As a member of the National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS), Cornell Dining is invited to send culinary staff to compete annually at the Northeast Regional Conference. This year, Cornell Catering Executive Chef Nery Trigueros-Gonzalez, CEC, CCA, was chosen, and he brought home the gold – a first for Cornell.

To compete, the 18 regional contestants submit recipes for entrees in a food category; 10 of those are asked to prepare their submissions. While the flavor, nutritional value and seasoning of their dishes are paramount, the chefs are also judged on their cooking techniques, sanitation, plating, balance and cost. Each cook has one hour to prepare, cook and present the finished dish.

This year’s category was “flounder two ways”; as a flounder bisque with accents of California olive oil and fresh lemon juice and as a poached, vacuum-sealed fillet, served with cauliflower puree, Parisienne of zucchini and yellow squash, diced shallots, julienned roma tomatoes and slivers of kalamata olives and capers, laced with a beurre blanc sauce.

It sounds complicated, Trigueros-Gonzalez said, but for him, the secret is to “keep it simple.” “Respect the ingredients, respect the product,” he said. “Use seasonal vegetables and season well. You can do so much with all of the animal or fish, without waste.”

Trigueros-Gonzalez even used the tail of the flounder as a garnish, flash fried in oil to have the look and texture of a potato chip. The entire dish, he said, was under 700 calories per serving.

Although it was his technique that was judged, Trigueros-Gonzalez said that his submission was a team effort. On the job, he oversees menu planning, food purchasing, meal production and logistics, and the hiring and training of new culinary staff, with fewer opportunities to actually cook than he had in previous positions. From the time he was invited to participate in the conference in December to the actual conference competition in March, his team in Cornell Catering, from sous to pastry chefs, gave him advice and feedback on his ingredients and food choices – and covered for him while he was away.

“We have talented chefs in Cornell Catering who also cook with respect and passion for the ingredients they use, who care about nutrition and the environment, and who believe in buying local and sustainable products if possible,” Trigueros-Gonzalez said. He noted that most of the food at many of the smaller venues, such as receptions and special luncheons that he caters, comes from within 100 miles of Ithaca.

“Winning the competition was not just a statement of my cooking techniques, but a statement of where we are going with our entire program,” he said.

In July, Trigueros-Gonzalez will compete at the national conference in Boston against the five other regional winners. Each must prepare their winning regional entree with only small changes allowed.

Founded in 1958, the National Association of College and University Food Services has supported the college and university foodservice industry by providing members with the programs and resources they need to excel—from benchmarking and best practices to educational programming and professional networking.
In case you missed IT:

The new number for IT support is 255-5500

Starting Monday, June 18, anyone who regularly does business with the CIT HelpDesk, the CIT Network Operations Center or CIT Support Operations should call 255-5500 instead of old numbers to get help with computer questions or to request network, communications, audio/video, and other services. Still not sure who you should call on June 18? Check these examples.

It’s Monday, June 18. You have a problem with your NetID password. Who are you going to call?

If you are a student, staff or faculty member who has always turned to the CIT HelpDesk for computer help, you will now call the new IT Service Desk at 255-5500.

If you are a student, staff or faculty member who has always turned to your college or unit technical support providers, you should continue to contact them until your IT director alerts you to do otherwise.

It’s Monday, June 18. You are a “telecomm coordinator” – you need to help your department move telephone numbers as people juggle offices. Who are you going to call?

Instead of calling 4-NCS1, call 255-5500. Many of the same people who have been helping you at the old number will be available to help you at the new number. The Request for Service form is still the preferred method for submitting requests: http://www.it.cornell.edu/cms/about/ncs/rfs/.

It’s Monday, June 18 and you have a request for audio/video services. Who are you going to call?

Instead of calling 255-2345, call 255-5500. You also can submit requests to cit-av@cornell.edu.

It’s Monday, June 18 and you have a question regarding a CIT bill. Who are you going to call?

