Facilities Services, 750 strong, June 11, 2013.

Facilities Services recognizes staff achievements

NANCY DOOLITTLE

“T”he Barton Hall Crew” of Bill Babcock, Jim Haner and Mark Waterman have won this year’s Keystone Award – Facilities Services’ highest honor – for their ongoing work in setting up and breaking down the chairs and tables for events, from Commencement and Reunion to countless concerts, receptions, lunches and celebrations.

KyuJung Whang, vice president for facilities services, presented the award June 11 before a Barton Hall audience of about 750, up from a handful of people just five years ago when the award was first bestowed. Also celebrated were the recipients of four Cornerstone Awards, the Steve Wright Bridge Award, and the achievements of many other Facilities Services staff members.

The Keystone Award 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.”

“The team at Barton is always happy to help out…. They always have the success of the event in mind,” Whang said.

Four Cornerstone Awards were announced:

- Lou Damiani, Darlene Hackworth, Mark Howe and Lanny Joyce, as the leadership team for the Energy Conservation Initiative, received the Cornerstone for Effectiveness Improvement for saving the university $3 million annually in electrical and natural gas costs.
- The Utility Locating and Mapping Team of Andy Andersen, Lester Cook and Chuck Porter received the Cornerstone Award for Distinction in Teamwork for their protection of the underground utility systems on campus.
- Rick Axtell was recognized with the Cornerstone Award for Developing Others for his mentoring abilities and helping his custodial staff in the Student and Academic Services Zone achieve “high-level results.”
- Dan Roth received the Cornerstone for Campus or Community Service Award for being “one of the first people in Facilities Services who has openly made the link between sustainability and diversity.”

The Steve Wright Bridge Award, awarded annually to “an individual or individuals who demonstrate a significant, ongoing commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion,” was given to Bob Stundtner, Rob Morris and Rick Roper for helping to create a grassroots network for veterans and military families on campus and in the surrounding community.

Also celebrated: individuals who received “kudos” from colleagues (http://www.fs.cornell.edu/docs/node_doc/550_FS%20recognition%20event%20slideshow%202013.pdf); United Way ambassadors and staff who helped spread some cheer: Kristie Cooley, Tom Horton, Rob Morris, Julie Parsons, Mike Baker, Julie Cary, Tom Jahn, Adam Castelman, Holly Bernhardt and Kaitlyn Apley; the Facilities Services Diversity Advisory Group and other task forces; employee graduates Thomas Jordan, Joyce Ward, Josh Whitmore and Teri Whitmore; universitywide award nominees Ana Lopez De Garcia, Michelle Clark, Virginia Wright and Timothy Peer and recipient of the university’s Management Excellence Award, Joseph Lalley.

A special tribute to the division’s military veterans and service people and their families (http://www.fs.cornell.edu/hr/fsArmedForces-TributeVid.cfm) was also held.
Tech Talk
By Matt Klein

Cornell everywhere: Mobile-friendly websites and apps

Cornell Everywhere is a new effort aimed at helping the university more effectively provide online information and services to people on the go, wherever they are and however they choose to connect.

The first initiative for Cornell Everywhere is making it easier to create websites that look great, no matter what device is used. Custom Web Development has produced or collaborated on many websites that use responsive web design, which automatically adjusts the layout of a website to fit a wide range of display resolutions and devices. Examples include the Cornell Chronicle, A.D. White Professors At-Large, the new student reading project, responsive Drupal templates for the Division of Student and Academic Services, and many more.

To see for yourself how responsive design adjusts to window size automatically:

1. Using your computer’s web browser (Firefox, Chrome, Internet Explorer or another), visit one of the websites mentioned above. For example, see the A.D. White Professors At-Large website, http://adwhiteprofessors.cornell.edu/. You’ll notice the page is displaying normally in your browser.

2. Now, to simulate how the website would respond on a smaller screen, such as a mobile phone or tablet, click and drag the bottom left corner of your browser screen to shrink the window to one-third its width. You should see the page respond by moving content around to look nicer on a smaller screen space. That’s responsive design!

If you would like to use responsive design to help your site look great, no matter how it’s viewed, you can start the process by filling out the form at: www.it.cornell.edu/services/webdesign/responsive.cfm

Another aspect of Cornell Everywhere is the development of apps for smartphones and tablets, and Custom Web Development is the starting place for requests. If you’d like to find out more about app development options, email customdev-req@cornell.edu

Need web help with your website? Custom Web Development can partner with you to:

• Define your website needs.
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Our prices are competitive, because they are set only to recover costs for the university, not to make a profit. And because we serve only Cornell, we understand your goals and deadlines like no one else can.

