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BRIEFS

STATION E-MAIL ADDRESSES ON-LINE



Electronic mail lists can be obtained from a link on the Experiment Station's World-Wide-Web home page (<http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu>). We hope that the new *NYSAES Electronic Mail Lists* page is sufficiently self-explanatory. Briefly, departmental lists can be viewed, cut from (for pasting into Eudora), and downloaded for inclusion in Eudora nickname folders. This list only appears for people who view the home page from a NYSAES connected machine.

Multiple nickname files can be placed in the Nicknames Folder in your Eudora folder. When displayed in Eudora, names in all nickname files are listed.

Note that mail lists on the Web will be kept current. It is up to mail users to insure that copies on individual Macintoshes are up-to-date.

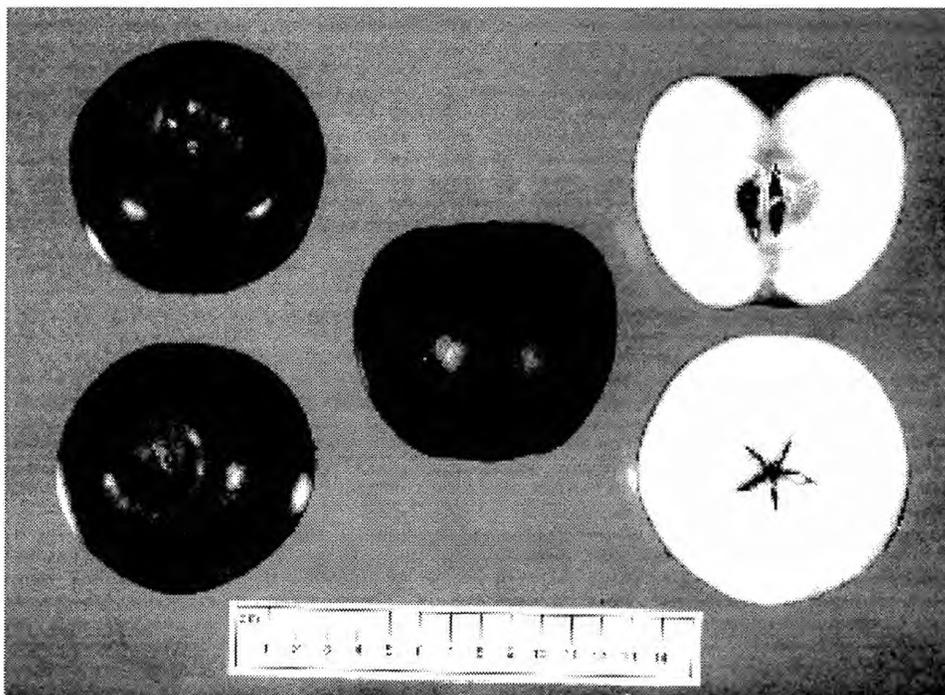
Call x289 if you have questions.

DICK DURST WINS PHOTO CONTEST

Astute readers of the November 30th issue of *PawPrint*, have noticed that one of the Station's amateur photographers won first place in the "Animals" category in *PawPrint*'s annual photography contest. Dick Durst, professor of chemistry in FST, submitted the photograph "Can Kitty Come Out and Play?"

"Actually, I submitted photos for three categories: landscape, people and animals," said Durst. He went on to say he thought the landscape was the best, "but the judges didn't think so."
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THE BIRTH OF AN APPLE



The 'Big Apple' can take its fame and move over. Apple breeders at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, are releasing a Fortune. The newest 'big apple' in the Empire State will be officially introduced under its newly registered name at the annual New York State Horticultural Show, in Rochester, at noon, on January 10, 1996.

Fortune was formerly known in the apple industry as New York 429. It is the latest in a long line of achievements by the Geneva Apple Breeding Program, and the second release under the leadership of Dr. Susan K. Brown, associate professor of Horticultural Sciences. During its 115-year history, horticulturists at Geneva have introduced over 224 new varieties of fruit to the New York state fruit industry, including 63 varieties of apple.

"By the turn of the century, we expect Fortune to be well on its way to successful commercial acceptance," said Brown. "Growers have the product on the market and there is already good commercial demand. Usually it takes 15 to 20 years for an apple to develop commercial acceptance, as it did with Empire, which the Station released 30 years ago." Growers requested Fortune be named because it was so successful in trials.

Fortune was bred for both the fresh and processing market and is one of the first apples to gain high praise and commercial status before being officially named and introduced. The highly colored apple is a hybrid of Schoharie Spy (a sport of Northern Spy) by Empire, and combines the desirable attributes of both parents. The apple has cream-colored flesh, crisp texture, and stores well.

In the November issue of *Audubon*, Mimi Sheraton characterized Fortune as "gently sweet and reminiscent of the Delicious apple that is part of its genetic makeup, but with a juicy McIntosh snap when bitten into." Brown characterizes its slightly spicy flavor as a sprightly blend of sugar and acid.
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(FORTUNE, Cont.)



