How to move-in 3,700 Cornell students in a single day

BY KAREN BROWN AND JULIE GLANVILLE

Each year, all of Cornell’s new undergraduate students – first-years and transfers – arrive on Opening Day, which this year fell on Aug. 17. Opening Day activities are geared toward getting our newest students settled into their residential communities and acclimated to life on campus before the rest of the student body arrives and classes begin.

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Yet behind the scenes, it takes thousands of staff members and volunteers, who help, from directing traffic to staffing information booths. In the month leading up to Opening Day:

• Thousands of rooms need to be ready, yet many are occupied by live-in programs and conferences during the summer, some as late as three days prior to Opening Day. In many cases, Facilities Services staff have less than two days to clean, make repairs and freshly paint rooms for the next occupants. And while the team is made up of 165 staff members through most of the summer, that number drops to 100 the week before opening, when Cornell dining staff return to regular academic-year positions.

• Orientation staff, led by Sarah Jones, assistant dean of students, have been working all year to prepare welcome and orientation programs for incoming students and will rely on 476 orientation volunteers. The North Campus move-in process will involve 30 members of the “Student Move-In Crew” and about 250 fraternity and sorority “Movers and Shakers.”

In addition, 20 ROTC members assist by running students’ personal belongings to rooms in the larger buildings with long waits for the elevators.

• The transportation team, led by John Durbin and Cornell Police Officer Anthony Piedigrossi, have trained staff across campus on approach routes, traffic flow, parking and TCAT bus routes and service. Volunteers and staff will line the approach routes to help families and students find their way.

• University Registrar staff have organized the new student check-in event at Barton Hall, where students will collect their ID cards, sign up for meal plans, learn about resources and services on campus, apply for student-staff positions and find ways to get involved in campus life.

• Residential staff and faculty members have already welcomed 160-plus student-staff members to begin training. These teams will check-in students on move-in day and meet with residents to encourage respect for one another, get involved with floor, hall and area activities, and provide information about campus resources.

• And finally, there’s Dump and Run, Cornell’s annual campuswide waste-reduction and recycling program, that involves staff, student and community volunteers. This group provides thousands of volunteer hours to collect items students might otherwise throw away when leaving campus in May, sort and organize the collected items during the summer, and resell them at a huge sale in August.

Since Dump and Run started in 2003, more than $222,000 has been raised to benefit local nonprofit organizations.

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Tech Talk
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IT@Cornell: Planning Our Future, Together

All of us can help plan for technologies that will permeate our professional lives over the next five years.

How?
Register now to attend “IT@Cornell: Planning Our Future, Together” at http://www.it.cornell.edu/cms/cio/strategic/future.cfm.

It’s a day-long event (September 11) with keynote speakers (morning) and 10 different discussion topics (afternoon), designed to inspire community dialog around the future of IT@Cornell. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Can’t set aside the whole day? The registration form at https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_iEu700ZxGRH0vq lets you pick and choose the parts of the event of most interest to you.

What else? It’s free. Lunch is included.


Discussion topics: Research computing, adoption of learning technologies, classroom technologies, technology support, administrative systems, mobile technologies, student expectations, mobile technologies for teaching, online learning and massive open online courses. Register at https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_iEu700ZxGRH0vq by August 31.

Comment on IT Questions of the Week

The campus community has been weighing in on technology issues all summer by responding to IT Questions of the Week, and it isn’t too late to put in your two cents. Visit the new IT@Cornell Dialog blog at http://blogs.cornell.edu/itdialog/ to add your comments to past questions and read or comment on new responses from the CIO’s office. Watch PawPrint and PawPrint FLASH to comment on new questions.

Tech Training Spotlight

Want to learn about the new features in Windows Server 2012? This hands-on course will outline new management and access features such as Server Manager, Active Directory and PowerShell. Also covered: storage and network improvements as well as High Availability and significant changes to Hyper-V contained in Windows Server 2012. Register now for a one-day Windows Server 2012 First Look class scheduled for October 11.