Call 255-5500. The IT Service Desk will take phone inquiries for billing issues and questions.

It’s Monday, June 18. You have a computer, network, phone or other technology question. You’re not sure who can answer it. Who are you going to call?

Call 255-5500!

Tech Training Spotlight:

CIT is offering several Office 2010 Productivity courses in June 2012. Register now for the half-day classes in Access, Excel, PowerPoint or Word 2010 Basic or a one-day Access Advanced class.

For a complete listing of technical training resources, see www.cit.cornell.edu/training. Email questions to workshop-info@cornell.edu.

AFTER 30 YEARS

Pawprint photo contest goes digital

The first annual Pawprint (then named Networking) photo contest was held in 1982. Since then, it has given Cornell staff and faculty many opportunities to share their photo finesse in a competition of fun and spirit – as well as win some great prizes from Cornell organizations across campus.

This year we are abandoning printed images and taking the contest digital. Faculty and staff members are invited to enter the 30th Annual Pawprint Photography Contest by submitting digital images in the following categories: Adults, Animals, Cornell (any location), Humor, Landscape/Nature, Special Effects (digital enhancement), Structures/Buildings and Unspecified. The first-place winners from each category will then be evaluated as a group by the judges, who will select one image as “Best in Show.”

Contest Rules

• Each person may submit one photo per category in as many as four categories (i.e., four photographs per year per photographer).

• Photos must be submitted digitally; the file must be named by the photographer’s Cornell NetID and category, “dot”, name of photo (for instance: njs3Animals.AViewFromAbove).

• Except for the Special Effects category, do not digitally enhance or alter your photographs beyond the basics needed to achieve realistic color balance and sharpness.

• Cornell staff, faculty, students, alumni and retirees are eligible. Family members of Cornellians, Cornell’s professional photographers, their support staff, student photography majors, contest judges and the Pawprint board members are not eligible.

• Photos entered in previous years’ contests are ineligible.

Judging

Judges, chosen from Cornell’s photography and graphic design professionals, will look for composition, creativity and uniqueness: the capture of a mood or special moment. There won’t be a narrow focus on technical detail. The judging will be blind – that is, done anonymously without an indication of the name of the photographer who took the picture.

How to Enter

Name your photos for submission as indicated above. Send by email to Robin Zifchock, rjz5@cornell.edu, with the subject line: Pawprint Photo Contest. Entries will be accepted through August 24.

By submitting a photograph to the Pawprint Photography Contest, you are giving permission to Pawprint to produce that photo in Pawprint in hard copy and digitally online, for the purposes of promoting the contest and showing viewers the winning photographs. Pawprint is not responsible for any copyright violations that web visitors may incur.

To view last year’s winners in each category, see http://pawprint.cornell.edu/?q=photo-gallery/photo-contest-2011.

Berry good time...

Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension provides an online list of U-pick strawberry farms in Tompkins, Cortland, Tioga, Schuyler, Chemung and Southern Cayuga Counties, with hours and contact information, so you can call ahead to confirm crop availability: http://ccetompkins.org/agriculture/buy-local/u-pick-strawberry-farms.

Want to learn how to make delicious jam from the strawberries you pick, using safe and reliable methods? Come to hands-on classes on June 12 and 26: http://ccetompkins.org/calendar/10/05/17/fresh-garden-homemade-jams.

Looking for something besides strawberries? Visit the “2012 Guide to Local Foods” online (pdf format) at: http://ccetompkins.org/agriculture/buy-local/guide-local-foods. Print copies will be available soon!

Tech Talk

Teresa Craighead
A brief burst of rain did little to dampen the enthusiasm that staff from the College of Arts and Sciences brought to the games held at the annual Arts and Sciences staff recognition picnic, June 5 on the Arts Quad. Nor did it chill the warm welcome that emcee Sheila Haddad (Asian Studies) and the 350-some attending staff members gave to the torch-bearer, Vladimir Micic (Asian American Studies), who, in Olympic fashion, ran across the quad and through the tent to kick off those games – games with such un-Olympian names as rubber band archery, paperclip chain, Courses of Study book toss, tug-of-war and coffee-cup relay.

