



# STATION NEWS

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## BRIEFS

### Lake Erie Grape Growers' Conference A Success.

The 15th Annual Lake Erie Regional Grape Program (LERGP) Grower's Conference was held last month at Fredonia State University in Fredonia, NY. Over 300 growers, processors, consultants, and grape research and extension staff enjoyed a 30-vendor trade show representing products from pruning shears to mechanical harvesters on the first day of the conference.

Labrusca grape production was the focus of presentations on the first day of the conference with attendees hearing the latest on weed, insect and disease management from Rick Dunst, Greg Loeb and Wayne Wilcox. Andrew Landers provided an informative and entertaining presentation on Improving Spraying Techniques using successful case studies and also shared the results of a Grape Harvester Trial conducted in the Lake Erie Region. Terry Bates gave growers tips on "Vineyard Nutrition During Tough Economic Times" and Alan Lakso wrapped up the first day of talks with a summary the years of research he and Dave Eissenstat have conducted on the below-ground-portion of the vine. Women for New York Wines once again assisted wineries of the Chautauqua/Lake Erie and Niagara wine trails during the tasting of local wines.

The introduction of the 'Industry Person of the Year Award' is one of the highlights of the conference and 2008 was no exception as three awards were presented. John Ellis, Growers' Cooperative and Dave and Jeanette Nichols, Niagara County Grape Growers received Industry Person of the Year Awards for their years of active participation in, and support of the Lake Erie and

## Arbor Day Commemoration Honors Tom DeJulio



Martin Goffinet speaks to the nearly 50 people who attended this year's commemoration of Arbor Day. The garden bench built by Buildings and Properties employees can be seen behind and to the left of Martin.

The 19th annual commemoration of Arbor Day took place at the Experiment Station at 3:30 PM on Friday, April 25, in the central rock garden area. Martin Goffinet, chairman of the Arboretum Committee at the Station, served as master of ceremonies. Arbor Day was celebrated this year with the planting of a disease-resistant 'Stellar Pink' dogwood tree. But more importantly, the event was an opportune time to dedicate a newly renovated area of the Rock Garden to honor the late Tom DeJulio, long-time former greenhouse and grounds manager. Many of Tom's relatives were in attendance, including Tom's widow, Susan, and sister, Donna Swartwood.

After Tom's death in May 2005, the arboretum association and the grounds staff began planning for a memorial planting of hydrangeas to honor him. The Rock Garden was chosen because it was a place much loved by Tom and a place where he spent a great deal of time over his career. Indeed, early on, one of Tom's assigned responsibilities was the care and upkeep of this garden. He never lost his fondness for it, and he was often seen meandering through it even after he was promoted beyond his grounds responsibilities. In 2006, a site overgrown with common honeysuckle and other invasive shrubs was cleared and many large rocks were removed to storage. Tom's friends and colleagues collected donations and

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New York State grape industry. Andy Muza, a member of the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program Extension team received a NYS Excellence in IPM Award for his work in developing, demonstrating, and implementing IPM practices in vineyards of the Lake Erie region that have application across the Eastern United States.

For the first time in the history of the conference a second day was added to provide those interested in wine grape production to hear from the experts. Over seventy participated in the inaugural wine grape day and expressed an overwhelmingly positive response to the speakers and the information that was made available. Talks covered the basics of site and variety selection by Mark Chien of Penn State, the capabilities and limitations of rootstocks by Peter Cousins, canopy management by Justine Vanden Heuvel and nutrition and irrigation needs for wine grapes by Terry Bates. Jerry White helped those individuals contemplating the planting of wine grapes by discussing his 2007 Vitis Vinifera Cost of Establishing and Production Study.

The LERGP Growers' Conference is made possible through the efforts of the grower and processor members of the LERGP Extension Subcommittee, assistance from the research group at Fredonia and North East, the vendors who support the program financially and the extension teams' support staff. Surveys conducted on both days of the conference are being used to begin planning next year's meeting.

Tim Weigle

### Cornell Again Honored For Its Adoption Benefits

For the second consecutive year, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has announced that Cornell has been named to its "Top 100 Adoption-Friendly Workplaces" list, which recognizes U.S. employers that offer outstanding employee programs for adoptive parents.

The foundation recognized Cornell's ongoing efforts to create such inclusive employee policies as awarding up to \$5,000 in financial assistance for employees who want

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several varieties of hydrangeas were purchased. These were planted in 2007, but the site was still relatively bare. This spring, with additional contributions from Station Club and from Station director Tom Burr, more plants were purchased and set in place. The rocks were returned to the site and the site was mulched and planted with additional annuals.