Custom Web Development is ready to take on projects of any size, ranging from small changes, additions or improvements to complete renovations. All services are available a la carte. For example, you can hire us to help out only for the analysis and planning stages of a project; or just the visual design, such as custom blog themes; or just to do quality assurance testing.

Contact Cornell Custom Web Development to find out more at: customdev-req@cornell.edu or it.cornell.edu/services/customweb/

Tech Training Spotlight

Want to learn how to create mail merges or how to create, edit and modify tables within Word 2010? Or learn how to create effective diagrams or how to use animation techniques to make your slide shows professionally seamless in PowerPoint 2010? Register now for our 2-hour Word 2010 workshops scheduled for August 13 or for our 2-hour PowerPoint 2010 workshops scheduled for September 17.

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

Summer going by in a flash? Photo contest deadline nears

The deadline for submitting digital photographs for the 31st annual Pawprint Photography Contest is Sept. 13. Don't delay – the summer will be over before you know it.

Faculty and staff members are invited to submit digital images in the following categories: Adults, Animals, Cornell (any location), Landscape, Humor, 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.AvViewFromAbove).
• Except for the Special Effects category, do not digitally enhance or alter 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 and contest judges are not eligible.
• Photos entered in previous years’ contests are ineligible.

How to enter

Name 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 Sept. 13.

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.

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To view last year’s winners in each category, see http://pawprint.cornell.edu/?q=photo-gallery/photo-contest-2012.
Suppliers rewarded for good performance at show

JAMIE CHURCHILL

More than 110 of Cornell’s contract and preferred suppliers gathered in Barton Hall June 13 for the 2013 annual Cornell Supplier Show. Cornell Procurement Services hosts the supplier show annually for suppliers to share their products and business service information with campus customers. This year’s “Summer in Ithaca” themed show highlighted the variety of vendors available to Cornell, whose products and services ranged from laboratory equipment to promotional apparel.

This year’s theme featured a farmer’s market center tent where attendees could get show information and sign up to win prizes; a sidewalk café catered by Panera Catering; and a sustainability passport game offering attendees a chance to win one of two $50 gift certificates to The Cornell Store for visiting specific suppliers.

Cornell’s diverse suppliers were also highlighted this year, with yellow draping on their booths. The diverse supplier engagement effort is one of the Division of Financial Affairs’ five annual goals to fulfill Cornell’s institutional diversity planning initiatives.


The evening before the show, Procurement Services hosted the second annual Cornell Supplier Recognition Awards, which recognizes suppliers who have performed best throughout the year in product and service quality, pricing, order fulfillment, customer satisfaction and social responsibility. Campus customers were invited to evaluate supplier performance through a customer satisfaction survey. Cornell is the first university to recognize suppliers in this way.

Awards for top recognition were given to: Casella Waste Management; Clark Air Systems, Inc.; The Computing Center; Dell Marketing, LP; Eastern Copy Services; Hill & Markes; Krackeler Scientific; Laboratory Products Sales; Maines Paper and Food Service; Sedgwick Business Interiors; Staples Business Advantage; and VWR International. Honorable mention awards went to Airgas East, Inc.; Audio Video Corporation; Fisher Scientific Company; Graybar Electric Company; Vasco Brands, Inc.; Verizon Wireless and W.W. Grainger.

Jamie Churchill is a staff writer for the Division of Financial Affairs.

Crime prevention officers recognized for outreach efforts

Cornell Crime Prevention Officers Beverly Van Cleef and Lisa Van Horn present, on average, one outreach program every day-and-a-half to educate members of the Cornell and local communities on such topics as personal safety habits, domestic violence awareness, workplace violence, active shooter preparedness, alcohol awareness and sexual assault.

For these crime prevention efforts, Van Cleef and Van Horn received the July 2013 Kiwanis Club Frank G. Hammer Officer of the Month Award at the club’s July 15 meeting at Kendal of Ithaca.

Van Cleef and Van Horn were also invited to present at the annual statewide conference of the New York State Crime Prevention Coalition and were singled out for their “exemplary endeavors” by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators’ accreditation assessors during Cornell’s recent safety reaccreditation process.

“We are very proud of these officers and their efforts to engage members of the Cornell and Ithaca communities. Building these relationships and increasing the community’s knowledge of crime prevention serves to increase the safety of the entire community,” said Chief of Police Kathy Zoner. Van Cleef and Van Horn participated in 216 programs this past year, up from the 78 programs offered the year before.

