Cornell roots spur Santi’s international service

NANCY DOOLITTLE

What does it mean to identify as an Ithacan and son of a former Cornell professor and how do those identities inform one's later travels around the world? And what is it like to then return to Ithaca?

In the first of this semester’s Soup and Hope series of personal reflections, held Jan. 16 in Sage Chapel, Alexis Santi, Cornell’s coordinator of travel safety, recounted his personal odyssey from Ithaca, around the world and back again.

Santi was not born in Ithaca, but he spent many childhood days playing on the Arts Quad and hanging out in his father’s office. There was “a feeling of real wonder about being here at Cornell,” he said, but that idyllic time came to an end when his parents split up and his father moved away.

It was difficult when the connection to Cornell was taken away, he recalled. He felt torn by the change – he still loved Cornell but he felt detached. Still, Santi held onto his identity and the values he associated with Ithaca: diversity, multiculturalism, environmentalism and seeking a better way to live. But, he said, “You end up having these best intentions but have no idea what the rest of the world looks like.”

Santi went to college at Hobart and William Smith, where everyone knew each other, but where discrimination and segregation still occurred. Then Cornell administrators came to the college to teach a collegewide course, “Making Connections,” that focused on different aspects of diversity. At the end of four years – he was a teaching assistant for the course for two years – Santi could see the course had made a difference in the climate at Hobart and William Smith.

Believing that he could make a difference, Santi joined the Peace Corps and went to Romania to work in a juvenile detention center. “I listened to street children who had experienced psychological and physical abuse, and shared their stories with other people around the world,” he said. “But once you engage in a population that has suffered, how can you actually provide support?”

After working in Spain, Korea and elsewhere, Santi accepted his current position at Cornell, providing safety support to Cornell travellers and those doing international service with their studies. He is the founder of the Cornell group Men Against Sexual Violence, again demonstrating that it is always possible to make a difference, he said.

Santi believes that solutions can be found when people come together with a common goal – as they did at Hobart and William Smith, in the Peace Corps and at Cornell. Quoting a Hopi Elders Prophesy, Santi closed, “We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.”
Storing and sharing confidential and sensitive data

(This article is available in video format at: http://www.cornell.edu/video/data-hygiene-intro-to-storing-and-sharing-confidential-and-sensitive-data)

We all keep data on our computers and online. Any data you access that belongs to Cornell has been placed in your care, whether it be data about other people, research, correspondence or anything else.

Practicing good data hygiene means being aware of all data stored on your computer, knowing how it’s stored, and understanding the repercussions should it be compromised, which could include jeopardizing Cornell’s reputation and incurring financial loss for Cornell.

Confidential data is protected by university policy, although all data must be treated with proper care.

**Cornell policy classifies the following data types as confidential:**

- Social security numbers
- Credit card numbers
- Driver’s license numbers
- Bank account numbers
- Protected health information, as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Confidential data is highly sensitive, because it can be used with information such as a person’s name, address, or date of birth for financial fraud.

Other sensitive data may have federal regulations that indicate appropriate usage and repercussions if it is stolen. This can include institutional research, census data, education records, or anything else that isn’t identified in Cornell policies.

Confidential and sensitive data should only live in Cornell-approved and provided systems, and it should never be copied to any other location. If you aren’t sure where a particular type of data can be stored safely, refer to the Regulated Data Chart or ask your technical support team.

Confidential data should never be shared with anyone who is not authorized to use it. It should never be shared via email or any other method where you can’t verify the person for whom it is intended is the person securely receiving it.

Computers, file servers and Cornell Box do not provide appropriate protections for confidential data.

See the IT security video, “Your options for sharing and collaborating with confidential and sensitive data” (http://www.cornell.edu/video/data-hygiene-options-for-sharing-and-collaborating-with-confidential-data) for specifics about when it’s appropriate to use dropbox.cornell.edu and cornell.box.com.

Ask your technical support for help. When you’re working with sensitive and confidential information, there is no room for mistakes. If you have a need to store confidential information on your computer temporarily, consult with your technical support team and ask about drive encryption. They can share what resources are available to you.

In the end, even if you practice perfect data hygiene and keep your computers clean of confidential data, viruses can still steal data while you are using it. Practice safe web browsing and computing, and keep your computer software up-to-date to minimize the chances of viruses being downloaded to your computer.