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

A summer of projects readies old buildings for new students

NANCY DOOLITTLE

With the arrival of some 20,000 students, campus is again buzzing with activity. But for staff members in areas such as Student and Academic Services (SAS) Facilities Management, the busiest period starts in late May, when students leave for the summer and construction on major upgrades and repairs to the residence halls begins.

Especially critical are such projects as the $5.0 million bathroom project in Clara Dickson Hall – the largest residence hall in the Ivy League, with almost 600 beds – and Sheldon Court. Other projects occurring simultaneously were the painting of several hundred student residence rooms in Dickson, as well as elevator upgrades, residence hall kitchen upgrades, masonry repairs, ventilation and roof upgrades and repairs across the residential areas of campus.

In summer 2011, 10 bathrooms in Dickson and 8 in Sheldon Court were similarly gutted, with new wall and floor tile, toilet partitions and fixtures, both plumbing and lighting, installed. This summer, the remaining 11 bathrooms in Dickson, two in Von Cramm, a cooperative living house, and three in Sheldon Court were similarly gutted and renovated. All were made accessible to those with disabilities.

“In the course of 10 short weeks, our project management team – Bonnie Griffith, Chad Loomis, Lisa James and MariJane Johnson – worked with the trades shops in Facilities Services, and off-campus architects, engineers and contractors to construct and complete these projects,” said Karen Muckstadt, director of Facilities Management in SAS. “This group of staff is responsible for project management of all SAS construction projects that take place over the summer. At times, we have 10-15 active projects in construction at one time.”

Muckstadt said the Dickson project was completed a week ahead of schedule and on budget, a great accomplishment for her team. Reflecting on the past months of planning and construction, she said, “I am not certain people know how much work it takes behind the scenes to get ready for the fall semester. “But it is worth it to see the students appreciate new space and to know we are working to keep the building safe and in good repair while making the spaces more attractive to our current and future students.”

Karen Muckstadt, director of Facilities Management in SAS

From left to right: Karen Muckstadt, Bonnie Griffith, Chad Loomis and Lisa James. Not shown: MariJane Johnson.
Healthy living program motivates staffer to learn to swim

NANCY DOOLITTLE

With a master’s degree in history from Cornell in 2008 and another in library science from Syracuse University in 2010, Hilary Dorsch Wong, reference coordinator and senior manuscript processing specialist in the Cornell Library Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, has much to be proud of.

But ask her for her most recent accomplishment, and she will describe how she overcame a phobia and learned to swim this past year, thanks to Cornell’s Wellness Program. Her membership in the program was free as a benefit of her participation in the Cornell Program for Healthy Living (CPHL), one of the health insurance plans offered by the university.

Wong said that she originally joined the CPHL for financial reasons: It had no deductible, a small premium and great coverage, including a comprehensive yearly physical.

“I joined CPHL when I began working at Cornell because it was the most affordable option, rather than because I had prevailing health problems I wanted to address,” she said. “I thought the Wellness membership benefit sounded nice, in theory, but I didn’t do anything with it until I had been here a full year.”

Wong had known for many years that she should learn how to swim but, because of earlier experiences, kept postponing doing anything about it. “I’d been terrified of the water since childhood,” she said.

The Wellness benefit motivated her to join a beginner’s swimming class in fall 2011. Her instructor, Colleen Reilly, was especially patient with Wong’s anxieties. At first Wong was frantically focused on developing a correct technique, but Reilly kept telling her to relax. Eventually, as Wong described it, “a switch flipped”: “I finally learned not to fight the water. I found that I not only could swim, but actually enjoyed it,” she said, calling her accomplishment “liberating.”

“I was so excited, I went home and called and emailed everyone and posted my experience on Facebook,” she said.

Wong then took the Advanced Beginners class and now swims two or three times a week at Helen Newman. She has also taken advantage of such CPHL benefits as nutritional counseling and a fitness consultation through the Wellness Program and the free annual physical examination through CPHL. “I am in by far the best physical shape of my life,” she said.