“The volume and quality of work done by our crime prevention office, by Lisa and Bev, is enormous,” said Deputy Chief Dave Honan. “They have set a new department standard for excellence in programming that is underscored by the amount of positive feedback we have received and the number of requests they receive for program presentations,” he said.

As another outreach effort, Van Cleef and Van Horn coordinate the Child Safety Seat program. They have installed 104 child safety seats for community members since last July.
Facilities Services honors staff’s outstanding achievements in 2013

From left to right: KyuJung Whang, nominators Steve Devlen and Cindy Lockwood; the recipient of the Cornerstone Award for Developing Others, Rick Axtell, Facilities Management Student and Academic Services Zone; award presenter Maria Cimilluca.

KyuJung Whang; nominators Steve Devlen, Erik Eshelman and Andrew Germain; the recipients of the Cornerstone Award for Distinction in Teamwork: the Utility Locating and Mapping Team of Andy Andersen, utilities, Lester Cook, engineering, and Chuck Porter, engineering; award presenter Randy Lacey.

Nominator Steve Devlen, left, with “The Barton Hall Crew” recipients of the Keystone Award: Bill Babcock, Jim Haner and Mark Waterman from the Facilities Management Contract College Zone, with KyuJung Whang on right.

KyuJung Whang, left, with Dan Roth, energy and sustainability, recipient of the Cornerstone Award for Campus or Community Service. Nominated by Wendy Franzese, third from left, with award presenter Jim Kazda.

KyuJung Whang, left, with the recipients of the Steve Wright Bridge Award: Rob Morris and Rick Roper of Facilities Management and Bob Stundtnn of Capital Projects and Planning. Award presenter Joe Lalley at right.

KyuJung Whang, left, with recipients of the Cornerstone Award for Effectiveness Improvement from the leadership team for the Energy Conservation Initiative: Lanny Joyce, Mark Hime, and Darlene Hackworth (Louis Damiani absent); nominator Erin Moore; and award presenter Bert Bland.

KyuJung Whang; nominators Jim Adams, Erik Eshelman and Andrew Germain; the recipients of the Cornerstone Award for Developing Others, Rick Axtell, Facilities Management Student and Academic Services Zone; award presenter Maria Cimilluca.
What tastes great, nourishes your body and builds community? Local food! To celebrate local bounty, Get Your GreenBack Tompkins (http://getyourgreenbacktompkins.org/home) invites area residents to eat local.

Grow it!
Like broccoli? Relish radishes? Now is the time to get seeds started for fall harvest. Check out this fact sheet: http://ccetompkins.org/garden/food-gardening/last-planting-dates, to find out what to plant when, or call the Growline at 272-2292.

Buy local seeds and starts — you get higher quality plants started at the right time. Here’s a list of local plant growers: http://ccetompkins.org/garden/spring-plant-sale.

For inspiration, participate in Farm City Day: http://ccetompkins.org/calendar/10/05/07/farm-city-day, visiting farms in our community.

Want to grow and fund a school, community or home garden in Tompkins County? Pick up a copy of Gardens 4 Humanity’s (http://ccetompkins.org/www/community/gardens-4-humanity) new resource guide at Cooperative Extension (615 Willow Ave., Ithaca). Or become a full-fledged farmer with Groundswell (http://www.groundswellcenter.org/), the local farming training center.

Pick it!
Cherries, raspberries, peaches and apples—oh my! Check out the Local Foods Guide (http://ccetompkins.org/agriculture/buy-local/guide-local-foods) for a list of U-pick farms in the region.

Buy it!
Join a local CSA (http://ccetompkins.org/agriculture/buy-local/csa-directory) for your fall share of local bounty.

Where’s the beef (and bison and share of local bounty.) for your fall ccetompkins.org/agriculture/buy-local/guide-local-foods) for a list of U-pick farms in the region. Buy it!


Eat it!
Support one of the many restaurants (http://getyourgreenbacktompkins.org/take-a-step/37) that strive to serve locally-grown food, or enjoy a farm-to-table “Harvest Dinner” (http://www.healthfoodforall.org/harvestdinners.htm).

Check to see if your local food pantry distributes local produce. Give your baby the most local and planet-friendly food ever – breastmilk! Join other expecting mothers for a Breastfeeding for the Health of It (http://ccetompkins.org/calendar/10/05/13/breastfeeding-health-it) series.

