



Love is what's left in a relationship after all the selfishness has been removed.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amy Shoher was selected as a 2008 Journal of Environmental Quality (JEQ) Outstanding Reviewer for her excellent service as a reviewer. Editor Dennis Corwin wrote, "the quality of a journal's published articles is largely a consequence of comprehensive, thorough, and fair-minded reviews, which provide justification for the release of manuscripts that are scientifically inadequate or provide constructive criticisms to the author to raise the caliber of the manuscript to JEQ standards." In recognition of this honor, Amy received a certificate from ASA-CSSA-SSSA and an article will appear in CSA News acknowledging her as a 2008 JEQ Outstanding Reviewer. Congratulations Amy - recognition well deserved!



Last April, Dr. Greg Martin visited GCREC and presented a seminar on "**The evolutionary arms race between tomato and *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tomato***". He has returned to the Center recently on

sabbatical. Dr. Martin is a professor at Cornell University in the Department of Plant Pathology and Plant- Microbe Biology. His lab studies bacterial speck disease in tomato as a model for understanding the molecular basis of bacterial pathogenesis, plant disease susceptibility, and plant immunity. Most notably, he was the first to clone a plant disease resistance gene. We welcome him to UF/GCREC!

2008 W-2 forms...will be mailed out by January 30th.

Please make sure your address is correct in the system or you may miss it! Foreign national employees or nonresident aliens will receive their IRS 1042-S forms on or before March 16, 2009 since these employees have special withholding and reporting requirements with the IRS. Nonresident aliens receiving IRS 1042-S forms will not receive Employee Year-End Earnings Statements.

Employees should direct any questions concerning their W-2, W-2C, 1042-S forms and Employee Year-End Earnings Statements to University Tax Services at (352) 392-1324 or visit the website at University Tax Services - Finance and Accounting - UF (<http://fa.ufl.edu/tax>).

January Birthdays

- 3.....Jim Blackstone
- 6.....Christine Cooley
- 13.....Geoff Denny
- 14.....Linda Richards
- 14.....Jim Dyer
- 15.....John Hogue
- 16.....Brooke Warnock
- 20.....Felix Diaz
- 20.....Sarah Smith
- 23.....Steve Kalb
- 30.....Mehul Bhakta



February Birthdays

- 1.....Amr Abd-Elrahman
- 5..... Bo Watson (ret)
- 6.....Michael Andreu
- 8.....Melissa Friedman
- 12.....Elena Santa Maria
- 14.....Nancy West
- 14.....Diana DeWeese
- 15.....Brent Harbaugh
- 15.....Yuanfu Ji
- 16.....Butch Bradley
- 16.....Steven MacKenzie
- 21.....Tim Davis
- 23.....Maninder Chahal
- 23.....Elaina Margenthaler
- 24.....Sabrina Cyman
- 27.....Jack Rechcigl



Mark Your Calendar:

February 13...Strawberry Field Day
" 13...**Blood Mobile 9:30-12:00**

Plant City Campus welcomes this semester's new Adjunct Faculty, **Eric Hoyer**. Eric received his BS degree in Forestry from the University of Maine and MBA from the University of South Florida. He is currently a Senior Forester with the forestry consulting firm Natural Resource Planning Services located in San Antonio, Florida. Eric will be teaching the lab portion of Forest Mensuration at Plant City campus.

Also new to our Plant City campus is graduate assistant, **Roshan Pande-Chhetri**, under the supervision of Dr. Amr Abd-Ehraham. Roshan is working towards his PhD in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation. He comes from Nepal and has been in the US since 2005 for his education. He is currently studying in Gainesville but will be coming to Plant City after this first semester.



Balm Center

Clint Dyer started working with Jim Price's entomology program just before Christmas and is also assisting in Jeremy Edwards's tomato breeding research. He lives here in Wimauma and is a graduate of Eastbay High School and has worked in land surveying since 1998.



Assisting in Gary Vallad's lab is **Heather Adkison**, a degree seeking student at University of South Florida.

She comes originally from Tennessee where she earned her BS degree in microbiology from Middle Tennessee State University. She is seeking her masters in Public Health at USF. Heather lives in Lutz.



Elaina Margenthaler may not be a familiar name but you may recognize her as Cora Sander's daughter. Elaina has a BS degree in Psychology from Southern IL University in Carbondale, Illinois. She has been a research assistant for Roskamp Institute in Sarasota the past few years, but has decided to return to school to study physical therapy at Manatee Community College. She is assisting in the lab

for Gary Vallad's Plant Pathology research. Elaina and son, Evan live in Sarasota.



Christopher Lee Smith is a new OPS assistant who will be assisting Geoff Denny

and Amy Shober's research. A portion of his time will also be directed to Sydney Park Brown's research. Lee has recently moved from Pennsylvania, returning to Florida where he attended school in Winter Haven. He currently resides in Riverview.

Check your benefit deductions for 2009...

Have you checked the deductions on your pay stub for your 2009 benefit deductions? Please make sure the correct deductions are being made for benefits you have signed up for. There is a change in deductions for one or more of the following plans: (1) **Medical/Dependent Care Reimbursement and Health Savings Accounts** (2) **Long-Term Disability** (3) **UF Term Life (Lincoln Financial, formerly Jefferson Pilot)**



Everything you wanted to know about science (from a child):

- Q: How is dew formed?
- A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q: Name the four seasons.
- A: Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.
- Q: What does 'varicose' mean?
- A: Nearby.
- Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.
- A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.
- Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?
- A: Keep it in the cow.