For more IT Security videos about protecting Cornell data, see: it.cornell.edu/security-videos

For a full list of data hygiene tips, see: it.cornell.edu/security/hygiene

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**Help needed to meet Cornell’s United Way campaign goal**

Pledges and gifts to this year’s Cornell United Way campaign have brought the university close to its goal of $815,000, but more pledges are needed.

As of Jan. 9, the Cornell community had raised more than $739,000, reaching the 90 percent mark. But close to another $100,000 is needed by March 31. If Cornell does not reach its goal, the impact on the county would be almost immediately felt, as almost 40 percent of the county’s goal is reached through the Cornell United Way campaign.

“Thanks to generous funding from Corporate Cornerstone Partners, 100 percent of your gift to the United Way’s Community Care Fund, programs and partner agencies will be used to meet health and human services needs in our community,” said Vice President KyuJung Whang, Cornell United Way campaign chair.

“A gift to the Community Care Fund supports such critical areas as child care and early learning, advocacy services for youth at risk, basic life needs, crisis services, health and environment, support for seniors, financial stability and building self-sufficiency. Your gift can also be specifically targeted to the Urgent Rx Prescription Program or Hunger & Food Security Programs, in addition to more than four dozen community service agencies throughout the county,” he said.

Cornell community members can designate their gift to the United Way agency in another county, and it will be treated as part of the Cornell United Way campaign, Whang added.

To make a contribution, go to http://unitedway.cornell.edu submit a pledge card.

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**Michele Norris to give King Jr. lecture**

National Public Radio (NPR) host and award-winning journalist Michele Norris will give the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Lecture Feb. 4, 4:45-6:15 p.m., at Sage Chapel. Norris is the author of the 2010 best-selling memoir, “The Grace of Silence,” which started out as a quest to uncover how America talked about race in the wake of the Obama presidential election and became an eye-opening family history lesson revealing Norris’ own family’s racial legacy and the larger conversation surrounding race in America.

Before coming to NPR, Norris was a correspondent for ABC News, 1993-2002.

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration at Cornell provides a public, campus-based forum that makes accessible the life and legacy of Dr. King for contemporary times.
Job-seekers learn about potential careers in facilities

About 130 job-seekers attended the inaugural Career Exploration Event, Jan. 9, in Human Ecology Commons, sponsored by the Division of Facilities Services (FS) in partnership with the President’s Sustainable Campus Committee, the College of Human Ecology and local employment agencies, organizations and unions. The event was designed to introduce attendees to the recruitment process at Cornell and to build a pipeline of potential candidates interested in such facilities-related areas as painting, plumbing, utilities, custodial services, carpentry, planning, construction, engineering, transportation and grounds.

“This was a great chance for participants to meet contacts and organizations that provide invaluable services to job-seekers,” said Jessica Lang, senior human resource consultant in FS. “The people who attended were excited about making connections and learning best practices for a job search, applying for jobs and interviewing.”

The participants left with many resources to help them with writing their resume and cover letter, interviewing, and learning about career paths in facilities and the support the unions provide, Lang said. They also established contacts with staff from local employment agencies and others who can help them in their job-search efforts. Job seekers with military backgrounds, for instance, were connected with members of Cornell’s Veterans Colleague Network Group; others met individually with some of Cornell’s human resource representatives.

“Panel sessions on recruiting and interviewing were well received by attendees, with most of them attending both sessions,” said Roberta Dillon, FS human resources assistant. A number of attendees also approached panel members after the sessions with questions and positive feedback.

Panelists advise Career Exploration Event attendees.

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Participants told me they left the event feeling encouraged by it, both because we provided them with useful tools and because the event was relaxed though professional. They felt comfortable speaking up, asking questions and networking with others,” said Jennie Babcock, FS human resource assistant.

Attendees network and gather information about working at Facilities Services.

Clothing give-away benefits both donators and recipients

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Professional clothing, ready to go.

15 in Day Hall—50 of them in the first half-hour.

The give-away was sponsored by the Division of Human Resources and Safety Services and organized by Amy Vonderchek, administrative assistant in the School of Continuing Education and Summer Session.