Director Burr gave special recognition to Tom DeYulio as a person highly dedicated to making the campus a showpiece. The campus landscape is the first and most impressionable view seen by our many visitors, and also contributes to the aesthetics of our workplace. Burr also spoke to DeYulio's friendship, his ability to handle a diverse workload over the course of his career in greenhouse and grounds, and later as supervisor of facilities and as maintenance services manager. Tony Laquitara of Greenhouse and Grounds spoke of DeYulio's long association with all the grounds staff over the years, and especially of Tom's special efforts in the maintenance of the Rock Garden. Tony outlined the development of the new hydrangea collection, which he directly supervised and completed in time for the ceremony. Ed Bailey of Buildings and Properties presented a redwood garden bench that was built by DeYulio's colleagues in the carpenter's shop and placed within the hydrangea collection. A plaque on the bench reads, "Memorial Bench and Garden, in Memory of Thomas F. DeYulio, Dedicated Arbor Day, April 25, 2008." The new manager of greenhouse and grounds, David Cain, spoke of the legacy of care and ongoing maintenance that Tom fostered and that would be continued.

Goffinet also thanked Administration for supporting the celebration and for contributing funds for the project. He thanked the grounds staff for the implementation of its plan for the DeYulio memorial collection and for its continuing efforts to do the most it can within its budget. Finally he thanked Station Club and DeYulio's friends and colleagues for donating funds for plant purchases, as well as the folks in Buildings and Properties who readied the memorial bench and plaque. The ceremony ended with the planting of the pink dogwood Arbor Day tree by DeYulio's family and friends.

Submitted by  
M. Goffinet



Terry Spittler (left) and Edith Lurvey (right) were among the Station Employees who volunteered each Thursday during the month of April to prepare and serve a meal for the Community Lunch Program. This is the second year that Station employees participated in this worthy cause.



# Geneva Students Honored at Cornell Institute of Food Science Awards Ceremony

A number of Geneva Food Science & Technology graduate students received awards at the Spring Cornell Institute of Food Science Award Ceremony, which was held on May 4, 2008. The categories and winners were:

## Western New York Institute of Food Technologists Award

**Presenter:** Kathryn Boor

IFT presents this award to outstanding food science students who are members of the Western New York IFT division.

**Megan Lang, Imelda Ryona, and Passaporn Siricururatana**

## The John E. Kinsella Award

**Presenter:** Kathryn Boor

Dr. John E. Kinsella, former Chair of the Department of Food Science and Director of the Cornell Institute of Food Science, left Cornell in 1990 after 23 years of service, to become Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science at UC-Davis. This award in his memory is given to a graduate student, with preference given to an international student from a developing country. One award of \$1000 is presented and the recipient's name added to a plaque in Stocking Hall.

**Illeme Bonsi**

## The Kosi Award in Food Science

**Presenter:** Kathryn Boor

The Frank and Anne Kosikowski Award of \$1200 is given annually to a graduate student in the field of Food Science and Technology who has made exceptional scientific or technical contributions to food science and has displayed leadership qualities and societal concerns; in other words, a special person. Two recipients were honored this year; their names were added to a department plaque.

**Elizabeth Bihm and Meera Iyer**

## Downing Graduate Student Excellence Award

**Presenter:** Cy Lee

The Downing Award of \$500 is given annually to an outstanding Geneva graduate student in the field of Food Science and Technology, who is selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the department, and leadership among students working in the area of fruits and vegetables.

**Megan Lang**

## Goya Foods Prize

**Presenter:** Cy Lee

The Goya Foods Prize of \$500 is given annually to an outstanding graduate student in the field of Food Science and Technology at Cornell University working in the area of fruits and vegetables.

**Imelda Ryona**

## Ruth and Henry Herzog Graduate Award

**Presenter:** Leslie Herzog

Three Geneva students were among those receiving eight awards totaling \$12,000. The award is presented to students who have achieved academic excellence and advanced in their research endeavors. A department plaque will be updated to honor these students.

**Guoping Feng, Imelda Ryona, and Passaporn Siricururatana**

## The D. Glynn Davies-Juice Products Association Scholarship Foundation

**Presenter:** Rick Kress

The D. Glynn Davies Juice Products Association Scholarship Foundation awards

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\$1,250 to a qualified student in the College of Agriculture who demonstrates a keen interest in the fruit juice industry. Industry members have a strong desire to assist recipients of this Scholarship in gaining employment in the industry upon graduation.

**Megan Lang**

## Phi Tau Sigma

**Presenter:** Liz Palmer

The Phi Tau Sigma membership committee is pleased to announce the selections for 2007– 2008 induction into the National Food Science Honor Society. The following individuals are a diverse group with wide-ranging interests, experiences, and activities representing the many applications of food science. They all share a common passion for food science demonstrated through their hard work and contributions to the field.

**Meera Iyer and Anne Kurtz**

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to adopt children.

"This award helps verify Cornell's wide-ranging efforts to create a welcoming work environment for people from all walks of life," said Lynette Chappell-Williams, director of Cornell's Office of Workforce Diversity, Equity and Life Quality.

In February, Cornell also was named a top place to work for prospective parents by *Conceive Magazine*, and in March, as a top company for women executives by the National Association for Female Executives.

