



CALENDAR of EVENTS
MAY 27 - JUNE 10, 2005

MEETINGS

CALS FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2005
Time: 4 PM
Place: Room 126, Jordan Hall

CHAIRS' & UNIT LEADERS'

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2005
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab

SEMINARS

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2005
Time: 9 AM
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Dr Baozhong Meng, University of Guelph



Tom Gibson points out the "jacket" section on a kettle, which enables it to operate very similar to a double boiler that his mother or grandmother would use. "If the truth be known, at the time the picture was taken," Gibson said, "I think the boy in the photo (Thomas Kikkert, son of Julie Kikkert) was looking at an ant that he had spotted inside the kettle. The pilot plant was just one of the campus locations visited during Bring Your Child to Work Day recently.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED TO RENT: July and August. Furnished house in Geneva. Rental plans fell through. Contact K.DeRosa at x2236, kad2 (home) 789-7482

FOR SALE: Nine aluminum storm windows 72 inches tall and 34 inches wide. Good condition. \$50 for the lot. Aluminum storm door 36 inches wide. Good condition, \$20. Call x2480 or email g35

FOR SALE: 94 Eagle Vision (basically an all black Concord) 123,000 miles, leather seats in perfect condition, Infinity radio/CD, very little rust showing. Just tuned up with minor repairs. 3 years in the garage. Drives like a dream. \$3,000. Contact Terry Acree at tea2

FOR RENT: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, unfurnished, spacious, wood floors. 2 blocks from downtown Geneva. \$500 month + utilities. Lease starts early August. Contact Alex Da Costa at 607-339-7558 or aed4

FOR RENT: Studio apartment, walking distance to Experiment Station and hospital. Off street

parking, freshly painted, good neighborhood. Security deposit required. Available mid-June. Rent \$295, plus electric. Please contact Nancy Long x2288 or npl1@cornell.edu

FOR RENT: Seneca Lake cottage. Two bedroom, boat lift, directly on lake, no stairs. For more info email mlh5

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom furnished country house on 70 beautiful acres (built in 1974 by my grandfather). We live "next door" and still use the garden, orchard, and hay fields. Pets allowed. Non-smoking. All appliances (including dishwasher, washer and drier.) LP gas hot water baseboard plus electric back-up, always dry full basement, 2 car garage, large screened-in patio, fireplace, and new carpet. Available June 1. 1 year signed lease \$675/month plus utilities or monthly for \$850/month INCLUDING utilities. For an appointment email Dana Schneider at ds223 or call 315-539-2991. For more details (including pictures) visit www.kiddcom/rental or call 585-526-5034. Flyers will also be posted on campus.

WANTED: Old three ring binders. The bigger the better. I use them to store reference material and old photos. It doesn't matter what color they

are or if they have printing on them. Contact Donna at dmb62 or x2492

FOR RENT: 3rd floor aptment on South Main Street. 2 bedrooms, gorgeous views of Seneca Lake, windows on all sides, including skylight in one of the bedrooms, lots of storage space, laundry, friendly landlady, lives onsite, great neighbors, huge bathroom. Available June 1. Email Megan at mmk23, or you can call the landlady directly: Patricia Wilson, 781-2895

FOR SALE: Panasonic Microwave, 3 years old but like new. \$25. Child's single bed, \$40. Contact Donna at x2325

FOR SALE: Black steel grill guard, brand new, never used. Fits Dodge truck. Heavy duty bed mat w/Dodge logo, fits short bed. Brand new. Contact George at x2618 or gwh1

VACATION RENTAL: Cottage on SW shore of Canandaigua Lake. 45 minutes from Geneva. It's nice: large front deck and lawn overlooking the lake, and cantilevered dock w/seating at water's edge. Also included is sleep cabin w/loft and double bed below. Fully heated. Gas grill, canoe & rowboat included. BYO linens and towels. Suitable 8-10 people. Summer openings remain: July 16-23 and Aug. 20-27. \$2,050/wk + sec. Interested? Contact Elaine at elg2



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BRIEFS

You're Invited... To a One-on-One Counseling session led by a TIAA-CREF financial consultant

Let us help you make financial decisions for your retirement planning that are right for you. Schedule an appointment today with a TIAA-CREF consultant who will be available to answer questions about your financial matters.

Date: Monday, June 20, 2005

Time: 8 AM - 5 PM

Place: Cornell University Geneva Campus, Food Research Lab (small conference room)

RSVP: To schedule a one-on-one counseling appointment, please call (877) 209-3144

Visit the web site at tiaa-cref.org (once there select **Meetings/Counseling** at the top of the page).

