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, plus the Canadian Provinces east of the Ontario/Manitoba border.

For more details on the upcoming event, registration and travel information, visit www.nysaes.cornell.edu/fst/asev/.

T. Krakowiak

Continuing Education at the Station for Friends and Supporters

Cornell Executive Vice-President for Finance and Administration Steve Golding departed from his daily routine to visit Geneva and learn about a variety of issues with members of the Station community on May 31. Mr. Golding, who replaced Hal Kraft in February 2005, manages a wide range of responsibilities, including oversight of the University's recently announced master plan for physical development of the Ithaca campus and initiatives to improve Cornell's technology transfer efforts.

During his Station visit, he explored intellectual property issues with Susan Brown, Courtney Weber, Art Agnello and Wendell Roelofs; learned about Geneva examples of new businesses from Station technology with Andrew Landers and Marc Fuchs; discussed progress at the Technology Farm with Dan Fessenden and county leaders; shared ideas on alternative energy sources for the Station with Joe Freeland; and tasted new products from the Pilot Plant and V&B Lab with Olga Padilla-Zakour and Thomas Henick-Kling.

The next day, June 1, Station Director Tom Burr welcomed Dean D'Amore, long-time Chief-of-Staff to retiring Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, to the Station. Tom expressed his thanks for the successful work by Congressman Boehlert and his staff in securing House approval for \$13.89 million to complete the USDA Center for Grape Genetics Research in Geneva and numerous other achievements in support of The Technology Farm and increased funding for scientific research and economic development.

Mr. D'Amore reviewed the state of the Viticulture Consortium with Wayne Wilcox,



Thomas Henick-Kling brings Steve Golding up to speed on Cornell's enology program during his recent visit to Geneva.

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(EDUCATION, continued)

Bike and Walk Week Rides Again!

Bike and Walk Week 2006 was another great success. Eleven years strong, this Station-wide happening is a celebration of fun, fitness and environmental friendliness.

This year's event was a hot one—literally! The high temperatures made for a run on water, juice and freshly blended smoothies. These cool drinks took the heat off of fabulous breakfasts such as Thursday's spicy breakfast burritos, and complimented hotcakes,

sausage, egg and potato casserole, fruit salads and many home-baked goods on other days. Prizes abounded, including Station Club memberships and T-shirts, baseball caps, bicycle accessories and gift certificates. Suren Samuelien of the Horticulture Sciences Department commented "Whew, I really needed that" after winning a new helmet. Suren purchased a new bicycle two years ago when he came to the Station and had heard organizer Jennifer Grant's admonishment that bikers should only protect their heads if they're worth it!

But of course, it's not just about food and prizes. Station employees found creative ways to get the time and opportunity to ride their bikes or walk to work. Some got their kids off to school early, stashed fresh clothes in their offices, or discovered where the showering facilities are around our campus. Participants proved that where there's a will there's a way, and that the Station is a fun and environmentally conscious place to work.

Many thanks to all the people who cooked, baked, shopped and otherwise helped to make Bike and Walk Week possible. Our sponsors are also greatly appreciated: Station Club, the Geneva Bicycle Center, Walmart, Zappia's Vending, and Lake Beverage. Get ready, Bike & Walk Week 2007 is only 12 months away!



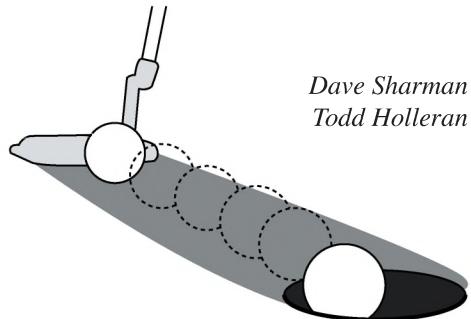
One-year-old Allison Grant Waldron, the youngest participant in this year's Bike and Walk Week arrives in style behind mom Jennifer Grant's bike, and then shares some breakfast (inset) with dad Keith Waldron.

met with Chris Owens at PGRU to consider progress toward the Center for Grape Genetics Research, toured the new facilities at the Technology Farm and learned about wine aroma analysis in Terry Acree's lab. Cornell Interim Vice-President for Government and Community Relations Steve Johnson and Federal Relations Manager Jacquie Powers also took part in the afternoon tour.

M. Smith

Station Golf Tournament

Just a quick announcement that the Annual Station Club Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 7th at Big Oak G. C. We tee it up starting at 4:30. It is a five person scramble format. Remember, each team can have one guest from outside the station. The tournament is open to everyone, occasional players and first timers alike. So, shine up the clubs and get ready. There will be a sign up sheet and details in the form of a flyer upcoming in the Station News. Stay tuned. Thanks.