“I wanted everyone to be able to feel they have the chance to dress professionally and have the wardrobe they needed to go through the job interview process,” Vonderchek said. “We all know that we go through times where we don’t wear some of the clothes we have....Why not have an exchange and help each other out?”

Vonderchek hopes to hold another exchange in the future, perhaps including professional maternity clothing.
Cornell ice cream returns to Dairy Bar

STACEY SHACKFORD

It’s been three years since Cornellians have been able to unravel the cool confectionary complexity of Cornelia’s Dark Secret or revel in the simple splendor of super premium vanilla.

The wait is finally over: Cornell Dairy ice cream returns for retail sale Jan. 21.

A few superfans have already snuck scoops from a limited supply at the Stocking Hall Dairy Bar. Some got to sample four flavors – vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and mint chocolate chip – during a special event Jan. 14. The Stocking Hall celebration was marked by presentations from leadership from the Department of Food Science, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and Cornell Dining – and a surprise visit from President David Skorton, who joked that he was just there for the ice cream.

CALS Senior Associate Dean Max Pfeffer gave thanks to the nine dairy plant staff members who got a well-deserved break from an afternoon of processing 4,000 gallons of milk from Cornell cows to attend the event.

“This dedicated team can always be relied upon to get the job done, no matter what the challenges, and all while being under the watchful eye of the public behind the glass walls and observation gallery of the new dairy plant,” Pfeffer said.

He also thanked Perry’s Ice Cream for keeping Cornell supplied with its own delicious product while the Cornell dairy plant was being rebuilt as part of the $105 million renovation served by the scoop or the pint at the Dairy Bar and an additional seven will be available soon.

Current flavors:

- Vanilla (regular and super premium)
- Chocolate
- French Vanilla
- Kahlua Fudge
- Mint Chocolate Chip
- Strawberry
- Triple Play Chocolate
- Coffee
- Cookies & Cream
- Black Raspberry
- Chocolate Chocolate Cookie
- Cookie Dough Dream
- Calamity Chocolate
- Italian Lemon Cream Cake

Coming in February/March:

- Cornelia’s Dark Secret
- Bavarian Raspberry Fudge
- Coconuty Spring Thaw
- Mexican Sundae
- Nutty Buddy Franklin
- Caramel Turtle
- Raspberry Cheesecake

Wellbeing Programs

The following three wellbeing programs addressing caregiving concerns will be held in February. For more information and to register, go to https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/support/wellbeing_programs.html.

Advance Care Planning – Marilyn Kinner, former executive director of the Tompkins County Senior Citizens’ Council (now known as Lifelong), will talk about “Sharing Your Wishes” – four easy steps to plan ahead for health care decisions - Feb. 12, noon-1 p.m., 224 Weill Hall. These steps can be used in making plans and assisting a loved one to make theirs. The presentation will highlight ways to approach decision-making, the importance of sharing your wishes with loved ones and possible ways to overcome the challenges this may pose; the need to understand the benefits and burdens of health care decisions; and the value of putting your decisions in writing. Materials and resource information will be available.

Caregiver Support & Education Network meeting – A one-hour session for general discussion and sharing will be held Feb. 20, 12:15-1:15 p.m., at 221 Weill Hall.

Downsizing and Decluttering – Liz Norton, RN, downsizing and moving specialist, has been a registered nurse working in long term care for more than 35 years in area nursing homes and Tompkins County Hospital. She will discuss the logistics of downsizing, whether you are thinking of making the move to a smaller and more manageable space, or have a parent or loved one who has made the difficult decision to move from their family home to a less-demanding living situation, Feb. 26, noon-1 p.m., 102 Mann Library.

Wellbeing programs are open to Cornell community members to assist individuals with tools and strategies related to life transitions, caregiving, physical and emotional health, and flexible work practices. For more information, contact wellbeing@cornell.edu.
When members of the Department of Food Science moved into their new Stocking Hall home this summer, they were dazzled by the spacious labs, state-of-the-art tiered lecture hall and conference facilities, unique dairy plant and student winery equipment—and elevators.

The original 1923 Stocking Hall—now under renovation during Phase II of the $105 million state-funded project—had no elevator. Instead, a small dumb waiter transported items among five floors, while larger items were carried up the stairs or lifted through windows by extended fork lift or crane.

