

Classes for CEU's offered here at GCREC May 10 and May 17

Ag Row, Soil & Greenhouse Fumigation, and Demo & Research – for you! The classes are being held at the center. You have to register for the class through Eventbrite – it will be free of charge – but you have to register so that the Extension personnel are prepared! If you are planning to take the test that day, you MUST get a voucher from FDAC. Please see below for the links.

Ag Row Crop will be held on May 10 in the auditorium. It will start at 8:30. Exam to follow class. The link to register on Eventbrite is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ag-row-crop-pesticide-training-tickets-45488680869>.

Soil and Greenhouse Fumigation will be held on May 17th. It will start at 8:30. If you are not planning to take Demo and Research, you can take the exam right after this class. The link to register for this class is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soil-greenhouse-fumigation-training-tickets-45491650752>

Demo and Research will be held on May 17th shortly after the Soil and Greenhouse Fumigation class (tentatively around 10:45). Exams to follow the class. The link to register for this class is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/demonstration-research-training-tickets-45492318750>

Test Voucher Link from FDAC is: <https://pesticideexam.ifas.ufl.edu/> Once you click on this link, you will need to click on the box that says – **Apply for Examination** – and follow the prompts to get the voucher. You must have this voucher number to take the exam(s). If you are taking multiple exams, you must get the voucher number for all the exams you are taking. You will need that voucher the day you are taking the exam(s). You do not have to worry about scheduling an examination of this site, just the registration on Eventbrite.

Peres Lab Celebrates the end of Another Successful Strawberry Season with Traditional Brazilian BBQ



Did you know Brazilians were the first to raise cattle in South America, imported from Cape Verde to São Paulo in the 1530s? Churrasco (pronounced shoo-RAS-koo) or Brazilian barbecue was the traditional staple food of the gaúchos or cowboys of Southern Brazil for centuries before it spread to Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. Yummy!



Research Matters Seminar Series Continues Friday, May 25

This month's Seminar will be presented by Dr. Tong Geon Lee. Dr. Tong Geon Lee's program focuses on the study of tomato genetics and on its application in solving challenging problems in tomato production. His presentation entitled "Genomics Matters", will begin at 12 noon on Friday, 5/24 in the auditorium. Come and learn something new and exciting. Lunch provided.



PostDocs and Student Share Their Research Findings and Practice Public Speaking

GCREC faculty are big supporters of our up and coming scientists. One way they help is by giving postdocs and students an opportunity to share their research in a formal setting. The Peres Lab does this by scheduling Research Seminars for their group allowing staff to become more proficient in presenting their findings. The latest seminars was by Nan-Yi Wang: *Detection of Crown Rot Pathogens of Strawberry using Recombinase Polymerase Amplification (RPA)*.

In addition, everyone is welcome to attend the Basic Research Seminars held every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Here you can see student Andre Bueno Gama's presentation for the Grad Students' Research Seminar: *To spray or not to spray for Postbloom Fruit Drop? That is the question*. Check your email for details regarding the next Basic Research Seminar.



Two New Smiling Faces Roaming the Halls at GCREC



Welcome to our newest additions here at GCREC. Juliana Pereira-Martin is a new postdoc in the Vallad Lab. She has a PhD degree in plant path from a very good university—UF! And worked with Dr. Jeff Jones before coming here to work with Dr. Vallad. Originally from Brazil, she'll find lots of interaction with other Brazilians here at GCREC.

We also welcome Marco Suarez, now working in Desaeger's nematology lab. Marco is a former student from USF, another excellent university right in our backyard. There he obtained a B.S. degree in biomedical sciences. Switching from human studies to nematodes! Best of luck.

Green and Growing Tour Stops at GCREC



We always welcome future Florida Ag Leaders here at GCREC. This group of kids made a stop at our center last month during the Manatee Co. Extension Green and Growing tour. They were given a tour of the center, greenhouses, stopped in one of entomology labs and were able to complete a couple of projects. Then they were off to visit a Manatee County plant nursery and farm. Great kids, great questions and a fun day for everyone.

Summer Fun Compliments of GatorPerks

Daytona International Speedway, 1-800-PIT-SHOP Discount: “Race Rewards” is an employee benefits program offering UF employees exclusive rates for all races at Daytona International Speedway. Faculty and staff members will receive an average of 30% off to all race events.To Redeem: call 1-800-PIT-SHOP and mention the Race Rewards offer and University of Florida. Tickets are also available online (Password: 2018REWARDS).

Ticket Monster (866) 217-4777 Discount: Exclusive discounts on hotels, sports, concerts, theater, movie tickets, and theme park tickets nationwide. Sign up and save \$5 on your first order & earn cash back with each purchase! To Redeem: Google the website and enter company identifier: Uftix1

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Office Depot Discount: Save up to 80% online and in-store purchases at all Office Depot and Office Max locations. To Redeem: Visit <http://uf.savingcenter.net/> to register and start shopping online. An immediate discount will be applied for online purchases and a store discount card will be sent by mail for in-store purchases.

Upcoming GCREC Events

Friday June 1—International Potluck. Bring your favorite family recipe or childhood treat to share with everyone. Remember, *a potluck is a sharing event*, so even if you don’t cook, you can still bring something from your favorite grocery store’s deli.

Friday July 27—Christmas in July Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We’ll cook up eggs, sausage and pancakes along with OJ and coffee. You bring \$5 and eat all you want. All proceeds will go to John Hopkins Children’s Hospital. We’ll start serving at 7:30 a.m.



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Happy Birthday!

History of May Day in the U.S.

May Day was celebrated by some early European settlers of the America. In some parts of the U. S., May baskets are made. These are small baskets usually filled with flowers or treats and left at someone's doorstep. The giver rings the bell and runs away. Modern May Day ceremonies in the U.S. vary greatly from region to region. May Day celebrations were common at women's colleges and academic institutions, a tradition that continues to this day.



GCREC Honors and Awards Winners



Congratulations to the Honors Winners! Our banquet, held last month, awarded six employees who were nominated by their peers and recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty at GCREC. Pictured here—from left to right:

- Lukas Vallad, UnderGrad Student
- Chris Delcastillo, OPS
- Drew McLean, TEAMS
- Angel Arredondo, OPS
- Xinjie Yu, Grad Student
- Zhengfei Guan, Faculty



We proudly gave out numerous service pins for years of service including:
5 years—Michelle Philpot, Jose Rubino, Becky Willis, Mike Sweat, Scott Hughes, and Drew McLean.
10 years—Trish Todd
15 years—Joel Parlin
30 years—Curtis Nagel

And finally three Travel Awards were presented to Grad Students to help them with future travel expenses:
Krishna Bhattarai \$200
Bruna Forcelini \$300
Adrian Zuniga \$500