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***A WORD FROM YOUR OFFICE PROFESSIONALS***

Early registration opens for the ASA-CSSA-SSSA International meetings on June 14, 2011. The meetings are October 16-19, 2011, in San Antonio, TX, and the theme is "Fundamentals for Life: Soil, Crop & Environmental Sciences."

Please contact Karen Kreider (2-5138, [kkreider2@unl.edu](mailto:kkreider2@unl.edu)) or Carola Strauss (2-8747, [cstrauss1@unl.edu](mailto:cstrauss1@unl.edu)) to begin the registration process, make your travel and hotel arrangements, and start your Travel Authorization form.

For more information, see the website at <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>.



----- Brenda, Carola, Karen, Kat, Kathy, Linda, and Marlene

## **CONGRATULATIONS!** ★



**John & Jenny Dillingham** have a new addition to their family: **Jack Robert** was born on May 17, 2011, weighing in at a hefty 8 pounds, 10 ounces. (Could be a potential recruit for our football program.) John says “Mom is recovering well and baby is cool as a cucumber.”

Congratulations to **Kathy Schindler**, Agronomy and Horticulture Office Associate, who was selected to receive the 2011 IANR Employee Impact Award for the second quarter! This award recognizes an employee who has, through some action or activity, made a significant impact on IANR, or their administrative unit for a specific activity or event. Kathy is being recognized for going beyond expectations in her assistance with the Agronomy and Horticulture Department Centennial Celebration. She was instrumental in assisting the Centennial Committee during a 5-month planning stage. She was a major player and participant in the success of the event. Please watch for more details on an award presentation to be held in early June.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **2011 WALKING TOURS OF THE MAXWELL ARBORETUM**



These informal walking tours are scheduled from 12:00–1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The tours are led by Emily Levine, Special Projects Research Horticulturist with Agronomy and Horticulture and former Grounds Supervisor for the arboretum. They are free and open to the public. Levine said no end date has been set for the 2011 tours.

Participants should meet at the Karl Loerch Gazebo one block east of the UNL Dairy Store, near 38<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege streets. Some metered parking is available on the East Campus Loop south of the arboretum. In the event of rain, that week’s tour will be canceled.

### **NEBRASKA STATEWIDE ARBORETUM SPRING PLANT SALES**

Great selection of hard-to-find plants for sustainable landscapes from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Greenhouses (near 38<sup>th</sup> & Leighton on UNL East Campus). Included are prairie and woodland native perennials and grasses, local seed-source trees, and shrubs! Full list at <http://arboretum.unl.edu/plantsales>. Directions to NSA Greenhouse: In Lincoln, take Huntington/Leighton to 38<sup>th</sup> St. and turn south (north entrance to UNL East Campus). Go 1 block south and turn east—NSA banner is posted on the greenhouse. Dates and times are listed below:

**Friday Open House from Noon-5:00 p.m.** on May 27 and June 10. Includes “Display Garden Tour” at 1:30 p.m. each of those days.

**Saturday Open House from 9:00 a.m.-Noon** on June 4, with “Display Garden Tour at 11:00 a.m.

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Jun 14      **Agronomy & Horticulture Faculty Meeting**, 3-5 p.m., 150 Keim Hall

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***AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING 2011***

The 2011 APS North Central Division Meeting will be held June 15-17, 2011, at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Omaha, NE. For website information, see <http://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/nc/meetings>

**Special Note: Tim Arkebauer will be making a presentation at this meeting.** (See title of his presentation listed below.)

DoubleTree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center  
1616 Dodge St.  
Omaha, NE 68102  
Phone: 1-402-346-7600

**Late Registration** (after May 15, 2011)

NC Division Member	\$90.00
Nonmember	\$110.00
<b>Extra (guest) ticket</b>	\$30.00 (includes opening reception & banquet)

**ALL are WELCOME - Membership not necessary**

**Symposium Presentations are from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and listed as follows:**

“Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute”  
Monica Norby, Office of Research, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Water and Food in Nebraska”  
Timothy Arkebauer, Professor, UNL Dept. of Agronomy and Horticulture; and David P. Billebach, Assistant Professor, UNL Biological Systems Engineering

“Irrigation, Plant Disease and Crop Water Use Efficiency”  
Dr. Charles Rush, J. Price, and F. Workneh, Texas A&M Agricultural Station (Texas AgriLife Research), Bushland, TX; and S. Evett, USDA-ARS, CPRL, Bushland, TX

“Symbiogenics: An Epigenetic Approach to Mitigating Impacts of Climate Change on Plants”  
Dr. Rusty Rodriguez, U.S. Geological Survey, Western Fisheries Research Center, Seattle, WA

“Evaluation of Charcoal Rot Resistance in Soybean and Sorghum in Drought-Prone Environments”  
Dr. Chris Little, Department of Plant Pathology, Kansas State University

**Student oral and poster presentations will be from 12:30-6:30 p.m.**

Please contact Deanna Funnell-Harris, President of the Division, at 472-9099 for further information.

## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

For the latest news, information, and list of events at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please visit <http://ianrhome.unl.edu/home>. Click on **IANR News Feed** or the **IANR Calendar** under the heading "Timely Topics."

If you would like to submit events for the Agronomy & Horticulture calendar, give them to **Aaron Franco** after they have been approved by the department head. Our calendar also shows events posted on the IANR and CASNR calendars. Go to: <http://events.unl.edu/agronomy>.

## ***FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

**FYI:** Visit UNL's Office of Sponsored Programs web site for funding announcements in PDF format at <http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml> under "Funding Opportunities." These announcements are compiled from the funding opportunities offered by federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. If you want to subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or [nmeier2@unl.edu](mailto:nmeier2@unl.edu)). Additional funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.