“We spent decades accumulating equipment on these floors but only had six weeks to move everything out,” said Matt Stratton, business manager for the Department of Food Science, who oversaw much of the move.

It was one of many challenges faced by those involved in Phase I of the project, including the Pike Company, the general contractor.

While planning the temporary connections between the new and old buildings, for instance, they realized that one connection would have to run through a restroom, while another would be blocked by a large fire suppression pipe. The solution, devised by former facility coordinator Tom Burke, who came out of retirement to help, and built by Cornell Shops: a chute built through a fourth floor window, and extra scaffolding between an existing doorway and a new corridor/link.

Another complication: 10 -80°F freezers full of temperature-sensitive lab samples needed to be moved within an hour of being unplugged. Rigging and moving teams from Dimond and Bacorn Inc. accomplished the feat with a crane and a custom-made steel platform, while 100-foot extension cords and generators were on hand in case a freezer got stuck in transit.

Moving dates continued to shift: from a possible early completion date of December 2012, to May 2013, then to July 1, just eight weeks before classes began.

From project oversight to moving supplies to funds to hire student packers with chemistry knowledge—assistance from CALS Facilities and the Division of Facility Services (FS) was invaluable, Stratton said. The Department of Animal Science also pitched in during construction, housing several offices and three labs alongside its own in Morrison Hall.

Brad Newhouse, Contract College Facilities team member and project manager for Stocking Hall, said that “the renovation required carefully coordinated teamwork” across FS and the university, compressing a large number of activities into a short timeframe.

Cornell Information Technologies and CALS audiovisual staff worked on setting up information technology systems; Cornell Police on the building’s access control cameras and internal emergency phones; and Environmental Health and Safety inspected alarm systems, tagged fire extinguishers and worked with the Department of Chemistry to ensure that chemicals were properly handled or safely disposed.

Within FS, the customer service office helped with utility shut-downs and cutovers; Transportation Services partnered with Tompkins County Area Transit on temporary and permanent bus stops; and Energy Management Control Systems used a new server to launch the building’s automated heat and air conditioning systems.

The efforts have garnered praise from facility users, including Cindy Uhrovcik, administrative assistant for the Department of Food Science: “The CALS move team made the transition to our temporary offices so much easier.”

“Phase I of Stocking Hall is a wonderful space, full of light and life, with meeting and gathering spaces that we lacked in our former departmental home,” Uhrovcik said.

**Reason for celebration**

The Cornell Dairy plant and Dairy Bar dining facility came back online this fall, but campus-made ice cream has eluded fans—until now.

The new year has brought the return of Cornell Dairy ice cream, which became available at the Stocking Hall Dairy Bar Jan. 21.
Facilities VP named to sustainability association board
KyuJung Whang, Cornell vice president for facilities, has been named to the board of directors of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

AASHE was founded in 2005 to coordinate and strengthen campus sustainability efforts and to serve as the first North American professional association for campus sustainability. The organization provides resources, professional development and support to administrators, faculty, staff and students in such areas as education, research, governance and operations.

During Whang’s seven years at Cornell, the university has completed a Climate Action Plan, created an on-campus sustainability advocacy and leadership group, and developed policies mandating LEED rating of all new buildings. Whang is involved in the design and construction process for building the Cornell NYC Tech campus on Roosevelt Island in New York City that will feature a net-zero energy building.

John Lemley retires after 37 years at Cornell

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John Lemley converses with colleagues.

LAURIE DENARDO

Members of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences gathered in Stocking Hall to celebrate the retirement of John Lemley, Jan. 14. Lemley served as an academic human resource specialist for nearly 20 years in the CALS human resources office, providing academic human resource support to chairs, faculty and department managers in CALS. His past positions included department management roles in CALS animal science and communications departments, as well as a research position in the College of Human Ecology.

High Five draws 1,000 plus

An estimated 900 staff and faculty stopped by one of the seven High-Five stations set up on the Ithaca campus Jan. 15 to acknowledge the excellent work done by staff. The New York City and Geneva campuses also participated, some on Jan. 15 and some on Jan. 17, and all events were well-attended.

