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Roses are a popular flower given on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14). Happy Valentine's Day to all our faculty, staff & students!

Everyone is invited to the Dessert Potluck

The Activities & Entertainment Committee invites all faculty, staff and students to a Valentine Hail & Farewell Dessert Potluck on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 2-3 p.m. in 150 Keim Hall. Please bring a sweet treat to share. New employees and students will be introduced beginning at 2:30 p.m. Coffee, lemonade, plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided.

Last Call to Vote for your Favorite Picture

Voting is still open for the Agronomy & Horticulture Department's 6th Annual Photo Contest, but only until the end of today (Friday, Feb. 10). For details and to vote, see <http://agronomy.unl.edu/photocontest11>. Select your top four choices. Winners will be announced next week. For more information, contact Aaron Franco at af franco2@unl.edu.

IANR ALL HANDS session is Today

IANR Vice Chancellor Ronnie Green invites everyone to the IANR ALL HANDS session on Friday, Feb. 10, 2–4 p.m., NEU. This spring semester session will focus on the major progress that IANR is making (including updates on the IANR to 2025 effort). There will be a cookies and ice cream reception beginning at 2 p.m. with the session formally starting at 2:30 p.m.

Mark the Date!

Feb. 10: IANR All Hands session, 2–4 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

Feb. 10: Dept. Seminar cancelled.

Feb. 13: "Documenting Teaching for Promotion & Tenure: A Faculty Perspective" seminar by the CASNR Teaching & Learning Improvement Council, 12–1 p.m., NEU.

Feb. 14: Dr. Ron Yoder will meet with the Agronomy & Horticulture faculty concerning Unit Goal Setting and Planning, 8:15–9:15 a.m., 150 Keim Hall.

Feb. 14: Hail & Farewell Dessert potluck, 2 p.m., 150 Keim.

Feb. 16: Mogens Bay, CEO of Valmont, and Bob Meaney, Sr. Vice President of Valmont, will speak on water supply and quality issues around the globe as part of the Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy, 7 p.m., Lied Center. See: <http://enthompson.unl.edu/>.

Feb. 17: Dept. Seminar "In Search of the Holy Grail: Annual Bluegrass Control in Turf" with Zac Reicher, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

Feb. 20: Heuermann Lecture series with Roberto Lenton, University of Nebraska's Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute, 3:30 p.m., Hardin Hall, Reception precedes his speech at 3 p.m.

Feb. 21: "International Eye Opener" speaker series with Dr. John DeFrain on "Family Strengths: the Research, Practical Applications, and the International Network." The event is in the Nebraska East Union, 7:30 p.m.

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Prepping for Outlook 365 Email Migration

As we all know, Outlook 365 is coming, and Lotus Notes' days are numbered! As a department, there are a few things we need to do to get ready for the transition.

First, go through your email and clear anything out that you don't need. The fewer things that need to be migrated, the better things will go. Secondly, make sure your archives are up-to-date.

Finally, take care of attachments, particularly large ones (Large attachments will cause an error in the process that doesn't show up until the end, and then you have to start over again). Save the attachments locally (or to a network share), then delete the attachment from the email.

There are also a few things that I will need to do as the admin. I will be working on converting everyone's login IDs from the 'haa' IDs to the preferred UNL-AD login IDs. The reason for this is that O365 uses a unified login scheme, and consolidating all your network credentials under one ID will make things work much smoother, as you won't have to have multiple login IDs for every system at that point. This process will take some work both on the server as well as on each PC, to make certain that you will still have all your customizations, shortcuts, and program settings. The work on the server side will ensure that you retain all your current permissions.

The conversion process itself isn't overly complicated, but it does take some time. When it comes time to finally do the migration from Notes on your computer, we will have a small team helping to get everyone done.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about the process.

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New Employee Arrives in Nebraska



Please welcome Clémence Henry as a new post doctoral employee working with Dr. Mark Lagrimini. Clémence is from southeast France and earned her Ph.D. in Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology in Angers, France.