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is a not-for-profit public charity dedicated to increasing adoptions for the more than 140,000 children in North American foster-care systems who are waiting to be adopted. The late Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, an adoptee and longtime advocate of adoption rights, founded the foundation.

For more information about the foundation, visit <http://www.davethomasfoundation.org/>, and for more about adoption and other work and family programs at Cornell, see <http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/contactHR/workLifeDiversity/>. Cornell again honored for its adoption benefits.



## CALENDAR of EVENTS MAY 9 - 23, 2008

### MEETINGS

#### CHAIRS MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
**Time:** 8:30 AM  
**Place:** Director's Office

#### CALS FACULTY SENATE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
**Time:** 4 PM  
**Place:** A134 Barton Lab, Audio/  
Visual Linkage  
**\*\*\* Dean Henry's Address \*\*\***

### SPECIAL SEMINAR

#### ROBERT M. GILMER MEMORIAL SEMINAR V

**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
**Time:** 3 PM, Presentation of 2008  
Gilmer Graduate Student  
Award  
3:30 PM Gilmer Lecture  
4:30 PM Reception  
**Place:** 134 Barton Lab  
**Title:** Perspectives on Applied  
Turfgrass Pathology  
**Speaker:** Nathaniel Mitkowski,  
Associate Professor of Plant  
Pathology, University of  
Rhode Island, Ph. D. Cornell/  
Geneva 2001



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## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** Ford Escort TLX '97, 55000 miles, auto, AC, PW, PL., 4 doors. Two owners, keyless entry, very good condition. Asking \$2500. Contact Mei at my256, x2414, or 315-719-7259.

**FOR SALE:** 28" cut 8 hp Snapper Hi-Vac mower in good condition for \$250; and the other is an older Troybilt Horse tiller, 6 hp for \$400; in good shape. Contact Holly at hlw7 or x2420.

**SHORT TERM HOUSING NEEDED.** 1) Two adults and grandson: Arrive around August 1 for three weeks. Prefer two bedrooms, furnished. 2) One grad student arrival date June 1, leaving June 30. Contact Kathy at kad2 or x2236.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Nissan Pathfinder. One owner, runs well. \$1750 or best offer. 729-5932 or ams5.

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Buick Lesabre, excellent condition, burgundy, 4-door FWD Sedan, near 100,000 miles, AUTO 4SPD W/OD, 3.8L V6, air conditioning, good tires, new gaskets, battery, well maintained, no rust. Asking 2350.00 Contact Jane DeCann, x2287 or call 789-8619 after 5:00 PM.

**FOR RENT:** Large Lovely Cottage on SW shore of Canandaigua Lake. 45 minutes from Geneva. Large front deck and lawn overlooking the lake,

and cantilevered dock w/seating at water's edge. Fully heated. Gas grill, canoe & rowboat included. BYO linens and towels. Sleeps 8 adults. \$2,300/wk + sec. Off-season rates. Interested? Contact Elaine at elg2.

**FOR RENT:** Cozy Beach House on SW shore Canandaigua Lake. It's right on the water, also nice beach area. Gas grill, canoe & rowboat included. BYO linens and towels. Sleeps 8 adults. \$1,300/wk + sec. Off-season rates. Interested? Contact Elaine at elg2.

**FOR RENT:** Lakeside Cottage, weekly availability. West Side of Seneca Lake, 3.5 miles south of Geneva, 2 bedrooms, 155 ft. of lakefront, large deck, no pets, \$1,000/week between May 14 and June 30 and after labor day, \$1,100/week between July 1 and September 1. Contact Ed Lavin at x 2241 or EHL2@cornell.edu.

**FOR RENT:** Available June 1. 123 Oak Street, 1 mile from Station. One bedroom, downstairs apartment. \$500 plus electric. Gas (heat) and water included. Washer/dryer hook-up in basement. Off-street parking, no pets, non smoking. Contact Michele Kaufman at x2419 or 781-2489 (evenings).

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** Three or four bedroom, two bath, fenced-in back yard. South West Street. \$800/month plus utilities. Available immediately. Contact: Kathy DeRosa, kad2, or 789-7482.



Maryann Borsick Herman, a Post Doc in Plant Pathology, helps a group of children get "up close and personal" with plant pathogenic bacteria. Plant Pathology was one of the stops on Bring A Child To Work Day, which was April 24.



On April 24 the Station Retirees held their Annual Spring Lunch at Abigail's Restaurant. Thirty-eight retirees attended. Following lunch, a short business meeting was held to elect officers for the coming year. Peter Deth was re-elected President, Sue Dwyer as Vice-President, Muriel Stobie as Secretary and Betty Bixler as Treasurer.

If any Retirees are not receiving notices of activities and would like to receive them, please call Sue Dwyer at 781-0360 to be placed on the mailing list.

The next event will be the late summer picnic at a date to be determined.

Sue Dwyer  
Vice-President, NYSAES Retirees Association