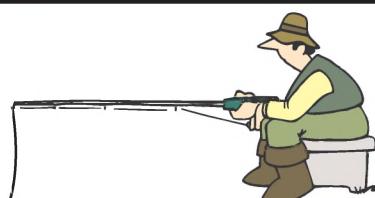
Dave Sharman
Todd Holleran

Graduate Student Receives AWS Scholarship

Michelle Moyer, a graduate student in the department of plant pathology, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Educational Foundation of the American Wine Society (AWS). The AWS Educational Foundation awards academic scholarships annually to support graduate students pursuing an academic program in enology, viticulture, or the health aspects of wine.

The American Wine Society is a national nonprofit consumer organization devoted to educating individuals on all aspects of wine. Its members include wine novices and experts, grape growers, amateur and professional winemakers, chefs, wine appreciators, wine educators, restaurateurs and anyone else who wants to learn more about wine and food.

In addition to the scholarship, Michelle has been invited to attend the AWS national conference in November to discuss aspects of her research.



Don't forget!

Father's Day
Sunday, June 17th



CALENDAR of EVENTS JUNE 9 -23, 2006

MEETINGS

CHAIRS MEETING

Date: Friday, June 23, 2006
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Director's Office

TAE CHI

5:30 - 7 PM - Mondays
 May 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10
 Sawdust Cafe
 8 sessions/ \$50
 No discounts or single class fees



Tickets are available by contacting Amy Andersen - Room A104, Barton Lab; Ext. 2331

Tickets are:

Adults - \$16.00

Children (ages 6-12 years) - \$6.99

Children under 5 - Free

July 1 - Aug. 13

Saturday and Sunday only

Please bring exact change when purchasing tickets, or make checks payable to "Station Club".

Finger Lakes Wine Country Events

Event: Barbecue at the Wineries
Location: Keuka Lake Wine Trail
Date/Time: Saturday the 24th @ 10:00 AM - Sunday the 25th @ 5:00 PM
Description: Join us for a terrific summer celebration! Each winery will be offering its best barbecue foods and recipes paired with a selection of great wines that are sure to set the standard for your BBQ success. Sauces served at each winery are all produced by local NYS businesses. Fee \$20 per person, \$25 per person at the door. 10AM to 5PM Saturday; Noon to 5PM Sunday. Sorry, groups over 20 not accepted on event weekends.
Admission: \$25.00
Phone: 800.440.4898
Website: www.keukawinetrail.com
E-Mail: info@keukawinetrail.com

Event: Featured Winery Fridays
Location: Finger Lakes Wine Center at Sonnenberg Gardens
Date/Time: Thursday the 1st @ 11:00 AM - Friday the 30th @ 5:00 PM
Description: Every Friday during June,

July and August 11AM - 5 PM
 Opportunity for Finger Lakes wineries to showcase their products in our Tasting room. Guests can meet winery representatives and purchase wines.

Admission: \$1.00
Phone: 585-394-9016
Website: www.fingerlakeswinecenter.com
E-Mail: info@sonnenberg.org

Event: Kites over Keuka
Location: Keuka Spring Vineyards
Date/Time: Saturday the 17th @ 10:00 AM
Description: Come fly a kite overlooking the lake while tasting some great wine! We invite you to join us for this second annual event. Featuring live music and barbecue. Bring a kite or purchase one in the gift shop. Minimal charge for food,
Admission: Free. tastings complementary.
Phone: 315-536-3147
Website: www.KeukaSpringWinery.com
E-Mail: jeanne@keukaspringwinery.com



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Agway 20 hp lawn tractor \$650. Craftsman gas weedwacker \$50. Nice double pedestal desk, 7 drawers - \$50. Singer sewing machine and cabinet \$50. All in excellent condition. Contact Sharon at 781-0206 or email swalburn@aol.com Photos available online at Fingerlakes1.com (classifieds)

YARD SALE: 1386 Rt. 245, Geneva. June 16-17, 9 am - 3 pm. Household items, crafts, florals, linens, small furniture pieces and a little bit of everything else. Judy Birkett, 585-526-5840.

FOR SALE: 15 foot Grumman aluminum canoe, comes with back pack pad, motor mount, 2 paddles, oar locks, flotation kit and foam pads for car top. \$300.00 Firm. 315-331-6319

FOR SALE: Log Home. Approximately 1 acre lot overlooking Seneca Lake, 3-4 bedrooms, large sun-porch (12x31) with gas fire place, large established perennial gardens, front, side and back decks, 1 car + garage. 12 miles from NYSAES. Penn Yan Schools. \$180,000. Contact Jane Irwin at mji4@cornell.edu or 315-730-0082

WANTED: cat-sitter to look after two kitties during various times that I am away. We live within driving distance to the station. Please contact me for details. naw26@cornell.edu or x2434

FOR RENT: Apartment in an historic house on South Main St. will become available July 1. Landlady lives in house. It has 6 great, east-facing windows to the lake, and some storage area is available. Off-street parking, some garden space available. Quiet tenants preferred. No pets, no smoking. Rent is \$550/month (includes utilities). Please contact Patricia Wilson at (315)781-2895 if you are interested