"Fortune is available in limited supply from select retailers," said Mike Durando, president of the New York Apple Association. "How much production expands is determined by the response of the retail trade. Initial response has been very positive."

"Our next available supply of Fortune will be October 1996," said Lee Peters, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Fowler Bros. Inc., in Wolcott, NY, who grow, pack, and ship apples world-wide. "Consumer response has been excellent this year. Fortune is worth waiting for."

A handful of nurseries throughout the United States are licensed by the Cornell Research Foundation to sell Fortune trees. The foundation welcomes inquiries.

In 1995, the New York Agricultural Statistics Service projects production of 1 billion pounds of apples in New York. Five varieties developed at the Geneva Experiment Station—Cortland, Empire, Jonagold, Jonamac, and Macoun—account for nearly 20 percent of the state's total production.

Characteristics selected for in the apple breeding program at Geneva, which uses both traditional and molecular techniques, include fruit flavor, insect and disease resistance, fruit size, fruit texture, fruit firmness, storage and shelf life, tree productivity, tolerance to cold weather, and tree structure.

More than 3,300 apple varieties or genetically unique lines are grown in Experi-

ment Station and USDA-ARS orchards in Geneva, providing important germplasm for future research. Geneva's apple collection was begun by horticulturist Emmet S. Goff in 1883 and has grown from 700 varieties of apples and crabapples to what is now considered the largest collection of apples in the world.

"With access to this rich collection of apple genes and use of both traditional and molecular genetic techniques, scientists at Geneva will continue to provide exceptional new and improved apple varieties in the future for producers and consumers," said Dr. Jim Hunter, Director of the Geneva Station.

Read about Fortune and other Experiment Station apples on the Experiment Station's World Wide Web site, at <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu> under "What's New."

Ben Shelton, who is working at Communications Services during his 6-week holiday break from Hobart & William Smith Colleges, has put the Station's first posters on the Web!

CORNELL UNIVERSITY BACK INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Gannett Health Center in conjunction with University Human Resource Services will be conducting an on-site training seminar especially for all employees in sitting occupations titled "Your Computer Workstation and Back Health."

Frank Morosky, P.T., coordinator of the Cornell University Back Injury Prevention Program will be conducting the above mentioned training course on the date provided below. The same seminar will be presented at two different times on that day. This training course was developed in response to requests from departments with heavy CPU usage. Topics covered in this seminar include:

- the anatomy and pathology of the upper back and neck (upper quarter)
- biomechanics of proper seated posture
- ergonomics of the computer workstation set-up
- exercises to prevent cumulative trauma injuries to the spine and upper extremities.

Special emphasis will be given to an understanding of carpal tunnel syndrome and related disorders. If you are one of the many Cornell employees whose computer workstation is your own worst enemy, you should attend this course. Call now to reserve a place in one of the up-coming training classes.

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 1996
(Snow Date is Tuesday, January 16, 1996)
Times: (Session#1) - 10:30 am to Noon and
(Session #2) - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Location: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Return to: Personnel, Jordan Hall, by January 5, 1996

Name: _____ Dept.: _____

Phone Ext.: _____

I will be attending the program at: ___ 10:30-Noon or ___ 1:00-2:30

Holiday Gift Ideas From Station Club

Don't forget that you can get some of your holiday shopping out of the way right here at work. A new item available from Station Club is the Greater Rochester-Finger Lakes Region Dine-A-Mate Coupon Book/Membership for \$20.00 each. These are great for yourself or make great holiday gifts. Membership entitles you to special discounts on fine dining, family and casual dining, fast food and carry-out, travel, tour, vacation package discounts and more! Examples of some local savings are:

BUY-ONE/GET-ONE TYPE COUPONS for Geneva Cinema 1,2,3,4 & 5, Wegman's Home Video, Smith Opera House, McDonalds, Burger King, Domino's Pizza, Wing-Tai Restaurant, Cam's New York Pizzeria, Mario's Restaurant, Long John Silver's, Pizza Hut, Friendly's, and lots, lots more.

Contact Veronica Bailey, B&P, at x301, after 1:00 pm daily if interested in viewing or purchasing a coupon book.

Also available are Station T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, coffee mugs, and aprons. They make great gifts and are available in the Bulletin Room, Jordan Hall, daily from 7.00

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SWEATSHIRTS		
Adult	M, L, XL	13.00
Adult	XXL	15.00
Children	M(10-12), L(14-16)	11.00
T-SHIRTS		
Adult	S, M, L, XL, XXL	7.00
Children	M(10-12), L(14-16)	6.00
HAT	One-size fits all	6.00
APRON (great for holiday cooking)		
Short	8.00	Long 10.00
COFFEE MUG	7.00	

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BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE BULLETIN ROOM:

- Cornell Book of Herbs & Edible Flowers (17.00)
by Jeanne Mackin (color)
- The Home Fruit Planting (5.00)
by Marcia Eames-Sheavly, Marvin P. Pritts

4-H EDUCATIONAL BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- The Three Sisters, Exploring an Iroquois Garden (4.75)
by Marcia Eames-Sheavly
- The Humble Potato, Underground Gold (6.75)
by Marcia Eames-Sheavly and Tracy Farrell
- Learning about Butterflies (6.75)
by Carolyn Klass and Robert Dirig
- Birds in Your Backyard (5.00)
4-H Natural Resources Kit

PEOPLE

Extend those Holiday Greetings:

Don't forget the following Station family member in your holiday wishes:

Dr. Robinson (Robbie) is now at Clifton Springs Hospital. You may visit him or send him holiday wishes at the address below. Robbie would love to hear from you.