Station Club Noon hour lunch and merchandise sale

Thursday, June
9th at the Saw-
dust Cafe

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

All for \$4.00!



Graduate Students Receive Awards

The 2005 Robert M. Gilmer Award

Jodi Creasap, a Ph.D student in Tom Burr's program, was named the 2005 recipient of the Robert M. Gilmer award.

Dr. Robert M. Gilmer was a faculty member in the department of plant pathology at Geneva from 1950 to 1975 and served as Department Chair from 1967 – 72. He is fondly remembered for his intelligence, his great breadth of knowledge of plant diseases and for being a free thinker who challenged conventional views. Dr. Gilmer was known internationally for his



Tom Burr presents Jodi Creasap with the 2005 Bob Gilmer award certificate.

research on virus diseases of deciduous tree fruits and grapes. Some of his major research contributions included the determination that sour-cherry yellows is a virus complex and is pollen transmitted, and that X-disease of stone fruits is vectored by several leafhopper species. He also discovered that tobacco ringspot virus is widespread on grapes in New York and Canada, and it was through his efforts that a grape virus certification program was initiated in New York.

The Robert M. Gilmer Graduate Student Award is funded from the interest on an endowment bequeathed by Dr. Gilmer to the department of plant pathology. The award consists of a grant of \$5,000 to further the recipient's research and professional development.

The recipient also receives a framed certificate and the addition of his or her name to a plaque, which hangs permanently in the plant pathology conference room.

In addition, the occasion of the award is celebrated within the department with a seminar presented by an invited speaker nominated by the graduate students in the department. This year's speaker was Brian Shaw, a former student in Harvey Hoch's program, who is now an assistant professor at Texas A&M University.

"Jodi came to Cornell from Hiram College four years ago," said Tom Burr, in making the introduction. "When Jodi's application arrived, I could see that she had good grades and letters of recommendation that offered high praise. More importantly, though, I got a sense that she had leadership qualities and was the kind of person that got things done; and she has done just that – she has stepped up to the challenge in both her research and leadership."

Enumerating some of Jodi's accomplishments Tom said that her master's thesis had been published in *Phytopathology*, she had traveled to Germany as the recipient of

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Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park Sponsoring Street Naming Contest

You've probably been watching the first Park building going up and are probably wondering when it's going to open. The FlexTech building, which now sports a yellow insulation layer, will be ready for occupancy at the end of the summer. In the meantime the street needs to be named. Got any ideas?

There will be at least one, and possibly three named streets – but for now we're looking at just the one. The City of Geneva has ultimate approval rights, but the Park is responsible for proposing the names. A street naming contest will run through Monday June 13th and all Station and USDA staff are invited to submit entries. Prizes will be awarded to the entrant whose street name is chosen. So what do you need to do?

Send emails to crodriguez@caftp.org, or drop off your submission at the Park office in Jordan Hall. No special forms are necessary—just something with your name, department, phone number, and of course your name for the street along with a few sentences about your suggestion. A couple of things to remember: this is a street address an owner or researcher would be proud to associate with their company with, and the name should in some way relate to Cornell, NYSAES, Geneva or the kinds of companies that will be ultimately be tenants. If you aren't sure what types of businesses will locate in the park, check it out on the website. <<http://www.caftp.org/>>www.caftp.org.

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Date: Mon. & Fri.
Time: 12:10 PM - 1 PM

TAE KARDIO

Date: Mon. & Wed.
Time: 12:10 PM - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium.

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the Student Von Humboldt Award, and that she had just recently passed her A exam with flying colors. He also pointed out that Jodi has given several seminars at other universities, and that she jumps at these kinds of opportunities.

"It is a pleasure to have a student like Jodi in the lab," Tom went on to say. "She is a team player and takes full advantage of opportunities to improve her career. I am certain that whatever path she decides to take as a plant pathologist that she will do very well."

"I am pleased and honored to be the recipient of the Gilmer award for 2005, and I attribute the success of my work not only to my own blood, sweat, and tears, but also to the assistance of members of the Station community," Jodi said. "Individuals - students, staff, and faculty - here at NYSAES, create a unique research environment that emphasizes camaraderie and cooperation, and I thank everyone who has helped me - directly or indirectly - with my research. In fact, it's likely I've learned more lessons from the folks here than from my coursework and research!"