But before all the festivities, staff members enjoyed a lunch of chicken barbeque, salads, fruit, pasta and an array of other entrees, while Peter Lepage, the Harold Tanner Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, recognized the staff members who this year celebrated 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 43, and 46 years of Cornell service.

Among the longest-serving staff recognized were 20-year awardees Paul Dimmick, Elaine Ink, Lori Maine, Ruby McCutcheon, Debra Nero, Danielle O’Connor and Judy Virgilio; 25-year awardees Kevin Ashman, Susan Besemer, Steven Bogdanowicz, Mary Fessenden, Patricia Hine, Terry Hollenbeck and Cynthia Sedlacek; 30-year awardees Kelly Brower, Lisa Proper and Andrea Stevenson; 31-year awardee, Bruce Roebal, who was overlooked last year; 35-year awardee Michelle Marino; 43-year awardees Henry Crans and Sharon de Roos; and 46-year awardee Ronald Wolverton.

Lepage also thanked the picnic committee, chaired by Richard Keller, and gave special thanks to Andrea Stevenson and Robin Perry for their efforts in securing more than 200 prizes for the events. Again in keeping with the Olympic theme, a medal ceremony closed the event.

NANCY DOOLITTLE

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EA votes in new officers; seeks non-member volunteers

At its June 5 meeting, the Employee Assembly (EA) voted in its new executive committee members for 2012-13. Tanya Grove will serve her third consecutive term as the EA chair, with Brigit Schaffner as EA vice chair. Bridget Cristelli will be vice chair for internal operations; Robert Blanco, vice chair of finance; and Eric Lee, vice chair of communications. The seat for Parliamentarian remains open. Assignments of EA members to various committees were also voted upon. Cornell staff members who are not members of the EA are asked to contact Tanya Grove, tl40@cornell.edu, if they are interested in serving on any of the following committees for 2012-13:

Employee Assembly committees: Staff Recognition and Awards Committee; Personnel Policy Committee, Education Committee, Communications Committee. Other committees with EA representation that are open to all staff are the CARE (Cornellians Aiding and Responding to Employees) Fund Committee and the University Benefits Committee. University Assembly committees seeking volunteers include: the Codes and Judicial Committee of the University Assembly; the Campus Infrastructure Committee; and the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

“Serving on one of the governance committees is a really good way to get involved in university issues that directly impact Cornell staff,” said Grove. “It also provides networking opportunities with others from across campus.”

Steve McKay, research farm manager, receives George Peter award

NANCY DOOLITTLE

Called to Roberts Hall June 8 from Cornell’s Homer C. Thompson Vegetable Research Farm in Freeville, N.Y., Steve McKay, farm manager, thought he was going to learn about recent developments in the United Auto Workers union. Instead, McKay was surprised to find out that he had been chosen as the 178th recipient of the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service.

His supervisor, Glenn Evans, director of operations for the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station (CUAES), said that McKay deserved the award because of: his ability to do his job (“which involves small-plot research with an incredible variety of plant material and an incredible variety of individuals,” Evans quipped); his leadership and teambuilding skills; and his approachability. “He gets the job done and he does it well,” Evans said.

In his nomination letter, Evans wrote of McKay’s “outstanding ability to collaborate with faculty, field assistants, students, research technicians and the administration” of the CUAES, noting especially his work with local food banks, service on the CUAES Sustainability Action team and “exceptional day-in and day-out service and support” to faculty.

McKay’s dedication and service-orientation were reiterated in nomination letters by professors of horticulture Robin Bellinder, Donald Halseth and Marvin Pritts, chair of the Department of Horticulture. “He constantly makes suggestions to individuals, departments and college leadership about ways to improve the status quo. ... I doubt there is a single faculty person or graduate student who would not give Steve their highest marks for profession-
Facilities Services honors outstanding achievements

W with some 900 staff, who together have given the university almost 13,000 years of service, the Division of Facilities Services celebrated its employees June 12 in Bartels Hall.