“If it hadn’t been for the CPHL giving me that nudge by making the Wellness membership and, thus, my PE class free, I might never have gone through with taking the class and might never have known what I was missing,” she said.

Child care grant application period begins Sept. 1

Applications for Cornell’s 2013 child care grants for faculty and staff members will be available online beginning Sept. 1. The grant covers legally recognized infant and toddler day care, preschool and pre-kindergarten programs, child care for school holidays, school-age summer day camps or programs, and before- and after-school care. The application period will run Sept. 1-Oct. 1.

The university’s Child Care Grant Program helps faculty and staff pay for child care expenses with grants of up to $5,000 a year, tax free. To receive grant funds, applicants must be eligible to participate in the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. Cornell Cooperative Extension county association employees are not eligible for the program.

To apply, complete the application online at https://cfp-ohr.hosting.cornell.edu/hr/benefits/education/childcare_grant/, print it and submit the paper copy to Benefit Services, 130 Day Hall, along with the signature page and supporting documentation, either hand-delivered or U.S. postmarked by Oct. 1.

For detailed information on the program and application process, see http://hr.cornell.edu/life/support/child_care_grant.html or contact the Benefit Services Resource Center at 607-255-3936 or by email, childcare@cornell.edu. Undergraduate and graduate/professional students can find child care grant guidelines and applications that apply to them at http://studentparents.dos.cornell.edu/ or by email: gradstudentlife@cornell.edu.
Backpack Program still accepting donations

The Backpack Program, which supplies backpacks filled with basic school supplies to area needy children in kindergarten through sixth grade, is still accepting donations, either in the form of filled backpacks or checks.

Those interested in participating are asked to buy a backpack, fill it with school supplies and deliver it to Maureen Brull, senior consultant of education and voluntary plans, Benefit Services, 130 Day Hall, anytime before the end of August. The cost of a backpack and supplies is usually about $20; checks can be made out to “The Elves” and sent to Brull’s attention at 130 Day Hall.

Donors may direct their backpack to any participating school, should they desire. The lists of schools, contacts and supplies are on the program’s website at http://www.elves.cornell.edu.

Questions can be directed to Brull at 607-255-7509, email mpb8@cornell.edu.

Campus Club expands membership

All women affiliated with Cornell, as well as their friends and colleagues, are invited to the Campus Club of Cornell University Fall Coffee, September 6, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Clarion University Hotel, 1 Sheraton Drive. The Campus Club was organized in 1900 to welcome newcomers to campus and to promote friendship among the women of Cornell.

The Fall Coffee provides an opportunity to meet new and old friends and sign-up for activity groups. This year the Campus Club offers 22 activity groups, six lectures and programs, classes on English as a second language, international friendship groups, a winter tea and a spring luncheon. See www.campusclub.cornell.edu.

Cornell Police receive national recognition

NANCY DOOLITTLE

For the fifth year, Cornell has been recognized as one of the top U.S. universities for its promotion of traffic safety, placing second among 15 university law enforcement agencies in the National Law Enforcement Challenge, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). This is the second consecutive year in which Cornell has been awarded the second-place ranking.

This year the university highlighted the work done in two areas to enhance the safety of Cornell community members and visitors: the Pedestrian, Bike and Skateboard (PBS) Education and Enforcement Program, implemented by Cornell Police, and its many efforts to increase alcohol awareness.

The PBS program was made possible through a New York state grant that paid for educational flyers and stepped up patrolling of intersections and pedestrian crossings. “At the beginning of the fall 2011 semester, we stopped 178 pedestrians in the course of two days who were disregarding traffic signals when crossing a street,” said Sergeant Anthony Tostanoski. He also said the police increased bike safety and skateboarding enforcement, stopping nearly four times as many bicyclists and more than six times as many skateboarders for unsafe practices as in the past.

The Cornell University Police use a wide variety of approaches to increase awareness about unhealthy drinking behaviors and address underage and binge drinking, including visiting Greek houses to hold lectures and mocktail parties, where only nonalcoholic drinks are served, and presenting awareness information to students in the Hotel School’s popular Wine and Society class, Tostanoski said. Last year they reached more than 3,500 students through these efforts, he said.

