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BRIEFS

JIANPING REN'S POSTER IS A
RUNNER-UP

Jianping Ren from the Department of Horticultural Sciences was a runner-up in the poster presentation category of the Collegiate Branch Judging Contest at the American Society of Horticultural Sciences' 94th Annual Convention held in mid-July in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ren presented her poster entitled "Screening, Identification, Improvement and Genetics of Resistance to Bacteria Soft Rot (*Ewringia carotovora*) Disease of *Brassica* Vegetables."

Ren is from Beijing, China, where she worked at the Vegetable and Flower Research Institute. She came to the Station in 1993 as a visiting student. She began working on her Ph.D. in 1994, and is scheduled to finish in May. She works in Michael Dickson's lab, where she researches Soft Rot bacterial diseases in vegetables like Chinese cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower.

The American Society for Horticultural Science was established in 1903 for the promotion of the science of horticulture and, with 5000 members from all 50 states and more than 100 countries, serves as the largest professional society for individuals in horticultural science.

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE TO BE TAUGHT
AT STATION

"English as a Second Language", offered by Finger Lakes Community College, will be held again this fall at the Station. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm in the Jor

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MANY WORK TO MAKE THE WHALE
WATCH A SUCCESS

People stood in line to eat corn roasted by Colleen VanAllen and Patty Gibbs at Saturday's Whale Watch.

Organizers and thousands of whale watchers considered the 4th Annual Whale Watch a grand success despite the inclement weather on Friday evening and cloudy skies on Saturday. Sunday dawned bright and clear. The lakeshore site was packed with local and out-of-town visitors, even though the only whales came in costume.

The Station's tent was visited by young and old, some of whom were repeat visitors from previous years, and many of them spent a lot of time at the displays. They seemed especially interested in the live, interactive displays by the entomology and plant pathology departments. Jan Nyrop, Greg English-Loeb, and others in their group, built a bee flight tunnel, a butterfly house of Monarchs and Swallowtails, had a live ant colony on view, and samples of other beneficial and harmful insects. Jana Lamboy and others from her department created a plant disease display, with microscopes and sample slides of garden-variety plant diseases, and infected fruits and vegetables.

The scheduled release of the new "Whitaker" squash by Dick Robinson and Joe Shail on Friday night had to be postponed until the NYS Vegetable Conference, Feb. 10-12, for health reasons.

An intrepid crew of roasters and servers husked up over 1500 ears of Indian Summer and Delectable sweet corn in a corn roast that was organized by Steve Reiners, Jim Ballerstein, and Steve Lerch. A tomato taste test between two varieties of greenhouse tomatoes was organized by Steve Reiners.

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The expertise of the Food Science & Technology Department was most prominently represented in the Wine Tent, which was organized by Wendell Roelofs and Harvey Reissig. In addition to music, the tent featured talks by several Station employees, and an educated noseful of "foxy," "vegetative," "oak", "buttery," and other wine flavors by Ed Lavin.

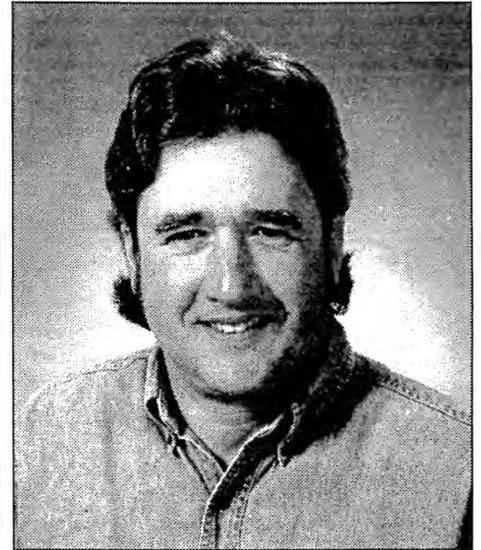
Not to be missed were various Station personnel who wore any number of hats and t-shirts at the Whale Watch representing various agencies at Geneva booths, Recycling, Security, Fire Patrol, Computer Relief, and others.