Opening the event by showing a PowerPoint projection of “Kudos” that individuals and teams in Facilities Services had received over the past year, KyuJung Whang, vice president for facilities services, noted the division’s major accomplishments for the year, paid a tribute to the staff in Facilities Services who worked on Commencement, and shared a “Get-Well Wish” video that Facilities Engineering created to cheer up a colleague suffering a severe illness.

He then introduced the division’s peer-nominated Steve Wright Bridge, Cornerstone and Keystone Awards.

Given annually to a staff person or team who demonstrates a “significant, ongoing commitment to fostering diversity within Facilities Services,” the Steve Wright Bridge award was given this year to Wendy Franzese, assistant to the senior director of facilities management, for her leadership in the former Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Diversity Council and then helping expand that council to serve all of Facilities Services.

“Wendy not only understands and exemplifies all the aspects of diversity and inclusion in the work she does, but also in the way she operates and works with customers and colleagues throughout the university,” said Maria Cimilluca, senior director for facilities management, in presenting the award.

Nominated by seven of her peers for consistently exceeding “everyone’s expectations for follow-through, team building and communications,” Sarah Zemanick, environmental management specialist, received the Cornerstone Award for Effectiveness Improvement for her utilities management system and building of websites for the Central Energy Plant and Sustainable Campus. The “go-to” person for getting task teams up and running, Zemanick “has the uncanny ability to keep all members on-task, motivated and laughing,” her nominators wrote.

The Cornerstone Award for Distinction in Teamwork, given to a team that “provides a positive impact by providing distinguished service, making a difference, or implementing a quality of work/life improvement,” was given to Patrick Conrad, construction manager, and Mike Swartwout, project manager, for their “exceptional” work on the addition to the Johnson Museum of Art and upgrades to the Olin Library facility.

Recently Mark Giblin, superintendent of the Sheet Metal Shop, successfully took on a new role as the interim director of Facilities Management Shops, which increased his supervisory responsibilities from 15 to more than 250 employees, developing “a welcoming environment that fosters cooperation and collaboration within all the trades and zone shops,” said Director of Facilities Administration and Finance Dave Howe. Mark was awarded the Cornerstone Award for Developing Others. His “team focus has allowed him to build trust in his working relationships,” Howe said.

The Cornerstone Award for Campus or Community Service was given this year to Robert Chiang, civil engineer, who has been a volunteer instructor in the Wellness Rock-Climbing Program. He has encouraged many facilities staff members to participate in climbing the Lindeeth Climbing Wall – many of whom have formed a bond that lasts long after the class is over, according to drafter Asa Schindler, who nominated him for the award.

The Keystone Award is Facilities Services’ highest honor and is “awarded to an individual or team that exemplifies excellence in service to the organization and consistently provides quality output in work activities along with many of the qualities of the Cornerstone awards.” This year, the Keystone Award was given to the team responsible for supporting the Campus-to-Campus bus service: Jan Eckert, Amy Ross and David Lieb from Commuter and Parking Services; Gabriel Goodwin, systems administrator; bus cleaners Al Wood, Chuck Morse and Patrick Clark; and mechanics Carl Hoaglin, Chris Salay, Don Beal and Rob Gombas. A recent survey indicated that 98 percent of users rated the overall bus service as good or excellent and 99 percent reported that they would use the service again and recommend it to others.

The morning concluded with a breakfast buffet by Cornell Dining.