She earned a master's degree and a bachelor's degree in Genetics and Physiology in Clermont-Ferrand, France. She also has a university diploma in Technological Sciences in Agronomy.

Clémence enjoys graphical arts, cooking, music, reading, various sports, and theatre.

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Feb. 22: Post doc. Professional Development Workshop "Writing a Persuasive CV and Cover Letter" with Dr. Richard Lombardo, 8:30–10 a.m., City Campus Union. Register at <http://go.unl.edu/pds122>.

Feb. 24: Dept. Seminar "Look what is Blowing into Nebraska: Pesticide Application Tech. Research at the WCREC," Greg Kruger, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

March 1–3: 15th Annual Neb.

Winery & Grape Growers Forum & Trade Show, Kearney Holiday Inn, Kearney, Neb.

March 2: Dept. Seminar "Precision Farming Technologies for the Determination of Soil Water & Nitrogen Interactions across Nebraska Landscapes," Tim Shaver, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, refreshments at 3 p.m.

March 9: Dept. Seminar "Trends, Limits and Outlook of Turfgrass Genetic Resources" with Keenan Amundsen, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

March 9: Applications for the Milton E. Mohr Scholarship and Fellowship due to Marlene Busse, mbusse@unl.edu.

March 16: Dept. Seminar "Grazing Strategies and Rangeland Health in the Nebraska Sandhills" with Jerry Volesky, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

March 18–25: Spring Break, UNL offices are open but no classes.

March 30: Dept. Seminar "Seed Enhancement – Principles & Practice," by John Eastin, Kamterter Products LLC, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

April 3: Plant Breeding Symposium, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Neb. East Union.

April 4: Coyne Graduate Student Distinguished Lectureship, 1 p.m., Nebraska East Union, with Dr. Phillip E. McClean.

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Plant Breeding and Genetics Seminar Set

Plant Breeding and genetics graduate students are organizing a UNL Plant Breeding and Genetics Symposium on Tuesday, April 3 in the Nebraska East Union. The symposium will run from 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

The symposium will include a speaker from the Agronomy & Horticulture Department, Dr. Stephen Baenziger, and a speaker from Pioneer Hi-Bred, Dr. David Habier. Additional symposium speakers include Dr. Jean-Luc Jannink from the USDA-ARS at Cornell University, Dr. Jode Edwards from the USDA-ARS at Iowa State University, and Dr. Michael Gore from the USDA-ARS in Arizona.

Sponsors of the symposium are Pioneer Hi-Bred and the UNL Agronomy and Horticulture Department. The symposium is free to attend, but registration is required through the symposium website. For more information and to register, visit the UNL Plant Breeding and Genetics Symposium website at <http://passel.unl.edu/communities/unlpbsymposium>.

Thanks to all who helped with Green Expo

On behalf of the Nebraska Turf Association (NTA) and the Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association (NNLA), we'd like to thank everyone who attended and/or helped with the 2012 Nebraska Green Expo on Jan. 23–25, at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

Highlights of the Expo included:

- More than 800 professionals registered for workshops and educational sessions covering all areas of turf, business, landscape, nursery, parks, and recreation industries.
- The tradeshow included more than 70 exhibitors displaying products for all sectors of the green industry.
- The ballroom was packed for the keynote speech, Dave Cabela's "The Cabela's story: A handful of flies, a passion for the outdoors, and a belief that the combination of hard work and freedom makes anything possible."
- Ross Vandergrind of Van Diest Supply was awarded the 2012 Presidential Award by the NTA for his efforts over the years with the Expo tradeshow, NTA golf fundraisers and much more.
- The Backyard Farmer TV show on NET was awarded the Golden Leaf Award by the NNLA for significant and sustained contribution to the nursery industry.
- Eight students were awarded scholarships from the NTA, NNLA, Omaha Grounds Managers Association (OGMA), and others.

Thanks again for everyone's help.

