



Never underestimate the power of simple courtesy. Your courtesy may not be returned or remembered, but discourtesy will. Princess Jackson-Smith



Mark Your Calendar...

4/4...Certified Crop Advisor Training, 8am-5pm

4/4...Millard Fisher, Soil & Water candidate; faculty meet 9:30 am; candidate seminar 10:30 am

4/9...Ali Fares, Soil & Water candidate; faculty meet 9:30 am; candidate seminar 10:30 am

4/14...GCREC Family Picnic at Fort DeSoto; 10:30 am until...

4/23...Gurpal Toor, Soil & Water candidate; faculty meet 9:30 am; candidate seminar 10:30 am

4/24...IFAS Pro3 Training by polycom in main conference

4/26...Ed Dunne, Soil & Water candidate; faculty meet 9:30 am; candidate seminar 10:30 am

FLEX Spending Reminder... Employees who participated in a medical or dependent care reimbursement account during 2006 must submit claims by April 17, 2007. Claims may be made for money spent on medical or dependent care expenses during 2006.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Peres!



Dr. Natalia Peres has been selected to receive the 2007 APS Hewitt and Ball Hewitt Award for her significant contributions in plant pathology. She will be presented with the award at the APS (American Phytopathology Society) annual meeting in San Diego, California this summer.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

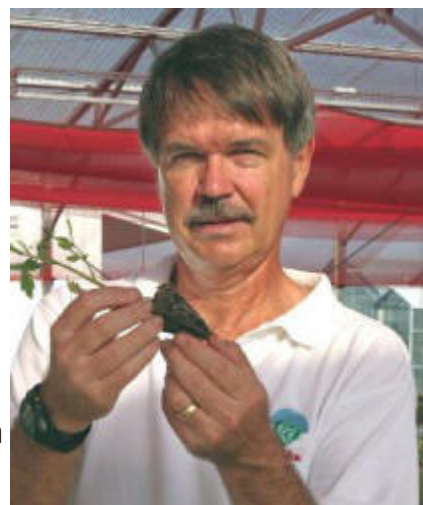
- 7.....Sydney Park Brown
- 8.....C. M. (Geri) Geraldson (ret.)
- 9.....Art Engelhard (ret.)
- 9.....S. S. (Jack) Woltz (ret.)
- 19....Dale Wenzel
- 19....Steve Johnson
- 20....Gail Somodi
- 21....Gabe Miller
- 25....Jim Mertely
- 25....Larry Smith



28....Erin Brown

More Congratulations!

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the science, profession, and industry of horticulture, Dr. Jay Scott has received the distinction of being elected as a Fellow of the American Society for Horticultural Science. Newly elected Fellows will be honored at the Awards Ceremony on Monday, July 16th during the opening session of the 104th Annual ASHS Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.





Sabrina Spurgeon is a new Biological Scientist for David Schuster's Entomology research program. Sabrina is a recent newcomer Lakeland. She earned her BS in Entomology and a MS in Forensic DNA/Serology from UF. She is also experienced in training and showing hunter/jumper horses.



If these two guys look familiar, it's because they've been working in the landscape research plot area for some time now under the management of Sudeep Viapari from the Apopka Center. The research program will be transferring to the supervision of Sydney Park Brown and Amy Shober,



so they are now officially working for the Plant City campus. **Davey Crockett** (left) supervises the work done in the research plots and is ably assisted by **Scott LaPointe**. Davey has a BS in Landscape and Nursery Mgmt. from UF. He is a US Army retiree and plans to continue his studies in Environmental Hort. Scott graduated from Bloomingdale High School in Valrico. The two make a great team!



Also transferring to the Plant City campus is someone who has actually been working there since December 2004 under the supervision of Sudeep Viapari from the Apopka Center. **Greg Doyen** is a Biological Scientist who will also be under the supervision of Sydney Park Brown. Greg graduated from high school in Plant City and received his BS from UF in Environmental Horticulture.



Congratulations to **Robert Graves** who graduated this past December with his BS in Environmental Horticulture with a degree emphasis in horticulture operations. Robert is the third student to graduate from the Plant City program since they began offering courses in 2002. His education and training come in handy with his position of sales associate at Kerby's Nursery & Landscaping located in Seffner, Florida. Robert has a heritage and love for horticulture which is greatly enhanced by his additional interests in environmentally-conscience gardening, landscape design, botanical gardens, and bonsai gardening. We are very proud to claim Robert as one of our Plant City Gators. *(Martin Wortman)*

A Message From The INFO GATOR...

Beginning this month, an e-mail will be sent to faculty and staff on payday informing them that their paychecks are ready for online viewing in myUFL.



Faculty and staff will visit myUFL, sign in with their GatorLink ID and password, and navigate to Self Service, where they will find their paycheck.

Please review your paycheck carefully to ensure the accuracy of any deductions you have authorized related to items such as health and life insurance and voluntary retirement contributions. Also, please take a moment to review the "Employer Paid Benefits." These are benefits paid on your behalf as an employee of the University of Florida.



Celebration!

This past month we celebrated the retirement of Tracey Revels after 31 years of service to the University of Florida. After an afternoon reception, the celebration was carried over to a post-work celebration at a local restaurant.



We'll certainly miss our *Gator Girl* and wish her and Bob many happy retirement years ahead to enjoy the freedom to 'pick up and go' when the travel bug hits!



This year's GCREC Family Picnic will once again be held at Fort Desoto Park at Pavilion #7 on Saturday, April 14th from 10:30 AM until ...! Menu will be pulled pork sandwiches and grilled

GCREC Family Picnic

hotdogs. Drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish to share. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