Dr. Willard Robinson
Room F201 RCNF
Clifton Springs Hospital
2 Coulter Road
Clifton Springs, NY 14432

New Baby:

Congratulations to Sarah and Scott Jacon on the birth of their baby girl, Hannah Grace, December 6. Sarah is a Research Support Specialist in Food Science & Technology.

Congratulations to Marco and Gisele DalBo on the birth of a son, Thiago, December 11. Marco is a graduate student in Bruce Reisch's program, Department of Horticultural Sciences.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

The Station has joined a partnership with the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Geneva Health Care System, and NYSEG to sponsor a blood drive to insure that there will be enough platelets (with shelf life of five days) for cancer patients during the critical holiday season.

Thursday, December 21, 1995
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm
at the Bennett Conference Center
next to the Geneva General Hospital

Call Personnel at x203 or the Geneva Chapter of American Red Cross at 789-1522 to make an appointment for this special blood drive

Also, come learn about Apheresis Giving

Apheresis is a special blood donation where just one part of your blood—platelets—are donated. This type of donation can only be done at a blood center in Rochester, Syracuse, or Buffalo. If you would like to learn more about the process, representatives from blood services will be available during this blood drive.

(BRIEFS, Cont.)

He had a choice of prizes and chose a \$25 gift certificate to Banfi's Restaurant at Statler, plus some movie passes which he will pass out to grad students. Durst used to enter amateur photo contests at county-type fairs when he was living in Maryland. Anyone who is interested in seeing the original in living color is welcome to stop by his office.

The winning photographs will be displayed in the lobby of Day Hall starting the beginning of February and running throughout the month. "PawPrint" is the newspaper by and for the Cornell community that is distributed with the *Cornell Chronicle*.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

DECEMBER 15-22, 1995

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Saturday, December 16, 2:00 pm
Jordan Hall

1995 Annual Station Club Holiday Party

Monday, December 18, 6:30 pm
Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 pm
Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Thursday, December 21, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Bennett Conference Center

American Red Cross Blood Drive (see related story)

The 1995 Annual Station Club Holiday Party

2:00 pm, Sat., Dec 16

in the Jordan Hall
Auditorium



2:00-3:00

*Food will be served while
a magician performs*

3:00

*Santa will arrive, after which there
will be crafts for older children*



Coloring Contest Winners

8-10 age group

Winner-Caleb Hayes

Runners-up

Christopher Hayes II
Nicole Lootens

4-7 age group

Winner-Jaclyn Lootens

Runners-up

Joshua Lewis
Emily Cowles

3 & Under age group

Winner-Katelynn Beman

Runners-up

Darien Winburn
Jason Ling

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, December 18

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Speaker: Martin Bepete

Department of Horticultural
Sciences, Geneva

Topic: Developmental and Environ-
mental Factors

Influencing Apple Fruit Growth
and Respiration



*Aerobics
at the
Sawdust Cafe*
*beginning at 12:10 pm every
Monday, Wednesday
and Friday*
Everyone is welcome!
No sign-up necessary

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1985 Chevy Suburban Custom Deluxe, 8 cyl., AC, AM/FM, PS/PB, new tires and battery, no rust, excellent condition, runs great, brought from Missouri. \$4,000 or best offer. Call Mike at x332 or 789-7387.

PAYROLL TAX CHANGES FOR 1996

Withholding Tax Changes:

Effective January 1, 1996, new federal tax rates will show a slight reduction in a majority of taxpayers federal tax withholding. This is due to an increase in the amount allowed for each withholding allowance. The effect on your withholding depends on the number of withholding allowances claimed on your W-4 form "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate".

Social Security and Medicare Tax :

The ceiling for the Social Security portion of FICA will increase to \$62,700 for 1996, formerly \$61,200 for 1995. The good news, however, is that the withholding percentages for Social Security (6.2%) and Medicare (1.45%) remain the same. The Medicare portion continues with no ceiling and all taxable wages are charged the Medicare rate. Employers match their workers contributions.

W-2 Forms to be Mailed Mid January:

The 1995 Cornell University W-2 form "Wage and Tax Statement" will be mailed by mid-January to home addresses. An information sheet will be included with the W-2 form to assist employees in understanding the reported information.

You May Need To Change Your Withholding:

It's time to check your tax withholdings. You may need to complete a new W-4 if you had a change in marital status, number of exemptions or income level. You can check your current filing status in Bear Access service, Employee Essentials.

Contact your department's payroll representative or call Personnel at x203 for a new W-4 form and worksheet.

Station Winter Break Holiday Schedule
Monday, December 25-Monday, January 1