KEYSTONE AWARD, LEFT TO RIGHT: Joe Lalley, Chris Salay, Don Beal, Carl Hoaglin, Al Wood, Chuck Morse, Patrick Clark, Jan Eckert, Rob Gombas, Amy Ross, David Lieb, Gabe Goodwin, and KyuJung Whang.
New diversity and inclusion website is launched after yearlong development

A new Diversity and Inclusion website has been launched at Cornell, after a year of diversity professionals from across campus working together. The website visually reflects the diversity of the Cornell and local community; outlines Cornell’s historic commitment to diversity and inclusion; highlights the institutional diversity planning initiative “Toward New Destinations”; and provides a guide to the resources available to staff, faculty, students and alumni.

The section “Finding My Community,” for example, captures a multiplicity of voices and personal stories; it also notes opportunities on and off campus for individuals from diverse backgrounds to connect with each other. The “Frequently Asked Questions” section provides the university’s definition for diversity and explains how the university is revitalizing its diversity and inclusion efforts to further Cornell’s strategic goals.

The website is expected to grow in content, especially over the summer, when it will detail the diversity initiatives that the college and units have chosen for 2012-13 within the “Toward New Destinations” framework. The framework is structured according to four core diversity principles – demographic composition, engagement, inclusion and achievement – and, according to the website, “lays the foundation for the university to remain positioned on the leading edge of education and employment through enhancement of a culture that provides for the full participation of all members of [the Cornell] community.”

Members of the Cornell community are encouraged to explore the new site at http://www.diversity.cornell.edu – which has been launched in anticipation of the new academic year – and to revisit it in the fall, when the next steps that the university takes in the areas of diversity and inclusion are added.

Save the Date!
The 14th Annual Staff Educational Exploration Day (S.E.E.D.) will be held Wednesday, July 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in G10 Biotechnology Building.

Drawing 300-500 Cornell staff members who seek information about professional and personal development resources, S.E.E.D. showcases a variety of educational exhibitors in one location, providing staff an opportunity to explore an array of educational opportunities available on campus and through community organizations.

The event is sponsored by the Division of Human Resources and Safety Services and the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions.

New retirement plan package to be sent soon: Sign up for electronic delivery

New U.S. Department of Labor regulations require Cornell to provide faculty and staff members with information about their retirement plans, which has required a huge annual paper package. Now, that package can be provided electronically by TIAA-CREF and Fidelity Investments. To receive this important retirement information electronically through email and thereby reduce paper and clutter, you need to sign up for electronic delivery.

Electronic delivery is easy and ensures you have:
• secure access to important plan information you need to know;
• the ongoing ability to download information and print documents; and
• access to your delivery options that you can update at any time and/or revert to paper if necessary.

For TIAA-CREF: Sign up at <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/public/profile/index.html>. Once you log in, select “Edit My eDelivery Preferences” and then check “Plan Sponsor Disclosures and Notices.” For Fidelity Investments: Log onto Fidelity NetBenefits at <http://www.fidelity.com/atawork>. Go to “Your Profile,” update your email address, and elect to receive required disclosures and other items (such as your quarterly participant statement) online by clicking on “Mail Preferences.”
Teams lose two-and-a-half tons of weight

In eight weeks, 58 teams, totaling 767 Cornell staff and faculty members, lost 5,110 pounds—more than two and a half tons—of weight. That represents a total of almost 7.9 million calories that were either expended or not consumed.

First place for the No Excuses weight loss contest, held during March and April, went to a team from Facilities Services, No Cal Zones, whose members altogether lost almost 10 percent of their total weight. Second place went to the Probiotics, a team from the Animal Health Diagnostic Center in the College of Veterinary Medicine, who lost almost 7 percent of their total weight; third place went to the Fatty Acids, a team from Dining Services, that lost almost 6 percent of the body weight (see chart).

"I went into the weight loss challenge with the main priority of maintaining muscle mass," said Shayne Miller, mechanic in the Refrigeration Shop and team member of No Cal Zones. "I made meal plans that gave me sufficient nutrition for my workouts and adequate protein intake for muscle recovery. … For me the whole diet was based on slow and steady restriction while keeping a close eye on my strength and energy levels."