The High Five program is held by the Employee Recognition Team, formed in response to feedback garnered from the 2011 Employee Survey.

On a roll

More than 60 staff members participated in the bowling and pizza event held Jan. 9 at the lanes at Helen Newman Hall. At right, Philip M. Carubia, research support specialist for the Cornell Center for Materials Research, gives it his best shot.

Amy O’Donnell, left, high-fives Lyndsi Prignon, recognition team member.

From left to right: Linda D’Amato, Thomas Primerano and Tracy Davenport.
Inclusive academy workshop addresses subtle acts of exclusion

NANCY DOOLITTLE

Raw potatoes were passed around and people were deliberately ignored during the first seminar offered through Cornell’s Inclusive Excellence Academy for staff and faculty, Jan. 15 in Goldwin Smith Hall. The Inclusive Excellence Academy, launched in August 2013 and supported by the University Diversity Council to advance the Toward New Destinations initiative, addresses specific areas of diversity and inclusion through workshops, seminars and lectures.

The January seminar by Ernest Hicks, retired manager of corporate diversity at Xerox Corp., focused on ways in which people who are perceived to be “different” are made to feel excluded, discouraged rather than engaged, overlooked rather than valued. Called micro-inequities, these subtle behaviors that can rise to the level of discrimination are often unintentional, hard to prove and unrecognized by the perpetrator, but have a significant impact on the recipient.

They range from simple actions, such as looking at one’s watch or answering a text message while someone is talking, to more extreme ones, such as reprimanding someone in public, undermining a person’s credibility publicly or overruling his or her decisions. The difference between incivility or rudeness and micro-inequities, Hicks said, is that rude behaviors occur occasionally, but micro-inequities happen when a person’s biases surface and target, consciously or unconsciously, those who are perceived as being different. They create a hostile environment if left unchecked, he said.

To illustrate the harmful effects of micro-inequities, Hicks asked attendees to pair off. While one person talked, the other would at first use active listening skills and affirm what was said, then switch to checking the time, texting and showing disinterest. Exploring the feelings of the people disrespected during this exercise, Hicks said the pervasiveness of micro-inequities in organizations can lead to a decrease in productivity, sharing ideas and taking risks; increased turnover; poor morale and interpersonal relationships; and low self-esteem.

Hicks provided some ways to combat micro-inequities. One of those is to bring them to the attention of a person using them. Another is to “be aware of your own stereotypes and prejudices,” he said. Recognize that it is human nature to do more for those we know and that those we know tend to be more like ourselves, he said. Instead, “be inclusive and help people feel welcomed.”

In a work or group setting, certain actions create an environment that is conducive to inclusion. Common goals will override differences between people. Open and positive communication, expecting the best from all staff, creating team spirit, giving public recognition, being approachable, providing a positive physical environment, making staff evaluation a positive experience and finding reasons to celebrate all create a positive work environment, he said.

As for the potatoes? Hicks asked each potato-holder to write a short note of appreciation on the potato to another person and give that person the potato to read. The exercise would continue for the duration of the talk.

The purpose? To show how easy it is to make someone feel appreciated and included, Hicks said.

A video recording of Ernest Hicks’ workshop is posted on CornellCast, at: http://www.cornell.edu/video/?videoid=3098.
FOR SALE
2010 Honda Civic EX with spare set of Michelin X-Ice Winter Tires, $13,499. 46k miles. Fun, zippy, ride. Sad to see it go. Included: custom windshield shade, all-season floor mats, and splash guards. USB audio. vni3@cornell.edu or 255-7223.

Kitchen table, 37” diameter, 2 wooden chairs plus red lamp $120. es37@cornell.edu or 272-9476.

Solid Paint Horse, $1,200. She is a Reg. Solid Paint Mare 15h, great trail horse, great manners and personality, stands good for vet. & farrier. Need to sell. wsm67@cornell.edu or 532-4167.

BRAND NEW IN BOX: Dell Inspiron 14R Touch screen (14 inch), laptop $600. Computer is 2 days old. Purchased for $768 ($719 price +tax). gh363@cornell.edu.

2000 Dodge Pick up 4wd, $3,500. Dodge 1500 1/2 ton, 8 ft box, 4 wheel drive, PW, PL, body in good shape, runs well. mlh23@cornell.edu or 592-6645.