“All these programs, combined with our officers’ dedication and day-to-day efforts, have greatly increased awareness of campus safety this past year,” said Chief of Police Kathy Zoner.

“I am very pleased with the work that our police continue to do to keep this campus safe, not only for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, but also for all those who live and work here,” said Mary Opperman, vice president for human resources and safety services. “This recognition acknowledges their unwavering commitment to protecting the campus community.”

The university became eligible for the national challenge when the Cornell University Police received first-place honors at the New York Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge this spring. The Cornell Police will be formally recognized at the annual IACP conference in San Diego, Sept. 29-Oct. 3.

The National Law Enforcement Challenge is a traffic safety awards program that recognizes excellent law enforcement traffic safety programs, supported through a cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs’ Association and the Governors Highway Safety Association.

Pawprint photo contest deadline is extended to Sept. 7

It’s time to take those end-of-summer photos – and enter them into the Pawprint Photo Contest. The deadline for submission has been extended from Aug. 24 to Sept. 7.

Faculty and staff can submit up to four digital images among the following categories: Adults, Animals, Cornell (any location), Humor, Landscape/Nature, Special Effects (digital enhancement), Structures/Buildings and Unspecified.

See Pawprint June 15 issue or www.pawprint.cornell.edu for rules.
Cornell is first Ivy to be certified for sustainable seafood

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2006 article in Science Magazine predicted that if humans continue to fish at the same rates with the same practices, all the world’s fisheries will collapse by 2048. As a response to such concerns, Cornell is buying more sustainable seafood.

This month, Cornell became the first Ivy League school to be certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) for its use of sustainable seafood in its dining halls.

To meet MSC certification standards, seafood must come from sustainable fisheries, which have low impacts on marine ecosystems, and MSC-certified processors and distributors. Cornell acquires its seafood from many outlets, including Binghamton's Maines Paper and Food Service, which was MSC certified in January. While some of its vendors are not sustainably certified, Cornell Dining is establishing new partnerships with sustainable seafood vendors all over the East Coast. Sustainable seafood is slightly more expensive, so the all-you-can-eat dining halls will serve smaller portions.

Cornell’s decision to become MSC certified “means we are making a commitment to make sure seafood is available for our children and grandchildren by knowing how fish are caught and handled and treated,” said Gail Finan ’69, director of Cornell’s Dining and Retail Services.

To comply with certification, Cornell must maintain records of where fish are purchased, how they are cooked and how much is left over. Each year MSC will audit Cornell. “Everything we do has to be transparent,” said Finan.

One way to fish sustainably is to catch species that have large ocean populations, such as barramundi and swai, both white-fleshed fish. Cornell Dining has had to adapt their practices to more widely use these less traditional fish. Cornell Dining is committed to instituting sustainable practices. In addition to being MSC certified, 20 percent of the food Cornell Dining uses is locally grown and some 515 tons of food scraps and organic waste are composted annually, for example.

Upcoming Cooperative Extension workshops, Aug. 25-Sept. 12

Composting

Master Composter volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County will provide information and hands-on demonstrations on how to set-up and manage a successful composting system, August 25, 10-11 a.m. at the new Compost Demonstration site, Ithaca Farmers’ Market, 545 Third Street, Ithaca. Questions? Contact Mila Fournier at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County (607) 272-2292 or ymf5@cornell.edu.

Finger Lakes Cheese Trail open house

Visit local cheese producers and sample their products, August 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at various locations in the Finger Lakes. These producers make artisan cheeses from milk produced at their family farms, ranging from English style raw milk cheddars, cheese curd, gouda and swiss types to blue cheeses, cherve and feta. Free. Information at ccetompkins.org/cheesetrail; visit http://flcheesetrail.com/; or call (607) 272-2292 or email mx55@cornell.edu.

