

Horticulture Newsletter

September 3, 2009

Welcome Back, Students!!



Our Hort Club and our Turf Club are busy with meetings and activities already this semester. If you have not been a part of our clubs in the past, consider coming to one of their meetings and get acquainted. You may contact any one of the people listed below for more information.

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HORT CLUB



TURF CLUB

New Hort Club OFFICERS & EMAILS 2009

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If you would like more information about Hort Club activities, please contact any of the officers listed above.

If you would like more information about the Turf Club meetings and/or activities, feel free to contact any of the officers listed above.

Construction in our Conference Room is completed!

Below is the look of the Conference Room before construction began. Photo at right shows the construction 'in progress'.



Now we're ready for meetings and it looks great!



HORTICULTURE SEMINARS...

Fall 2009 Seminar Series

All Seminars will be in Hort 118 at 4:10 PM.

September 14	Loren Stephens , Assoc. Professor, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: Ethidium-bromide induced mutations from inflorescence cultures of Indiangrass
September 21	Richard Gladon , Assoc. Professor, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: The Motor is Running at Top Speed: New Advances in the Dutch Ornamentals Industry
September 28	William Graves , Professor, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: A Frugal Professor's Tips for University Travel on a Shoestring
October 5	Lee Goldsmith , Graduate Student, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: Freezing Tolerance in 'Frontenac' and 'Seyval blanc' Grapevine Canes & Shoots
October 12	Mark Westgate , Professor, Agronomy Department, ISU Title: CSRL: Transforming Experiences for Faculty, Staff, and Students
October 19	Todd Vens , Instructional Support Specialist, Brenton Center, ISU Title: Generate Revenue Without Sacrificing Academic Rigor! Adding Online Courses, Certificates, and Programs That Make Sense
October 26	Laura Klavitter , Hort Student / Calynn Walters , Hort Student / Cindy Haynes , Assoc. Professor, Department of Horticulture, ISU / Nick Howell , Supt. Ag Research Station / Hank Taber , Professor, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: Feasibility of High Tunnel Production of Potted Tulips and Daffodils
November 2	Kirk Maloney , Associate Professor, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology, ISU Title: Applying a Global Perspective to the Study of Invasive Species
November 9	Olivia Lenahan , Graduate Student, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: Genetic Profile and Horticultural Potential of American Snowbell (<i>Styrax americanus</i>)
November 16	Hank Taber , Professor, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: High Tunnel Crop Production – Research Challenges
November 30	Lisa Wasko , Graduate Student, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: Service-Learning/School Garden Program Influences Ugandan Children's Agricultural Knowledge and Home Gardening Practices
December 7	Katey Dimmlich , Graduate Student, Department of Horticulture, ISU Title: To Be Announced



*****HORTICULTURE TRAVEL*****



Travels (then, now, and upcoming) . . .

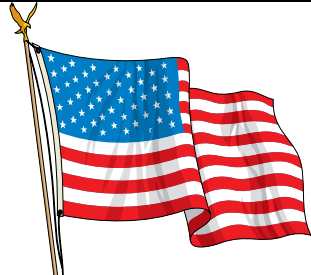
William Graves

(09/05/09 to 09/06/09) to Stanford, CA – to establish treatments for research
(11/23/09 to 12/01/09) to Northeastern Mexico – to collect plant and soil samples for research at NE Mexico
(12/10/09 to 12/11/09) to Stanford, CA – to collect data for research.
(12/25/09 to 01/05/10) to Stanford, CA – to collect research data at Stanford, CA

Jeff Iles – (07/25/09 to 07/27/09) to St. Louis, MO – to attend the ASHS Annual Conference

Loren Stephens – (07/24/09 to 07/26/09) to St. Louis, MO – to present research results at annual meeting of ASHS.

Lisa Wasko – (07/19/09 to 07/24/09) to Painsville, OH – to present at Annual Conference of American Society for Enology and Viticulture – Eastern Section.