Another winning team member said, "It was actually easier than I had thought. All I did to lose 10 percent body weight was to watch what I was eating and drinking, then added some exercise, such as riding a bicycle. Basically it is about burning off more than you put in."

Other winning team members cut down on carbohydrates in their diets, watched portion control and increased their daily exercise. Items given up included ice cream, rye dip, junk food and sugary soy lattes.

Medical technologist Eric Lee of the Probiotics team offered these guidelines: "Eat like a king for breakfast, eat like a queen at lunch and eat like a peasant for dinner." He also worked out at the gym daily, concentrating on different parts of the body each day to allow other muscles to rest.

One participant summed up the feelings of many: "It was definitely a lifestyle change: not easy, but so worth it."

The Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG) participated in the Dryden Veteran’s Memorial Home’s Memorial Day Parade, Open House, and Luncheon on Monday, May 28. Rick Roper, VCNG member and Cornell facilities staff, provided information/resources to veterans and family members at the open house and luncheon. Bob Stundtner, VCNG chair and Cornell facilities staff, greeted attendees. Dan Weed (above photo, far right, in Navy dress white), VCNG vice chair and Cornell ROTC Navy Sciences, marched in the parade. The event was held to honor the men and women who have served the U.S. with courage and commitment.

The Division of Human Resources held its annual service recognition event June 4 at Bartels Hall, recognizing 33 staff members who were celebrating a fifth anniversary year of service (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years of service). Those with the longest service dates were: for 20 years of service—Linda Bryan, Cutter Cramton, Michael Esposito, Donna Monroe, Linda Nobles, JoAnn Shepherd, Cheryl Stare; for 25 years of service—Bonnie Bailey, Nancy Baker, Maureen Brull, Kathy Burkgren, Terry Hollenbeck, Karen McLean, Sue Winder; for 30 years of service—Carlene Kurch and Theresa Rapacki; and for 35 years of service—John Lemley and Diane Parker.

Mary Opperman, vice president for human resources and safety services, gave special recognition to Tem Calfee, IT support specialist, who for many years provided technical support to the HR division but recently moved to Computer and Network Support in Cornell Information Technologies. "His patience, customer service and kindness have made an impact on all of us," she said.
FOR SALE

Full beds with twin trundles, $500 each. Natural and white, full mattresses included. Not even a year old. ajg33@cornell.edu.

Wooden dog house, $15. Very sturdy, cube-shaped dog house: 42.5" W x 32.5" H x 44.5" D. Arch-shaped opening 16.5" x 15.5" H. You haul, sps19@cornell.edu.

Recliner couch, $375. Clean, well-maintained, 2 years old, dual recliner couch. Grey-blue. No rips, stains or smells. 74" long. Buyer moves. sam83@cornell.edu or 255-8720.

AKC Registered Black Lab Puppies, $350. 3 males, 1 female; have had first shots and wormed. dc276@cornell.edu or 255-6451.

Sony 36" TV with Surround Sound includes stand, $350, or best offer. Must Sell! If interested, call 607-342-0923.

LCD computer screen & Dell All-in-One Printer, $80. Flat panel monitor, $40, Dell All-in-One 948 color printer/scanner/fax/copier, $40. Call 607-708-4121.

Oak bunk beds, $200. New mattresses, hardly used. Can be separate twin beds. kd15@cornell.edu or 255-0218.

Set of stairs, $80, or best offer. Stairs have a 7-3/4 in. rise. I don't want to throw away. rb476@cornell.edu or 589-4039.

Cayuga Lake Home, $325,000. FSBO but listing cost is still high. Call 607-597-4674.

Family boat, $42,500. Great boat for skiing, tubing or entertaining. Cuddy cabin with all accessories included. mp324@cornell.edu or 255-5337.

Air Compressor, $125. Home built 40 gallon air compressor 3/4 horse power Dayton Motor, De Vilbiss Model 220 twin cylinder. ka26b@cornell.edu or 255-2797.

Dog Kennel, $200. Heavy duty dog kennel 15" (L) x 8" (W) x 10" (H). Has divider panel and two doors. You dismantle and you haul. tr19@cornell.edu.

Antique cherry wood cradle, $70. One piece cradle, 31" long. It's old, dual recliner couch. Grey-blue. No rips, stains or smells. 74" long. Buyer moves. sam83@cornell.edu or 255-8345.

ALL-WEATHER CLOTHING, $50-$100. For snow, winter, or fall weather. Dusty Rose, Ecru, and many other colors. Shipping available. tr19@cornell.edu or 351-6334.


Fender Squier Strat mini electric guitar with Amp., $85, or best offer. Black, with amp. In excellent condition, hardly used. ajp246@cornell.edu or 255-5337.

Thomasville server, $50. 1950's, has been painted. with model insignias. teb4@cornell.edu or 351-6334.

Phil Shapiro, host of WVRB's Bound for Glory since its inception in 1967, has scheduled six free folk concerts, Sunday nights, in June and July, at the Café in Anabel Taylor Hall. The concerts are also broadcast live on WVRB-FM, 93.5 and 105.5, and stream on line at http://wvbr.com.

The show runs Sunday nights, 8-11 p.m., with different live sets at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 p.m. Kids are welcome. Refreshments are available. For further information, call Phil Shapiro at 607-844-4535, or e-mail at pds10@cornell.edu.

Guided tours: Free, guided tours through the Botanical Gardens, Saturdays through Sept. 29, at 1 p.m., or through the F.R. Newman Arboretum, Sundays through Sept. 30 (no tour on Sept. 27), at 1 p.m.

Culinary tour: Fresh herbs and salads! July 15, 1-4 p.m. Walking and cooking demonstration. Cost: $45 ($40 members Cornell students). Pre-registration required.

Culinary tour: Heirloom vegetables! Aug. 12, 1-4 p.m. Walk and cooking demonstration. Cost: $45 ($40 members and Cornell students). Pre-registration required.

Conservation and camp education specialists will teach children about creating healthy ponds and streams at Ithaca College. Cost: $45 ($40 members and Cornell students). Pre-registration required.

Summer Solstice walk: Free leisurely stroll through the F.R. Newman Arboretum. Enjoy the passage of spring into summer, June 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nature photography: Three-day class: Aug. 1, 7-9 p.m., Aug. 4, 7-9 a.m., and Aug. 8, 6:30-9 p.m. An introduction to basic camera use and the principles of nature photography. July 9-13, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the variety of specimens, settings and natural light available will offer continual inspiration. Open to adults and youth ages 12 and older. Cost: $180 ($150 for members and Cornell students). Pre-registration required.

Sketching and painting trees: In a week-long immersion in outdoor sketching and watercolor painting, July 6-10. The variety of specimens, settings and natural light available will offer continual inspiration. Open to adults and youth ages 12 and older. Cost: $180 ($150 for members and Cornell students). Pre-registration required.

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Jungle in a Jar: In this introduction to plant cultivation and care, July 7–10 a.m. to noon, children will use small plants to create a tiny terrarium “jungle.” Open to youth ages 5 and older. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. $15 per child; adults are free. Pre-registration required.

Plants and Life: In this introduction to the F.R. Newman Arboretum ponds, Aug. 9, 1-3 p.m. Search for some of the amphibians, insects, and other invertebrates found in a freshwater pond ecosystem. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: $12 adults; $10 children. Pre-registration is required.

Shakespeare at Cornell Plantations: The Ithaca Shakespeare Company presents two free Shakespeare plays in rotating repertory, F.R. Newman Arboretum, Jackson Grove: The Taming of the Shrew, July 12, 14, 20, 22, 26, 28; Romeo and Juliet, July 13, 15, 19, 21, 27 and 29. Both begin at 6 p.m. Pay what you can ($10 suggested).