Zac Reicher, Professor, Turfgrass Science, zreicher2@unl.edu

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April 6: Dept. Seminar: "Nebraska Crop Improvement Association – Past to Present!" with Steve Knox, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

April 10: Coyne Distinguished Lectureship with Dr. Mark Tester, 3 p.m., E103 Beadle Center, Reception in Atrium.

April 13: Dept. Seminar: "Bush Encroachment in Namibia, Southern Africa" with Dr. Walt Schacht, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

April 17: CASNR Week Lunch on the Lawn, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., NEU.

April 20: Dept. Seminar: "Food, Farm and Fitness: Agricultural Productivity, Nutrition and Health in Ethiopia" with Dr. Martha Mamo, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, Refreshments at 3 p.m.

April 25–27: Horticulture Club Spring Expo 2012 plant sale, City Campus and East Campus Unions. Watch for times to be announced later.

April 27: Dept. Spring BBQ.

April 27: Dept. Seminar "Sclerotinia Resistance in Soybean: The Impossible Dream?" George Graef, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim.

June 26–28: 2012 NAIPSC short course, WCREC, North Platte, Neb. To register, visit the website at: <http://ipscourse.unl.edu>.

Cook-off Winner Announced

Sumardi Bin Abdul Hamid won first place in the Agronomy Club's Chili Cook-off Contest on Jan. 19. He won \$30 for his chili, which was in crockpot #5. No prizes were awarded for second or third place, but Chelsea Luthy won second place (crockpot #3), and Alvin Harding won third place (crockpot # 2). Thanks to everyone who entered the contest and to those who taste tested the chili and voted.

Interviews Set for Soils Position

The department is interviewing candidates for a **Soils Management Scientist** (60% Research/40% Teaching position). Below are the details for the candidate seminars and faculty meeting times.

- Wednesday, Feb. 15: Candidate Guillermo Hernandez Ramirez, Seminar from 10:30–11:30, Room 150 KH; Meet with faculty, 11:30–noon, 279M PLSH;
- Monday, Feb. 20: Candidate Humberto Blanco, Seminar: 8:30–9:30, Room 150 KH; Meet with Faculty, 1:30–2:15 p.m., 375 PLSH; and
- Tuesday, Feb. 21: Candidate Terry Loecke, Seminar: 11–noon, Room 150 KH; Meet with Faculty, 2–2:30 p.m., 202N Keim.

Information For and About Graduate Students *Safa is Awarded Ogle Fellowship*

Congratulations to Babak Safa, Ph.D. student advised by Dr. Tim Arkebauer. He was awarded the J.J. and Eleanor Ogle Fellowship which is awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CASNR).

Students Should Submit Annual Progress Reports

All Ph.D. and M.S. students are asked to turn in their progress reports to Marlene Busse, 279 PLSH, mbusse@unl.edu by March 30, 2012. The progress report and instructions are available at <http://agronomy.unl.edu/graduate1>.

Funds Available for Seed-Science Projects

The Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) has a grant fund for investigations and promotion of Nebraska seed science-related projects.

Grant proposals will be accepted for projects which cover a one-to-three-year period. However, funding will only be approved on an annual basis (April 15). Grant funding has a maximum amount of \$3,000 per year.

Funding of grant proposals is a function of the NCIA Board of Directors. Guidelines are available from the NCIA office. Grant requests must be submitted by March 1 to the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association, 267 Plant Sciences Hall, PO Box 830911, Lincoln, NE 68583-0911, or call 402-472-1444.

Short Course Set June 26–28

Registration is open for the 2012 North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course (NAIPSC). The short course will be held June 26–28 at the West Central Research and Extension Center (WCREC) in North Platte. New for 2012 is a water-use session specifically on invasive plant species. CEUs and graduate student credit are available. To register, visit the website at: <http://ipscourse.unl.edu>.



Heuermann Lecture features Roberto Lenton

Worldwide water and food issues are in the spotlight when Prof. Roberto Lenton presents February's Heuermann Lecture. Dr. Lenton will speak Monday, Feb. 20, at 3:30 p.m. in Hardin Hall. An internationally recognized expert in water management and development, Lenton is founding director of the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska.