



*God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know...it's me! John G. Miller*

## Welcome New Faculty!

We welcome our newest faculty member, **Dr. Gurpal Toor**. Dr. Toor will be taking the position of Assistant Professor of Soil and Water Landscape Remediation as part of the "Center for Landscape Ecology" initiative. He will be joining us June 15. Dr. Toor received his B.S. in Agriculture and M.S. in Soil Science from Punjab Agricultural University. He received his Ph.D. in Soil Science from Lincoln University in Canterbury, New Zealand in 2002. His research during the past five years has focused on US Agriculture and industry's most formidable problems of surface and sub-surface water quality. He has been a Research Associate with the University of Arkansas since 2005.

## GCREC Hosts 2007 UF-IFAS/Embrapa Postharvest Horticulture Technical Tour



This group of Brazilian growers was treated to a tour and presentation of the Gulf Coast REC by Dr. Natalia Peres, as one of their stops in a visit that was organized by Dr. Steve Sargent, from the Hort. Dept., and Dr. Celso Moretti, from Embrapa (Brazilian research institute - equivalent to USDA

here). The goal of the visit was to learn about postharvest procedures and techniques used here in the US. There were about 18 people among researchers, growers and students. After their stop at the Center, they visited West Coast Tomatoes, Dundee Citrus Growers, Cutrale, Farmers Market, Dimare, Publix, among others.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2..... Jim Sumler  
15.....Leticia Gonzalez  
16.... Catalina Moyer  
16.....Dash Taborsky  
16.....Joel Parlin  
17.....Abul Rabbany  
17.....Jim Price  
22.....Don Maynard



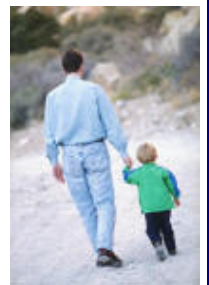
*School's out -- let the fun and vacations begin!*

**Special Dates**  
**This Month:**

**Flag Day,  
June 14th**



**Father's Day,  
June 17th**



## Education meets Science/Research with Middleton High School...



Gulf Coast REC hosted a tour group from Middleton High School last month. The group was invited by Dr. Zhanao Deng and is a magnet school that focuses on Environmental Studies, Engineering, Technology, Mathematics, and Science. The students were given a presentation by Christine Cooley, a tour, and a visit with Drs. Scott, Price and Deng. The faculty were "treated" with a host of questions from the students. Our center welcomes opportunities such as this to encourage eager students and generate interest in furthering educational opportunities for them.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 7.....Florida Consumer Services (George Hayslip)  
Auditorium; 8 am - 5 pm

8.....Tomato Breeder Candidate, Jeremy Edwards  
faculty meet--9:30 am; seminar 10:30 am

12.....Landscape Management Candidate  
Angela Rivenshield; meet--9:30 am,  
seminar 10:30 am

13.....Landscape Management Candidate  
Geoffrey Denny; meet--9:30 am,  
seminar 10:30 am

14.....Landscape Management Candidate  
Seenivasan Natarajan; meet--9:30 am,  
seminar 10:30 am

14.....FLAG DAY  
17.....FATHER'S DAY

18.....Mosaic Community Meeting  
Auditorium; 4:30 pm - 8 pm

20.....Kinder Care Tour; 10am - 1pm; auditorium

21.....4H Group tour; 10 am - 12 noon

26.....In-Service program for Hillsborough County Ag  
teachers. Organizer--Jim Dyer; 9 am - 2 pm

28.....Weed Science Candidate, Nathan Boyd  
faculty meet 9:30 am; seminar 10:30 am

### WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES...

We have two new employees this past month. Actually, one new one and one rerun! We welcome back **Lloyd Stettler** to David Schuster entomology program. **Andrew Wiseman** is a new OPS assisting in Zhanao Deng's ornamental research program. Andrew is a student at Florida State University majoring in Biochemistry. He lives in Lakeland and is assisting Dr. Deng's program for the summer.



### ***Tomato Pie !***

***For a delicious side dish, try this great-tasting recipe!***

*1 Pie Crust, deep-dish, ready made  
1 Large sweet onion, sliced  
8 plum tomatoes, sliced and lightly dipped in flour  
1 cup of Cheddar cheese (8 oz pkg, shredded)  
3-4 Tablespoons Mayonnaise  
Salt and pepper to taste*

Preheat oven 325 degrees. Grease pie pan with cooking spray. Alternate layers of onion and floured tomatoes in pie crust. Mix cheese with mayonnaise to make it easy to spread. Cover pie completely with cheese mixture. Lightly salt and pepper. Bake 30 minutes then serve.



### IFAS IMAGE AWARDS...

Congratulations to Gulf Coast Research & Education Center! We can be proud of the fact that our Center received 5 IFAS Image Awards this year! The awards were received as follows:

**GOLD...**(1) Florida Ag Expo Event  
**SILVER...** (2) GCREC Center Brochure  
(3) SHARE - Support Homeschool Activities Event  
(4) GCREC Growing Caladiums in the Florida Garden Brochure  
**BRONZE...**(5) GCREC Employee Newsletter

\*\*An honorable mention also was received for our Plant City Campus Brochure.



Here are just a few "points to ponder" found on mommascorner.com (a website I stumbled upon)...

**An Old Farmer's Advice:**

- \*Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- \*Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- \*When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- \*The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- \*Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- \*Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- \*If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- \*Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.



**Wildfire continues to threaten with warm weather and lack of rainfall.**

In a recent release by Charles Bronson, Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner, it was reported that a total of 2,473 wildfires have burned 350,192 acres in Florida since the first of the year. The Commissioner cautioned everyone and asked for their help in keeping the continued risk of fire under control while still enjoying our great Florida outside activities. Things *you* can do

to help:



Dispose of cigarettes properly. **DO NOT** throw them from a vehicle.



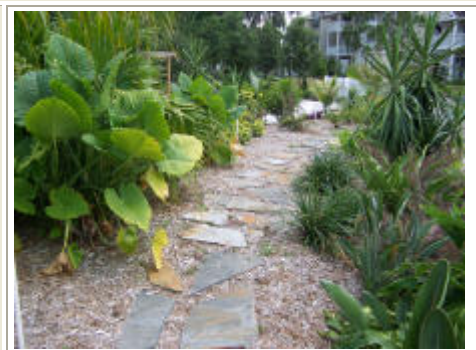
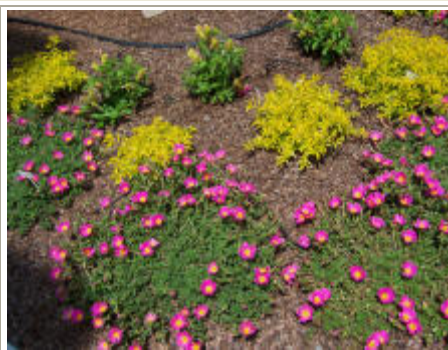
Be careful where you park your car. Tall grass can easily be ignited from a hot catalytic converter.



Be very careful with operating equipment such as lawn mowers, tractors, chainsaws and ATVs, as any spark can start a wildfire with current dry conditions.



Dispose of charcoal briquettes properly to avoid starting a fire.



If you've been to our Plant City Campus lately, I hope you've taken the opportunity to walk through their **Teaching Garden**. This is still a work in progress as more walkways and plantings are taking place all the time. This teaching garden is a joint project of Dr. Sydney Park-Brown and Hugh Gramling of Tampa Bay Wholesale Nursery. It provides the students with hands-on experience in landscape design and installation and management. Future use plans are to allow for opening also to the public as an instructional tool. The Plant City website (<http://gcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/pcc/Default.htm>) has a sketch of the conceptual design of the teaching garden.