Preserve it!
Sign up for a CCE canning or freezing class (http://ccetompkins.org/nutrition/food-preservation) to learn to preserve your local fruits and veggies. For more information about all these options, go to getyourgreenback.org http://getyourgreenbacktompkins.org/ – or on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/GetYourGreenBackTompkins).

Karim Beers is the coordinator of the Get Your GreenBack Tompkins campaign, which is sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Tompkins County.

Let’s Move! Family Hike
This year’s Let’s Move hike will take place in the F.R. Newman Arboretum and nearby Fall Creek Natural Area, Aug. 4. Hikers are welcome any time between 1 and 4 p.m.; meet at the ponds and sculpture garden area. Let’s Move is a comprehensive initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, dedicated to raising a healthier generation of kids.

The adventure will feature the use of map and compass to help you find your way; all equipment will be provided, and instructions will be given by the Central New York Orienteering club. A nutritious snack will also be provided, and the first 50 youth will receive a free Let’s Move! t-shirt. All ages are welcome.

Assistance for work and life
Apply now for Cornell Children’s Tuition Scholarship (CCTS): The 2013/2014 CCTS application is now available. The CCTS program provides the children of eligible employees a partial scholarship for study at Cornell or other accredited institutions. See https://www.hr.cornell.edu/benefits/education/ccts.html or call (607) 255-3936.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: This class will be offered Wednesdays, September 25-October 30, 5-6 p.m., at Suite 101, 20 Thornwood Drive (by the airport). Caring for someone with a chronic illness such as dementia, heart disease, Parkinson’s disease or stroke can be stressful physically, emotionally and financially. Learn how to take care of yourself. To register, contact Tompkins County Office of the Aging at 274-5482.

Encore Cornell: The “Pathways to Your Encore” series, part of the Encore Cornell (Engaging Cornell Retirees) program, is designed for Cornell mid-career and pre-retirement employees. The following workshops are upcoming:

• “Re-Finding Your Life Compass… Exploring the Hidden Treasures That Lie Ahead!” will be held August 8, noon-1 p.m. at 163 Day Hall. Sue Hirschberger, expert in leadership and facilitation, will help participants explore the rich possibilities for the next chapters in their lives – whether “what’s next” is a few months or many years ahead.

• “Pathways to Your Encore Focus Group” will be held August 22, noon-1 p.m. at 163 Day Hall. Mid-career faculty and staff are invited to join a focus group to discuss the types of workshops, programs, and resources they would like to have available on campus and on the web. Come to talk, and help create the 2013-14 workshop series Lunch provided. RSVP by August 15 to encore@cornell.edu.

For more information or to register, visit https://www.hr.cornell.edu/retnes/encore_pathways.html or email encore@cornell.edu.
Elves Backpack Program gets a boost

It is not too late to benefit the Elves’ back-to-school Backpack Program by hitting “like” on the CFCU Facebook page or through personal contributions.

CFCU is supporting the Elves Summer Backpack Program as one of their two charities of the month for July. They will make a donation for every “like” they receive on their Facebook page and will use teller donation jars to collect money and match employee donations dollar-for-dollar, up through July 31.

Additionally, Maureen Brull, 130 Day Hall, is accepting filled backpacks up through the August 23, to give to children of need in area schools. To donate, purchase a child’s backpack and fill it with the following items: three folders; #2 pencils; washable markers; two spiral notebooks; pens; erasers; blunt-end scissors; glue sticks; crayons; ruler; small package of tissues; construction paper; one composition book.

Those who would prefer to make a donation rather than shop can make a check out to “the Elves” and send it to Maureen Brull at 130 Day Hall. In order to get the backpacks to the children prior to the first day of school, all backpacks should be delivered to Brull’s office no later than August 23.

The Backpack Program began in the fall, 2007, and now benefits more than 700 children in 23 area schools.

For more information about the Cornell University Elves Summer Backpack Program, see http://www.elves.cornell.edu/backpack.html.

Cornell electricians Jon Ryan, left, and Dave Pawelczyk assemble a new-style LED blue light prior to installing in a fixture.

Low-energy usage makes new ‘blue lights’ special

On this campus boasting of red, you’ll see a slew of new blue lights that green the environment.

To further promote energy conservation, Cornell has been switching all of its approximately 120 campus-safety “blue lights” this summer from energy-hogging incandescent to a light-emitting diode (LED) technology, which sips power at one-tenth the rate.

With incandescent technology – as ancient as inventor Thomas Edison – the metal halide bulbs enjoyed a typical lifespan of two years at best, and the bulb usually dimmed significantly the second year. LED technology is brighter and can be seen in daylight. In addition the new lights are easier to maintain and have a 100,000-hour lifespan.

