



# HOT NEWS



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## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to **Natasha Kolosova, L.M. Murfitt, Nina Gorenstein, Christine Kish and Natalia Dudareva** for receiving an award for the best graduate presentation at the 46th Annual Meeting of Midwest section of ASPP.

Congratulations to the newly weds in the horticulture department: **Penny White, Melinda Legler, and Jane Slipher.**

Benjamin Wilkinson, Michael Darragh, and Jessica Daehnke received a Scholarship Award of Excellence worth \$1500.00 for the 2000-2001 academic year. This award recognizes the outstanding class rank and test scores that they received during high school. Congratulations!

Katharine Graves and Nina Herskedal received a Scholarship Award of Excellence worth \$750.00 for the 2000 fall term. Congratulations!

Laura L. Capen received The Best Block Award worth \$1,000.00 from WLCA Metro Milwaukee Chapter, Professional Landscape Scholarship Fund, Inc. Congratulations!

## GRANTS RECEIVED

**Jim Simon** received \$5000.00 from the Agricultural Research Council for the support of project entitled: "Developing Aromatic and Medicinal

Plants From Native Plants of South Africa". He also received \$7000.00 from Van Drunen Farms for the support of his vegetable and fruit research.

**Dave Swaim** received \$13,900.00 from Iowa State University/USDA for the support of his project entitled: "Toolbox Training for Sustainable Agriculture Education".

**Allen Hammer** received \$3,140.00 from the Paul Ecke Ranch and \$2,590.00 from Fischer U.S.A., Inc. both for the support of his research.

**Cary Mitchell** received \$21,407.00 from NASA Ames for the support of his research entitled: "Elucidating The Mechanism Of Mechanical-Stress Inhibition Of Plant Growth".

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

During the week of March 20, **Greg Pierceall** had treatment for a tumor in his head causing permanent deafness to his right ear over the last 18 months. The disease effects 5/1,000,000 and is called an Acoustic Neuroma. The treatment option selected was radiation (Gamma knife at the IU med center) to control the tumor's growth at a molecular level called radio surgery. The count is out and will find out if the procedure was effective in September. All is well and he thanks everyone for the flowers sent.

## PUBLICATIONS

Chen, M.-H., J. Sheng, G. Hind, A. K. Handa, V. Citovsky (2000) Interaction between the tobacco mosaic virus movement protein and host cell pectin methylesterase is required for viral cell-to-cell movement. The EMBO Journal 19: 913-920.

## TRAVEL/ PRESENTATIONS

**David Rhodes** attended the 219th American Chemical Society National Meeting at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, CA, on March 28, and gave a paper entitled "Metabolic engineering of glycine betaine synthesis" in the "Advances in Metabolic Engineering" Symposium.

The following are Spring lectures by **Greg Pierceall**:

January 27 New England Grows, Mistaken Landscapes, attended by 1,200 persons, Boston, Ma.

February 4,5,6 attended the American Nursery and Landscape Association National meeting, Louisville, KY.

February 9,10 presented a workshop to the Peoria, Ill park district and Prohort program on design and graphics.

March 2,3,4 attended and coordinated a student trip to Labash 2000 Madison, WI, 55 Purdue students attended.

March 9, 2000 presented a program at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Residential options, 180 attended.

March 15, 2000 presented two sessions at the Iowa Shade Tree Conference, Ames, Iowa, 350 attended the sessions.

**Rob Sovinski** spoke at the “Focus on Teaching: Conversations About Teaching” series in March. His title was “Motivating Creative Thinkers”. The talk was in the Purdue Memorial Union.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor - Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida. Application Deadline: April 15, 2000.

Senior Research Associate, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Application Deadline: None Given.

Tree Fruit Horticulturist/Physiologist, Washington State University. Application Deadline: Screening begins on May 1, 2000, and continues until the position is filled.

Assistant Professor, Plant Propagation and Tissue Culture, Washington State University. Application Deadline: Screening begins on May 1, 2000, and continues until the position is filled.

Extension Horticulture Agent, Southwest Michigan, Michigan State University. Application Deadline: April 14, 2000.

Assistant Professor - Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida. Application Deadline: April 15, 2000.

*(See the Job Opportunities bulletin board on the 2nd floor for additional information about these and other positions.)*

