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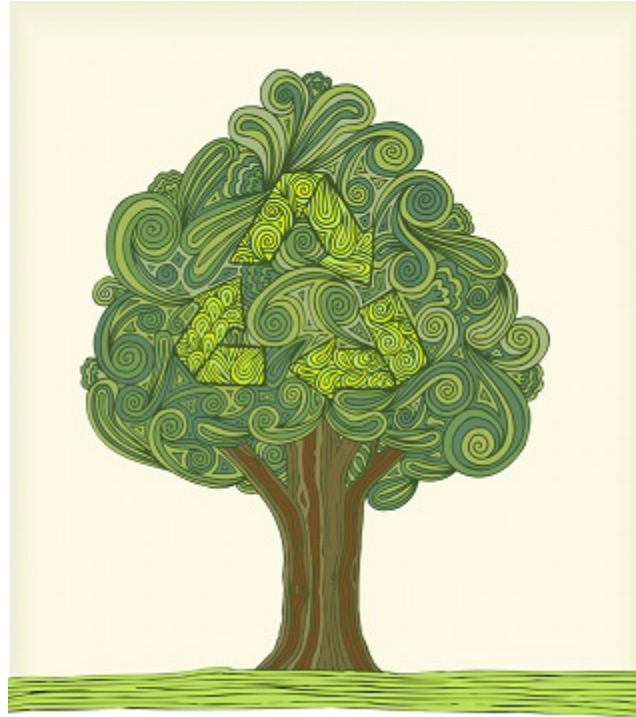
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Celebrate Arbor Day Today, April 29

INFORMATION FROM OUR HAPPI BUSINESS CENTER

Reminder: Documents for the Dependent Eligibility Audit need to be submitted **by May 6**. If you need more information or assistance please contact John Dillingham or Mary Jo Haverkamp. Thanks.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE

Brent Schmoker has joined our department as an Agricultural Research Technician I, working under the supervision of Laurie Hodges. Welcome, Brent!

CONGRATULATIONS! ★

Congratulations to **Bruce Anderson**, who received the Nebraska Agri-Business Association "Education and Researcher of the Year." The award, presented on February 2, 2011, at the Nebraska Ag Expo in Omaha, recognizes Bruce's leadership in forage extension and research.

Ph.D student, **Samuel Wortman** (advised by John Lindquist) has been awarded a "Maude Hammond Fling Fellowship" for the 2011-2012 academic year. This is one of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's most prestigious graduate honors. The Fling Fellowship is awarded to graduate students who have demonstrated the highest levels of academic potential. Congratulations, Sam!

SPRING 2011 SEMINAR SCHEDULE FOR AGRONOMY & HORTICULTURE

Fridays at 3:30 p.m. (refreshments at 3:00 p.m.)

150 Keim Hall

Apr 29 Progress on Making a Perfect Fertilizer, i.e., Feedlot Manure; Galen Erickson, Animal Science

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPRING SEMESTER OPEN OFFICE HOURS FOR FACULTY, STAFF, OR STUDENTS TO VISIT WITH MARK LAGRIMINI

Thursday's, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Room 202H Keim:

May 5, 12, 19, and 26

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 Tuesdays 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 38th 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.

ANNUAL TEACHING RETREAT

The annual Agronomy & Horticulture Teaching Retreat will be held on Thursday, May 12, from roughly 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the East Campus Union.

If you have topics for the agenda, please contact Dennis McCallister, dmccallister2@unl.edu, 472-6312. To RSVP for the meeting and for lunch, please contact Kathy Schindler, kschindler1@unl.edu, 472-1508.

The annual Department Teaching Retreat will focus on two main issues: Improving communications among teachers and structuring the curriculum so that learning outcomes are built in an intentional way from the student's introductory through capstone courses.

----- Dennis L. McCallister

- Apr 28 **Horticulture Club Garden Expo 2011 Plant Sale**, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m, on
& 29 April 28; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on April 29. The plant sale location is the east campus teaching greenhouse, east of Keim Hall. Signs will be posted around campus. The sale will include a large variety of annuals, vegetables, and herbs. Larger-sized annual planters are available this year, along with new creative salsa and pasta-sauce planters.



- Apr 29 **Agronomy & Horticulture's Spring Cookout**, 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the grassy area to the west of Plant Sciences Hall. Sponsored by your Activities & Entertainment Committee, Lowell Sandell, chair.

- May 11 **Agronomy & Horticulture Faculty Meeting**, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 150 Keim Hall
May 12 **Agronomy & Horticulture Teaching Retreat**, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., East Campus Union
Jun 14 **Agronomy & Horticulture Faculty Meeting**, 3-5 p.m., 150 Keim Hall

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR FLAME WEEDING WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 22 AT THE HASKELL AG LAB, CONCORD, NE

(This announcement was sent to our attention by Dr. Stevan Knezevic on behalf of Dr. Datta.)

Here at the Haskell Ag Lab we are considering organizing a day-long workshop on flame weeding for Extension Educators and other colleagues within the UNL system (e.g., Extension Specialists and Technicians). Flame weeding is a collaborative project that has been continuing for the last five years between Dr. Knezevic's Weeds Science team and Dr. Gogos's Mechanical Engineering team.

We are also thinking of opening it for the general public, but before we do that we would like to know the level of interest within our system.

Please let me know by May 1, 2011 if you are interested in attending. Everybody is welcome. In addition, we talked to Gary Lesoing (SARA Coordinator for NE), and he might be able to help educators with travel expenses and food as it is an educational event.

Dr. Avishek Datta (adatta2@unl.edu), Post Doctoral Research Associate

Tentative Program Agenda:

- 9:30–10:00 – Registration
- 10:00–10:15 – Introduction and overview of the program (Dr. Stevan Knezevic)
- 10:15–10:45 – Basics of flame weeding (Dr. Avishek Datta)
- 10:45–12:00 – Field demonstration of flame weeding and cultivation in corn and soybean (Grad students: Chris Bruening, Brian Neilson, Strahinja Stepanovic)
- 12:00–1:00 – Lunch (provided)
- 1:00–2:00 – Principles of flaming from engineering side (Dr. George Gogos)
- 2:00–2:20 – Propane dose–response for control of various weed species (Dr. Avishek Datta)
- 2:20–2:30 – Break
- 2:30–3:00 – Crop tolerance to broadcast flaming (Dr. Stevan Knezevic)
- 3:00–3:30 – Combining flame weeding and cultivation (Brian N. and Strahinja S.)
- 3:30–4:00 – Revisit fields to see the effects of flame weeding and pertinent discussions.
- 4:30 – Adjourn

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/spl/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). 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.