“The new fixtures are expected to last over 10 years before needing maintenance, and the light level will be nearly ‘new’ the whole time,” said Lanny Joyce, director of energy management in Facilities Services. “Being that these light fixtures provide a beacon to safety phones directly connected to Cornell Police for any campus emergency, the added visibility and reliability the LED provides – along with the huge reduction in electricity usage – are quite amazing.”

Mark Howe, senior energy engineer, says the payback in energy costs is less than three years. The old 150-watt bulbs used 1,300 kilowatt hours each annually, at a cost of $100 per bulb per year. Systemwide, it cost the university about $12,500 in electricity. The new 15-watt LEDs have reduced energy usage by 90 percent, and now the energy cost will be $1,200 a year. Beyond energy savings, these blue lights get green in other ways, since they are mercury- and ultraviolet-free, and Restriction of Hazardous Substances compliant.

Campus blue lights indicate a special telephone directly connected to the Cornell Police. Find a blue light, and you’ll find a phone. If you are lost, having car problems, want to report a suspicious incident or a medical emergency, or for any other kind of assistance, lift the receiver or push the button.

The team working on the project includes: electric shop superintendent Jim O’Brien; assistant superintendent Heather Mulks; foreperson Nate Deeley; electricians Dave Pawelczyk and Jon Ryan; project engineer Brian Watson; Howe and Joyce.
Classified Ads usually run for two weeks. We cannot guarantee an item's availability. If your item is no longer available, let us know and we will remove it.

FOR SALE

2006 Ford Ranger 4 x 4 XLT, $12,500. Low mileage, 5 speed. robinerry@cornell.edu or 607-342-0659.

Bedroom stand, $5. Brown, 2’ 2’’ long, and 1’ 3’’ wide. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

Picture stand, $20, Brown, 3 feet tall. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

Blue Bench, $5. Long, blue, tiny bit of brown in it. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

Coat rack, $5. Brown, 5’ 6’’ good condition. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

Ab lounge, $20. Not for kids, the colors are blue and black, it works well. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

Exercise bike, $20. Good condition, the colors are green, gray, black, it works very well. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

6 drawer stand, $20. Brown dresser, gold handles, 6 drawer stand. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

2 Door White Pantry Closet, $20. In good condition. ar343@cornell.edu or 753-3243.

2010 John Deer e x320, $4,000. OBO. Well maintained! Stored out of the weather. A bit over 200 hours. Includes mower deck, old roller and plow attachments, owners manual, tih39@cornell.edu or 972-4376.

2 male Chinchillas, $200. OBO. Very friendly and come with cage, water bottle, food, bathing house, and lava dust for bathing. Almost 2 yrs. old. tbl17@cornell.edu or 255-9092.

Desk/chair. Desk is in excellent condition, chair is in working condition, but some of the fabric is torn off. $50 for both. jwm275@cornell.edu.

Large L-desk with hutch, $300. 71” Desk w/hutch (minor peeling of veneer) $300 for both. http://www.staples.com/Somerset-71-inch-L-Desk-MAPLEX/product_B1505647, jwm275@cornell.edu.

Kirby Sentria II vacuum cleaner, $200-neq.

Comes w/14 attachments, carpet shampoo system, bags, manual and CD. Not even 1 yr. old works great-have pictures. mas92@cornell.edu.

Specialized “Dolce Sport X3,” $550. Great bike, in great condition! 51 cm. 3 years old, and lovingly cared for (but outdoors). rwh2@cornell.edu or 387-3318.

WANTED

Kindle, $7. Looking for a used Kindle in working condition. If you’ve recently upgraded your eReader and want to make a few bucks. mz17@cornell.edu or 255-4047.

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Free Summer Events Come to a Close

The last week of Cornell’s free summer events, sponsored by Cornell’s School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, includes the following:

The Evil City String Band will deliver a mix of traditional and original tunes and songs on the Arts Quad July 26, at 7 p.m., and the Andrew and Noah Band a concert of high-energy alternative folk music August 2 at 7 p.m. In case of thunderstorms or heavy rain, these Arts Quad concerts will take place in Uris Auditorium.

Fiddlemasters David Kaynor and George Wilson will present music ranging from Celtic, French Canada, and New England reels, jigs, hornpipes, and strathspeys to slow airs, sweet waltzes, and Scandinavian tunes, July 30, 7:30 p.m., at the Schwartz Center.