<p>INFORMATION ON JOBS</p>	
<p><i>There is a variety of job possibilities listed here -- Permanent, temporary, part-time, full-time, student jobs, local, non-local, etc. . . . Check it out!</i></p> <p><i>Job announcements are posted in the student reading room and in the Horticulture Office if you are interested in checking in more detail.</i></p> <p><i>Some jobs that are listed this week are:</i></p>	

“Assistant in Training” Summer Internship (available 4/1/2010) / Noyac Golf Club / Sag Harbor, NY . . . Our golf club is located approximately seven miles east of Southampton and directly south of the Great Peconic Bay. Noyac has an exclusive private membership with individuals that enjoy top conditions. We pride ourselves on keeping tournament style playability at our course throughout the entire summer. Must be enrolled in a Turfgrass college program and have 1-2 seasons of golf course maintenance experience. Two positions are available. Duties will coincide closely with work that is consistent of the assistants already in place. You will learn how to: schedule and manage a full working crew, develop spray regimens and perform applications, monitor the golf course for water needs and scout for disease pressure. Website Address: <http://www.noyacgolfclub.com/>
Contact: Brian Goleski, GCS / Phone: 631-725-9124 or Email: jbgoleski@optonline.net

Director, Division of Plant Industry / State of New York / Dept. of Agriculture and Markets / Albany, NY . . . The Division of Plant Industry is responsible for maintaining plant health, promoting the statewide adoption of integrated pest management practices, monitoring the availability and labeling of basic agricultural commodities (seed, commercial fertilizers and composts claiming plant nutrient value, agricultural liming materials), ammonium nitrate security, and detecting and preventing the spread of bee diseases. *Minimum Qualifications:* Bachelor’s degree in Plant Science, Horticulture, Agriculture or an environmental or natural science discipline, **and** 8 years of progressively responsible experience working in an industry, governmental or educational organization providing leadership, planning and implementation of policy, programs and projects. Contact: Deborah A. Carriero, NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets, Division of Human Resources Mgmt. / Phone: 518-457-3216 / E-mail: humanres@agmkt.state.ny.us

Part-time Employees / Ames Golf and Country Club . . . Ames Golf and Country Club is looking for part-time employees in our maintenance department for the fall season. We work around class schedules during the week and weekend work is available. Pay will be \$7.50 per hour. This job will last until the golfing season ends in late October or early November. Please contact John Sullivan at 232-1121 to fill out an application and schedule an interview.

County Extension Program Coordinator / Fremont County / Sidney, IA . . . The intent of this position is to maintain and increase Extension agricultural, horticultural, and youth programming in Fremont County. ISU Extension builds partnerships and provides research-based learning opportunities to improve quality of life in Iowa. Full-time salaried position. Bachelor’s degree preferred or relevant work experience. Send resume and cover letter to Fremont County Extension Council, Fremont Co. Extension Office, PO Box 420, Sidney, IA 51652. For detailed job description go to www.extension.iastate.edu/fremont.

Biological Science Technician (PLANTS) / Dept. of Agriculture / Forest Service, Nationwide (Announcement #OCR-0404-4-PLNT-ARRA-D) . . . 16 temporary, full-time positions. This position is located on a Forest Service unit and is responsible for providing technical support to the plants/botany management program. Uses a variety of specialized tools, equipment, and materials to carry out procedures, methods and practices in support of one or more of the biological sciences. Contact: ASC-HCM Staffing / Phone: 877-372-7248 / Email: fsjobs@fs.fed.us / Website: <http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?ref=YKXWU>

Botanist / Dept. of Agriculture / Forest Service / Nationwide (Announcement #OCR-0430-911-ARRA-D) . . . 16 temporary, full-time positions. Performs duties such as surveying for threatened, endangered, sensitive, and rare plants, recommending mitigation measures, monitoring selected populations, or developing conservation plans. Provides advice, guidance, and information as a member of an interdisciplinary team or to other agencies, state and local governments, and the public on botanical resource issues. Studies, inventories, and investigates botanical and ecological conditions in support of botanical projects. Contact: : ASC-HCM Staffing / Phone: 877-372-7248 / Email: fsjobs@fs.fed.us / Website: <http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?ref=HSJLS>

Biodiversity Conservation Coordinator / Northwest Service Academy / Gresham, OR . . . A temporary, full-time position. Must have the ability to work proactively, somewhat independently, and in an organized manner. Ability to communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, students, and the general public. A minimum of basic Pacific Northwest native plant ID skills necessary, though training is available to further refine plant ID skills. Contact: Laura Guderyahn, Watershed Restoration Coordinator / Phone: 503-618-2246 / Website: www.greshamoregon.gov
E-mail: laura.guderyahn@ci.gresham.or.us

Soil Conservationist / Dept. of Agriculture / Natural Resources Conservation Service / Mt. Gilead (Morrow), OH . . . (Announcement #NRCS 09-OH-161B) a permanent, full-time position. Qualifying Based on Education: An applicant must have a Bachelor's or higher degree that included a major field of study (including 300 and 400 level courses) in soil conservation or a related agricultural or natural resources discipline. The study must have included 30 semester hours in a natural resource or agricultural field, including at least 12 semester hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science of which 3 semester hours must have been in soils and 3 semester hours in crops or plant science. Contact: UDA-NRCS, Human Resources Office, Attn: Marty Seamons / Phone: 614-255-2470