A very, very special thanks goes out to the more than 40 volunteers who kept the Station's tent happening. Particular appreciation goes out to the Station's Organizing committee: Jim Ballerstein, Steve Reiners, Patty Gibbs, Sandy Antinelli, Steve Lerch, Jan Nyrop, Colleen Van Allen, Jana Lamboy, and Linda McCandless. Thanks also to the sign and display-making talents of Elaine Gotham and Cathy Weeden; to the B&P Carpenter Shop for moving tables and chairs and hanging the banner; to Vince Voland for the use of his cooker; and to the Director, for providing pizza and soda to the volunteers.



Diana Parker shows some young people a microscopic view of plant diseases.

WAYNE WILCOX RECEIVES HUTCHINS AWARD



Wayne Wilcox received the Lee M. Hutchins award from the American Phytopathological Society at their recent annual meeting in Rochester, NY. The award is given for the best contribution to basic or applied research on diseases of perennial fruit plants (tree fruits, tree nuts, small fruits and grapes).

Wilcox's principal professional interests and contributions are in the areas of etiology, epidemiology, and control of fungal diseases of fruit crops. He is highly regarded as a practicing fruit pathologist and widely known for his work on *Phytophthora* diseases of raspberry, strawberry, cranberry, peach, cherry, and apple. He has also made strong research contributions in the areas of gray mold of strawberry, brown rot of cherry, and apple scab.

"Dr. Wilcox is recognized internationally as one of the experts working in the genus *Phytophthora*, and his advice is frequently sought on the biology and control of *Phytophthora* diseases of fruit crops," said Helene Dillard, chair of the plant pathology department. "This award recognizes all of his contributions on diseases of perennial fruit plants, including those caused by other organisms."

Wilcox has contributed to the knowledge
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Charlie Linn leads a group of Whale Watchers through the entomology display.

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of the biology of fruit crop pathogens and to the development of these research findings into disease management practices. His work on the biology of *Phytophthora* includes biological control, population density enumerations, and identification. Many of these contributions have been the result of strong collaborative efforts with graduate students and national and international colleagues.

In 1989, Wilcox published a definitive paper on the epidemiology of brown rot blossom blight of sour cherry that detailed the progression of inoculum development based on temperature and wetness. More recent findings describe the role of humidity on the incubation process.

Wilcox received his B.S. in pomology, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in plant pathology from the University of California-Davis. Between 1982 and 1984, he worked as an extension plant pathologist for the University of Kentucky. In 1984, he accepted a faculty appointment with research and extension responsibilities for diseases of tree fruit and berry crops in the Department of Plant Pathology at the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station of Cornell University, in Geneva, NY. In 1995 his primary commodity responsibility was changed to focus on diseases of grapevines.

In addition to the scientific journal publications for which he was recognized, Wilcox has been a frequent contributor to local, regional, national, and international trade journals. These contributions reflect his commitment to making the results of agricultural research accessible and meaningful to fruit growers on a practical level.

The Lee M. Hutchins Fund was established in 1979 with gifts from the estate of Dr. Lee M. Hutchins. It consists of a certificate and income from the invested fund. Previous Hutchins awardees from the Experiment Station include Dennis Gonsalves (1981), Tom Burr (1990), Roger Pearson plus David Gadoury (1991).

Wilcox lives in the town of Fayette, with his wife, Linda. They enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, boating, and gardening. They are avid followers of independent cinema and film festivals. Their daughter, Miranda (Geneva High, class of 1988), is raising a family in Rochester, where she works in communications. Their daughter, Holly (Geneva High, class of 1990), lives near Geneva, where she manages Spinnaker's restaurant.

Sign Up for STATION PERSONNEL RECOGNITION DAY



The deadline to sign up for the Station Personnel Recognition Day is **Friday, September 5**. See your Station Club Representative listed below to sign up for this special event to be held **Friday, September 19, from 1:00-4:00 pm** at the Pavilion. As previously reported, the afternoon will consist of lunch to be provided by Club 86, contests and zany games with prizes consisting of a chance to throw whipped cream pies at the director and department chairs. The event is free and highly recommended to all Station personnel.