Cornell psychology professor Shimon Edelman will talk about happiness—its evolutionary basis, cognitive mechanisms and social dynamics—and what can be done to promote it, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., Statler Auditorium.

For more information, visit www.summer.cornell.edu/events, e-mail cusce@cornell.edu, or call 607-255-4987.

AT CORNELL PLANTATIONS

Othello: The Ithaca Shakespeare Company will present “Othello,” one of Shakespeare’s most intense tragedies, at the Jackson Grove, F.R. Newman Arboretum, July 26-28 and August 1-3. All performances are at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and umbrella (performances will continue during rain, but may be halted in case of severe weather).

Admission Aug. 1, $10 suggested; Fri., Sat. and Sun., $10; children 6-12, $5. Limited reserved seating is available for all shows for $20 per person.

Visit the Ithaca Shakespeare Company online at ithacashakespeare.org for tickets.

Nature photography: Join experienced nature photographer Paul Schmitt Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-noon, for an introductory digital camera workshop, “Basic Camera, Beautiful Photos.”

The class will begin in the with instruction on how to create the best composition, avoid over- and under-exposure, and bring out your subject from the background, and then move to the classroom for editing photos. Participants should bring their own digital camera. Cost: $36 ($30 members and Cornell students). Class size limited; pre-registration required. Meet in front of the Nevin Welcome Center.

NO, Deer! Plants for a deer-resistant garden: A free tour of the plantations, August 14, 7-8 p.m., will focus on plants that deer do not like to eat. Instructor and plantations docent Teresa Craighead will lead the tour. Free, but pre-registration is required. Group size limited. Meet in front of the Nevin Welcome Center.

Highlight tours: Free, guided tours of the botanical gardens will be held Saturdays, 10-11 a.m., through Sept. 28; tours of the arboretum will be held Sundays, 10-11 a.m., through Oct.13, except for Sept. 22. Meet in front of the Nevin Welcome Center for the botanical gardens tours and at the Sculpture Garden in the F.R. Newman Arboretum for the arboretum tours.

Sushi session: The workshop “Simply Scrumptious Sushi” will be held Aug. 18, 1-4 p.m., at the Robison Herb Garden and Nevin Welcome Center, on making dipping sauces and homemade vegetarian sushi rolls and rice paper summer wraps, using herbs represented in the Robison Herb Garden and the best of the farmer’s Market seasonal ingredients. Presented by Carine Feist, M.P.H., chef and educator, and Diane Miske, former curator, Cornell Plantations. Cost: $50; $45 members and Cornell students. Pre-registration required.

Pagan and Christian Trees

Professor Thomas D. Hill, Department of English, will present the William H. and Jane Torrence Harder Lecture, “Pagan and Christian Trees: from Ambrose to ‘The Juniper Tree,’” August 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall. The lecture will be a talk about the literary history of some spiritual, cosmological and real trees in the literature of medieval and early modern Europe.

A garden gala party will follow at Plantations’ botanical gardens.

Trip to New York City

Still available: 20 seats on a Swarthout Coach to go to New York City August 10. Sign up now. Discounted fare for these bus trips: $50 per person for Cornell employees and up to four guests.

Most of these 20 seats will need to be filled by Aug. 1 to cover the cost of the bus, or the trip may be canceled.

The next trip to NYC is scheduled for Sept. 14. Call Swarthout Coaches at 257-2277 to make a reservation. Full payment is due at the time of reservation.

Volunteers still needed for Cornell Opening Day, August 23

Opening Day is fast approaching, when more than 3,600 new first-year and transfer students will arrive in Ithaca with their families to begin the next chapter in their academic lives.

Help is needed to welcome these new students and their families, distribute ID cards at New Student Check-in (an information event in Barton Hall), and direct new Cornellians and their families around campus.

All volunteers will receive a volunteer T-shirt; those who provide a half-day of service or more will also receive lunch. All volunteers will be entered in a raffle for two round-trip tickets on the Campus-to-Campus bus!

Consider signing up today at: http:// registrar.sas.cornell.edu/openingday.php.

Questions? Contact Lisa Clark at 254-8580 or lmc20@cornell.edu.

Welcome Center, on making dipping sauces and homemade vegetarian sushi rolls and rice paper summer wraps, using herbs represented in the Robison Herb Garden and the best of the farmer’s Market seasonal ingredients. Presented by Carine Feist, M.P.H., chef and educator, and Diane Miske, former curator, Cornell Plantations. Cost: $50; $45 members and Cornell students. Pre-registration required.