

Vice President's Awards Recognize Staff Members' Efforts

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Staff members in Penn State Outreach and Cooperative Extension have been honored with Vice President's awards for their contributions and dedication to the outreach mission of the university.

James H. Ryan, vice president for Outreach and Cooperative

Extension, presented the Vice President's awards on May 24:

• Vice President's Award for Outreach Leadership — Michelle Rodgers, regional director, capitol region, Penn State Cooperative Extension and Outreach, for her strong leadership and vision as a champion of outreach program within the capitol region

and throughout the university.

• Vice President's Award for Innovation "Pathfinder Award" Maryann Frazier, senior extension associate, Penn State Cooperative Extension, and team, for developing and delivering the annual Great Insect Fair. The 2000 fair attracted more than 5,000 adults and children. Team mem-

bers are Steve Jacobs and Greg Hoover, senior extension associates; Lyn Garling, project associate; and Dave Love, safety and facilities, Department of Entomology, College of Agricultural Sciences.

• Vice President's Award for Quality Enhancement: Tracey D. Huston, director, Office of Outreach Communications, for her leadership in creating a continuous quality improvement team to streamline the planning and production of Penn State Outreach magazine.

• Vice President's Award for Customer Service — Winifred McGee, extension agent, Lebanon County.

• Penn State Cooperative Extension, and team, for coordinating the capitol region food processor joint outreach initiative, which assessed the education and training needs of small- and mid-sized food processors and developed educational programs to address their needs. Team members are Warren Weaver and Dana Stuller, senior technical specialists, Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program; Terry Riley, director, Continuing Education, Penn State York; Steve Bogash, extension agent, Franklin County Cooperative Extension; Luke LaBorde, assistant professor of food science; Heather Koberle, conference planner, Conferences and Institutes, Division of Continuing Education; Jim Fong, director, and Ginny Pearson, research associate, Outreach Office of Marketing Research; Eric Vorodi, extension agent, Dauphin County

Cooperative Extension; Nancy Wiker, extension agent, Lancaster County Cooperative Extension; and Ron Smith, area representative, Continuing Education, Penn State Harrisburg.

• Vice President's Award for Partnership "Bridge Builder Award" — Armando Villarreal, executive director of CREAD, the Inter-American Distance Education Consortium, for his dedication to building "rainbow" bridges and partnerships among individuals, academic institutions and organizations to share resources and expertise throughout the Western Hemisphere.

• Vice President's Award for Diversity and Public Service "Marybeth Reese Award" — Mary P. Miller, extension agent, 4-H/youth development, Montgomery County Cooperative Extension, for her educational programs for at-risk youth and her work in developing and delivering diversity programs for extension agents and support staff and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program advisers in the southeast region of Penn State Cooperative Extension. She also serves on the Pennsylvania Diversity Catalyst Team.

• Vice President's Award for Special Contributions — Lori Pacchioli, director of marketing, Penn State Public Broadcasting, for her perseverance in successfully overcoming the challenges of a serious medical illness while maintaining an outstanding level of accomplishment in her role at Penn State Public Broadcasting. She has been an inspiration to her colleagues.

Agriterrorists Targeted By Pa. Legislation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — People who intentionally damage agricultural crops, livestock or research materials could face criminal and civil penalties under legislation passed recently by the House of Representatives.

"We're united in saying loud and clear that Pennsylvania will not tolerate so-called agriterrorism. Because agriculture is so important to the state's economy, we must do everything we can to ensure the well-being of the industry's future, including research products," said Rep. Peter J. Daley, D-Fayette/Washington, Democratic chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

"Agriterrorists" destroy research crops and other materials in an effort to hamper engineering and biotechnology projects.

In offering amendments to the two-bill package, Daley worked with his Republican counterpart,

Rep. Raymond Bunt Jr., who sponsored the measures, to expand the legislation to include all types of agricultural research materials, in addition to the field crops addressed by Bunt's bills.

"The fact of the matter is, there's more to agriculture these days than just field crops. The industry has progressed to the point of relying on important research programs which have been targeted by protesters, as evidenced recently by the building fire in the state of Washington," Daley said.

In the final version passed by the House, one of the bills (H.B. 1493) would make it a second-degree felony to intentionally damage a field crop, vegetable, fruit, tree, livestock, research materials or equipment. Penalties could be up to 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. Those convicted also could be ordered to pay restitution, attorney fees and court costs.

The other measure (H.B. 1492) would allow victims of agriterrorism to pursue civil penalties. Awards could be up to triple the market value of the product, plus triple the replacement cost.

To alleviate concerns that the new penalties are too harsh, Daley also expanded the state's current agricultural vandalism statute to include buildings and research materials. Pennsylvania presently has a graded penalty scale for agricultural vandalism, based on the amount of damage done.

"By creating this expanded definition, prosecutors will have an option of whether to charge the offender with agricultural vandalism or the more serious crime of agricultural destruction," Daley said. "Again, making sure that people understand that we're serious about protecting our vast array of agricultural research facilities."

Both bills have been referred to the Senate for consideration.

Seven Gardens On Ohio Tour July 15

MARYSVILLE, Ohio - Seven Union County gardens will be highlighted on the Ohio State University Extension Union County Master Gardeners fifth annual Union County Tour of Gardens.