Station Club Representatives:

Administration/Library	Charie Hibbard
B&P, Security, Fleet, and Heating Plant	Ralph D'Amato
Comm Services	Sandy Antinelli
Computer Services	Patty Gibbs
Entomology	Donna Roelofs
Field Research Unit	Alan Soper



FST	Debbie Ditzell
Horticultural Sciences:	
Hedrick Hall	Gemma Osborne
Sturtevant Hall	Kathy Roe
IPM	Janet Garlick
PGRU	Tiffany Fisk
Plant Pathology	Colleen VanAllen

Sign up and join the fun!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Monday, September 1

Labor Day Holiday

Station Closed

SEMINAR

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, September 2
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Randy Beaudry
 Food Science & Technology,
 Geneva
Topic: Metabolizable vaporphase
 fungicides for decay
 control in apple

**DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE
 FOR MISS SAIGON**

Savings certificates are available to MISS SAIGON, which premieres at the Auditorium Center in Rochester Thursday, October 30 and runs through Sunday, November 30, 1997. With this special offer, you can save \$20 off great seats for the following selected performances:

Thursday, October 30, at 8:00 pm
 Saturday, November 1, at 2:00 pm
 Sunday, November 2,
 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
 Wednesday, November 5,
 at 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Contact Personnel at x203 for savings certificates and act now because tickets must be purchased before September 30.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1991 Dodge Shadow. 4-cylinder, 5-speed, 4-door hatchback. 86,000 miles. Asking \$1900. Call John at x279 or 331-1306.

FOR SALE: 1985 Oldsmobile Cutless Ciera. Interior and body both in excellent condition. AC, AM/FM. Asking \$1999 or best offer. Contact Claudio at x246 or 789-4615.

FOR RENT: Three-bedroom, single family house on North Main Street, Geneva. Two full bathrooms, offstreet parking, skylights, washer and dryer, stove and refrigerator included. Call 789-7368 days or 789-1864 nights.

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dan Hall Staff Room beginning September 3 and ending December 17. Kathy Crothers will return as the class instructor. All international adults and children age 12 and older are invited to attend free of charge. No registration is required. Contact Personnel at x203 if you have questions.

**TICKETS ON SALE FOR
 CORNELL EMPLOYEE/
 FAMILY DAY**

Tickets are now on sale for the 1997 Cornell Employee/Family Day scheduled for

Saturday, September 20.

The BIG RED football game against Princeton will kick-off at 1:00 pm in Schoellkopf Stadium and meals will be served from 2:30-5:30 pm.

PRICES

Football game - \$3.00
 Chicken barbecue - \$2.50
 Vegetarian meal - \$2.50

Tickets are available here on the Geneva campus from Colleen VanAllen, Plant Pathology. The deadline to purchase tickets from Colleen is Thursday, September 11. Tickets can also be purchased from Ryan Snider, Ticket Manager, on the Ithaca Campus by calling 8-5-3175. If paying by check, make payable to "Cornell University".



GO BIG RED!!

STATION CLUB NEWS

Station Club Looking for

**NEW
 DESIGN**



Don't forget about the Station Club sponsored design contest reported in last week's *News*. The winning design, or an adaptation of it, will be reproduced on t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and coffee mugs to be sold to Station members and visitors. Net proceeds will go to the Station Club treasury.

Station members interested in entering the competition should submit their ideas on an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of paper and send it to Colleen VanAllen or bring it with them to the Station Personnel Recognition Day.

SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES

Ultimate Frisbee

Every Wednesday on Barton Lab Lawn
 5:00-5:30: Learn the sport and throws
 5:30: Play Ultimate
 Questions? Contact Amy at x355.

Volleyball

Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm
 Near the Pavilion behind Jordan Hall
 Questions? Contact Andrea at x268