Baldwin M 5’1” Piano, $3,000. OBO. Mahogany, well used, but tunable and playable, and includes a humidity control system. Buyer responsible for move. seq227@cornell.edu or 355-8999.

Bedroom furniture, $700. Hdbrd w/2 match dressers (about 4’ high w/4 drawers; other dresser has 5 lg drawers w/cupboards/shelves. 3 drawers are cedar lined. rjf2@cornell.edu or 255-7563.


Women’s Ski Doo Black Leather Snowmobile Jacket, $30. Beautiful, barely worn, very warm! Originally $175. Email for more pictures. lb27@cornell.edu or 254-8941.

Horsebackriding instruction, $12/$425. Lessons in English Hunt Seat, Dressage, and Jumping. Heated indoor arena. Many horses to fit all levels and personalities. cf88@cornell.edu or 272-0152.

Snow tires, $275. OBO. Set of four Mastercraft Glacier Grip snow tires. 225/60R17, fits 2012 Outback. Studdable. @10k miles, almost new! LAL262@cornell.edu or 255-8522.

Cornell Men’s Hooded Jacket (New), $100. OBO. Stay warm in this Cornell Ivy Scarlet Red Stalls & Dan athletic jacket with fur trimmed hood. Size: XL; Suggested retail: $175. pgw1@cornell.edu or 592-3347.

OFFER

Wrestling team holds hospice fundraiser
Cornell Wrestling will go up against the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers in the Newman Arena, Bartels Hall, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. and help raise money for Hospicare at the same time.

The wrestling team donors and other supporters have pledged money for each person who attends the match. The team would like to sell out the event; to do so, about 6,000 people would need to attend. The wrestlers are also asking for straight donations to Hospicare and Palliative Care Services of Tompkins Co.

Hospicare and Palliative Care Services of Tompkins County provides companionship and practical assistance to its clients, helping them find physical, emotional and spiritual comfort during the final months of their lives. “The funds raised help us to provide care for those otherwise unable to pay, including those at our six-bed residence on King Road,” said Dale B. Johnson, executive director. “These funds also support our community-wide bereavement services that do not otherwise have financial support.” For more information, see www.hospicare.org.

Remembering Scott C. Hamilton
A memorial service for Retired Senior Investigator Scott C. Hamilton will be held Feb. 1 at 6 p.m., Sage Chapel, with a reception following immediately after in the Sage Hall Atrium.

Parking is available in the Hoy Rd Parking Garage. Contact John Durbin at 607-255-9877 by Jan. 31 with any special parking requests.

Questions can be directed to Lynnette Loper at 607-255-1111 or lml11@cornell.edu.

ART-FULL FAMILY DAY
Get inspired by the new exhibit that began Jan. 25, “beyond earth art,” with members from Ithaca Generator (a local community of inventors, crafters, designers, engineers and artists) and create your own work of art, Feb. 1, 10a.m.-noon, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art. Free for Johnson Museum members/$5 per family for nonmembers. Seating is limited and first-come, first-served. Recommended for children ages 6-10.

TITUS ANDRONICUS
A revenge tragedy, “Titus Andronicus,” one of William Shakespeare’s earliest and bloodiest plays, will be presented Jan. 31 to Feb. 8 at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, 430 College Ave.

Directed by Spencer Whale ’14, the play will have five performances in the Schwartz Center’s Black Box Theatre: Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 8 matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $13 for the general public, $11 for students and senior citizens, available by calling 607-254-2787, online at www.SchwartzTickets.com, or in person at the Schwartz Center box office, open noon-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 30 minutes prior to shows.

COMMUNITY SEED SWAP
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County (CCETC) will hold a community seed swap Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the CCETC office, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca. Everyone is welcome to bring home-saved seeds or purchased seeds to swap with other gardeners. The CCE seed cabinets will also stocked with seed packets from seed companies and seeds donated by local seed savers.

The Seed Swap will include workshops on starting plants from seed and making an inexpensive light stand for starting plants indoors. Free to those who bring seeds to swap; otherwise $5 donation requested. Information: http://cceTomkins.org/ or contact Chrys Gardener at cab69@cornell.edu or 272-2292, ext. 241.