Soil Conservationist / Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Serv. / Nationwide . . . (Announcement #UK535257) A permanent, full-time position. An applicant must have a bachelor's or higher degree that included a major field of study (including 300 and 400 level courses) in soil conservation or related agricultural or natural resource discipline. The study must have included 30 semester hours in a natural resource or agricultural field, including at least 12 semester hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science of which 3 semester hours must have been in soils and 3 semester hours in crops or plant science. Contact: Farm Service Agency / Phone: 816-926-6781 / Email: exam1@kcc.usda.gov

Program Specialist (Plant Science) / Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research / Education & Ext. Service / Washington, D.C. . . . (Announcement #CSREES-2009-0088) A permanent, full-time position. As the Program Specialist for Plant Science, you will share responsibility for providing leadership essential in the accomplishment of program objectives. Specifically, you will provide support to national program leaders in the implementation of programs, policies, and procedures with an emphasis on specialty crops and organic agriculture. You will assist in implementing or modifying the project review and merit evaluation processes for assigned program areas. You will serve as a liaison between various program areas within the agency. Contact: USDA, ARS, Cooperative State Research, Ed., and Ext. Service / Attn: Vivian Brooks, HR / Phone: 202-720-6087 / Email: Vivian.brooks@ars.usda.gov

Extension Area Specialist / The University of Tennessee / Vicinity of Vonore, TN . . . (Announcement #X0917) A permanent, full-time position. *Qualifications:* Earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, Demonstrated experience with best management practices for grasses and other forage crops is essential. Excellent Communication skills, both written and verbal. *Duties:* The Area Specialist is administratively responsible to the Eastern Regional Director and will: Work with Biofuels Specialist, Chair of the Biofuels Farmer Education Committee, region, county, and state Extension staff in planning, developing, coordinating, implementing and evaluating educational programs related to biofuels and growing switchgrass under contract for the Biofuels Initiative. Assist in planning and conducting switchgrass production contract meetings with potential producers. Contact: Ms. Connie Heiskell, Regional Director, Eastern Region Office / Phone: 865-577-9963 / Email: UTExtensionPersonnel@uk.edu Website: www.utextension.utk.edu

Buildings and Grounds Manager / Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center / Mattapan, MA . . . A permanent, full-time position. The Boston Nature Center seeks a motivated and organized person to coordinate and conduct property, grounds, and building related activities along with budget management. Ensure the maintenance, security, and ecological management of a 67-acre wildlife sanctuary, as well as the maintenance (including custodial) and security of our visitor center (environmentally friendly bldg.), several other buildings, and community gardens. Contact: Boston Nature Center / Attn: Property Manager Search / Email: BNC@massaudubon.org

Estate Gardener in the Davenport area . . . We are looking for an individual to assist in the maintenance of the lawns, gardens and trees around our home. The property is approximately 14 acres with a creek, wooded area, 1-acre pond, 5-acre pasture and 5 to 6 acres of lawn and garden with several hundred trees. Responsibilities include fertilizing, weed control, tree pruning, garden mulching and lawn cutting. The successful candidate will be comfortable operating a variety of power equipment, including gas-powered mowers, string trimmers, chainsaw, lawn tractors and gator. A minimum of 30 hours per week between May and September 2010 is expected. In addition, there is an opportunity for the right candidate to help design and construct a container/field nursery in the pasture. This would involve additional paid hours and the potential for a minority ownership stake. Contact: Applicants are encouraged to contact Michael Howcroft by e-mail: mhowcroft@mchsi.com or by Phone: 563-343-0849.

>Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent (Horticulture) – Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA (Anticipated) . . .

>Asst. Prof. – Ext. (Vegetable & Community/School Gardening Specialist) – School of Plant, Environmental & Soil Sciences, Baton Rouge, LA (Anticipated) . . .

For both positions above, contact: Bobby H. Fletcher, Jr., Ph.D. / Assistant Director / LSU AgCenter / LCES Administration / Efferson Hall / Room 102-H 1 Baton Rouge, LA 70803 / Phone: 225-578-2906 / Fax: 225-578-4225 / Mobile: 225-270-4707 / Email: bhfletcher@agcenter.lsu.edu The LSU AgCenter is one of 11 institutions of higher education in the Louisiana State University System. Headquartered in Baton Rouge, it provides educational services in every parish and conducts research that contributes to the economic development of the state.

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