"Additionally, the Gilmer award acknowledges students' - past and present - hard work and dedication both through the award itself and by inviting previous students to present the Gilmer lecture," she went on to say. "The lecture portion of this award provides a wonderful opportunity for students to discuss their work with previous students, and we enjoyed having Brian Shaw here to present his excellent work for the Gilmer seminar this year."

The 2005 Michael Villani Award

The 2005 Villani Award was presented to Xin Zhang, a third-year Ph.D student working with Ping Wang's group in the department of entomology.

"The Villani Award is a stipend given annually to a graduate student in the department and is named in honor of Dr. Mike Villani who tragically passed away on May 15, 2001," Charley Linn said, in introducing the award. "Mike set up the award to provide funds for graduate students to help them with their research efforts. There was, however, a unique aspect to the selection process that was stipulated by Mike when he set up this award – the recipient was to be chosen by the permanent technical staff and academics (not including faculty) rather than the faculty which is ordinarily the case in an award of this nature."

Linn went on to say that Mike Villani had a deep affection and great concern for all the people in the department. "It was Mike's wish that the vote was cast by the people who did the work," Linn said. "He believed that mentoring between the faculty and the student is important, but it is also important that a bond is formed between the technical staff and the student."

"*Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) is the most successfully used bioinsecticide and planting transgenic Bt plants and has been revolutionizing the insect control tactics. However, evolution of Bt resistance in insect populations threatens the long-term application of Bt



Xin Zhang, winner of the 2005 Villani award.

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Tom DeYulio Remembered



Tom DeYulio

Tom 'Tommy' DeYulio, passed away Thursday, May 19 at Geneva General Hospital. He was born September 6, 1949 in Geneva. Tom began his career at the Station in the summer of 1968 as a field assistant, and over the years held at least a half dozen different positions with increasing responsibility. At the time of his retirement, in October of last year, he was manager of maintenance services. His career here at the Experiment Station spanned 37 years. Tom liked to play cards, and enjoyed fishing and gardening. He was a member of St. Francis DeSales Church in Geneva.

"I was associated with Tommy from 1973 until his retirement last year, first as a co-worker and then as his subordinate," said Gary Chicoine. "He was always a thoughtful individual and looked out for those for whom he was responsible. He had a keen interest in ornamental horticulture and was a great asset to this campus. He'll certainly be missed."

"Tommy's firm, reasoned and level-headed approach to life provided our unit with stability and direction though rough and calm waters," said John VanderWeide. "I depended on him for both his insight and his ability to communicate with people inside and outside the unit. Respect for Tom seemed to be universal among those of us who worked with him."

"I first met Tom back in 1993 when I was hired to work in the greenhouse, and over the past 12 years Tom and I had become very good friends," said Mark Casasanta. "Tom was one of the few individuals who could handle the fine line of being your best friend and your supervisor, and I feel very fortunate to have known him as both. When I think of Tom, I'll always remember the prime rib dinners at Emile's, fishing on the beaches of St. Augustine and weekend projects at his house."

In Lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's name can be made to the Wayne County Humane Society, 1475 County House Road, Lyons, NY 14489.

plants," Zhang said. "Our laboratory is studying the molecular mechanism for Bt resistance in the cabbage looper, which is one of the only two insect species that have developed Bt resistance in the field, and we have found that the resistance is conferred by alteration of a receptor for the Bt toxins in the gut of the cabbage looper. I am studying the Bt receptor genes in the cabbage looper to discover the gene mutation that confers the Bt resistance."

"Since he joined my lab two years ago, Xin has successfully cloned two genes which code for putative Bt receptors from the cabbage looper," said Ping Wang. "With the addition of these two genes cloned by Xin, our lab has cloned all the putative Bt receptor genes. Now Xin's research has entered a very exciting phase which is to identify the molecular alterations of the receptors that confer the resistance to Bt toxins. I am very pleased to have Xin in my program. The Villani Award is a well-deserved recognition for his excellent graduate research."

"Thank you all for this opportunity, and your support and encouragement, and thank you Mike Villani as well," Xin said in accepting the award.

J. Ogrodnick

Bike and Walk Week 2005

The 10th annual Bike & Walk Week will be June 6-10.

So pump up your tires, dust off your walking shoes and get ready! Everyone is encouraged to commute to work by bike or by foot. If you can't commute, get out there at noon and stretch your legs. There will be a breakfast and prize drawings every day. If you'd like to help out by preparing a breakfast or coordinating prizes, contact Jennifer Grant, jag7@cornell.edu