The event will be July 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The tour will feature colonial gardens, perennial gardens, native and invasive plants, landscape ponds, vermiculture, and beekeeping. The tour will also include skin cancer screenings and raffle and door prizes. Master gardeners and garden homeowners will be on hand at each location to answer questions, and each garden will feature a demonstration and/or live entertainment. The tour will be conducted regardless of weather.

The following gardens will be featured on the tour:

• Linda and Phil Shandle, 14458 Fladt Road: transformed their rural farm fields into extensive perennial and vegetable gardens surrounding an 1840s milkshed that was purchased at an auction and moved to the property.

• Robert and Cynthia Robinson, 12587 Adams Road: started beekeeping on their farm in 1994. Visitors will see 20 colonies of honeybees and the vegetable and fruit gardens that surround them. A demonstration on beekeeping will be presented as well as honey recipes.

• Becky Rowe, 21914 Westlake Lee Road: has created a garden from scratch in just three years. Her focus is on keeping things natural. She has been challenged by a swampy area behind the house that now has a gazebo

surrounded by a profusion of perennials.

• Paul and Jackie Lazenby,

22725 Pelomar Lane: created a colonial period garden using a lot of broadleaf evergreens and perennials. Their garden and a five-acre stocked lake accent a colonial period home that Paul Lazenby constructed in a new gated community named Reflections.

• Dover Farms, 13302 U.S. Rt. 36: is a small nursery managed by Lynn Emler and Lynn Murphy, who will share a wealth of knowledge about prairie and woodland plants that are native to Ohio.

• Marysville's McCloud Park: located at the corner of West 5th and West 4th Streets, which is now in phase two of the renovation of its perennial and shrub beds, is the showcase garden for the Master Gardeners of Union County, who have provided landscape design, construction and maintenance. WOSU radio host Tom Wiebell and GreenScene members will be at McCloud to answer horticulture questions and offer games and prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased in advance at the Union County Extension Office, 246 West 5th Street, Marysville, or from any Union County master gardener. On the day of the tour, tickets may be purchased at the Union County Extension office or at any other featured garden on the tour. Ticket sales benefit master gardener horticultural projects in Union County.

For more information, contact Laura McConnell, master gardener coordinator, OSU Union County Extension, (937) 644-8117 or (800) 589-8584, or visit the Website at mastergardener.osu.edu/union.

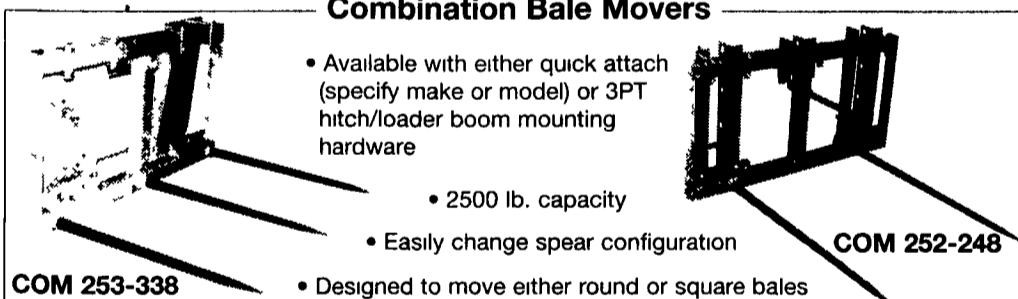
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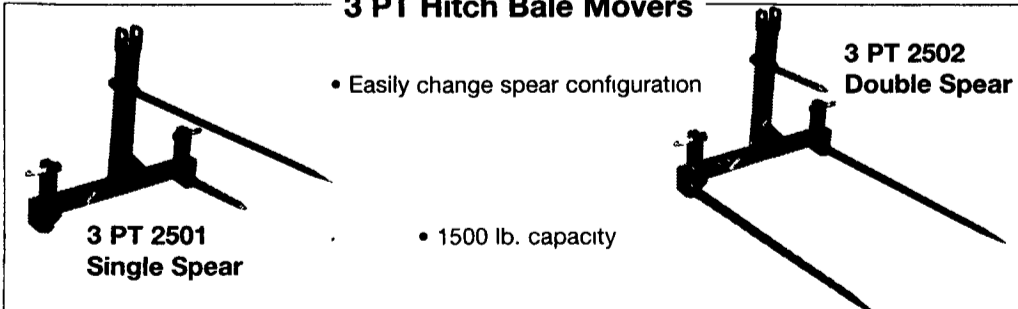
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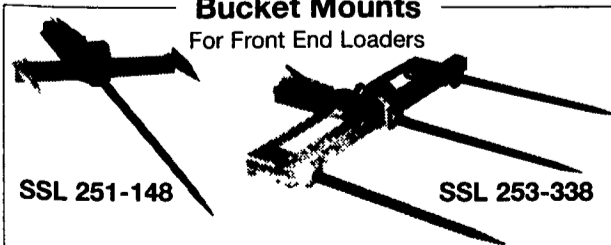
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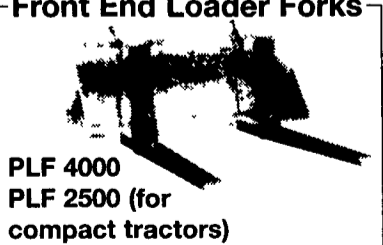
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