Harvest dinner

Menu and wines from Red Newt Cellars Winery and Bistro will be served at a harvest dinner at Stick and Stone Farm, August 26, 5-9 p.m., 1605 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca. Proceeds benefit “Healthy Food for All,” a collaboration between CCE-Tompkins and local farms to provide community-supported agriculture scholarship shares for 125 families in the community with limited incomes.

Tickets are $75-$150/person all-inclusive, and may be purchased online or by check. Visit: http://www.healthyfoodforall.org/ or call Liz Karabinakis at (607) 272-2292.

Garden chefs mini-camp international

Join Ithaca Children’s Garden for a mini-camp packed with two days of flavor and fun, August 29-30, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Ithaca Children’s Garden, Rt. 89 at Cass Park, Ithaca. Learn how to build a solar oven; explore creative ways to cook garden-fresh ingredients outside. For rising 1st-5th graders. Cost: non-members: $100-120, members: $90-110, sliding scale. For more information: Leigh MacDonald-Rizzo (607) 272-2292 x186 or lam26@cornell.edu.

Summer Sprouts

Experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on gardening projects, on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m., through Sept. 12 at Ithaca Children’s Garden, Rt. 89 at Cass Park, Ithaca. Especially for young children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Free and open to the public; donations welcome. For more information: Leigh MacDonald-Rizzo 272-2292 x186 or lam26@cornell.edu.

Garden chefs drop-in program

Gardening, cooking and culture combine in a series of hands-on lessons, final one on August 30, 10-11 a.m., at Ithaca Children's Garden, Rt. 89 at Cass Park, Ithaca. Harvest from the garden, learn cooking skills, and prepare and eat snacks, salads, meals and more. Ages 4+ with caregiver. $6-10 self-determined sliding scale. No need to register in advance. For more information: Leigh MacDonald-Rizzo 272-2292 x186 or lam26@cornell.edu.

Cooperative Extension Board of Directors meeting

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County Board of Directors will meet Sept. 6, 5-7 p.m., at the CCE-Tompkins Extension Education Center. Members of the public are welcome. For more information: ccetompkins.org or (607) 272-2292.
New York City Day Trips for faculty and staff

Spaces are still available for the Cornell Recreation Connection day trips to New York City for Cornell staff and faculty. Call Swarthout Coaches at 257-2277 to make a reservation. $50 per person for Cornell employees and their guests. Full payment is due at the time of reservation.

The Calendar for 2012

All trips are on Saturdays: September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8.

Itinerary for “Day on Your Own in NYC”

• 6:30 a.m. bus leaves Cornell’s B-Lot (you must have your boarding pass to board the bus).
• 11:30 a.m. bus arrives at NYC with drop offs at Bryant Park and Macy’s (34th Street and 7th Ave).
• Spend the day on your own in the city.
• The bus leaves from Bryant Park ONLY at 8 p.m. sharp, returning to Cornell at about 12:30 a.m.

Group guitar lessons Sept. 10

Once again, the Student Union Board at Cornell presents Phil Shapiro’s Group Folk Guitar Lessons. Learn to play acoustic guitar or improve your guitar playing with this inexpensive course.

There are eight one-hour lessons, on Monday evenings, starting Sept. 10, in the International Lounge of Willard Straight Hall. Registration is at the first lesson. Just come and bring a guitar.

Beginners class, 7 p.m.: For those who have never played at all or who have played just a little. By the end of the first lesson, you can play a simple song.

Intermediates class, 8 p.m.: For players with some experience and knowledge of basic chords who want to learn finger-picking or break out of repetitious patterns. It includes an introduction to improvisation.

Those who are unsure which class is for them should come to both. The entire course costs $60, payable at the first lesson. The course is open to the general public. For further information, call Phil Shapiro at 844-4535, or e-mail at pds10@cornell.edu.

Learn Something New

Career and skills development courses

Thinking of developing your career this fall? Consider the following courses, offered to staff and faculty. Register online at http://cornell.vplan.net/show.aspx?mi=3349. These and many other courses can be found in the course catalog at http://cornell.vplan.net/Education/catalog.aspx by searching on the course name. Questions can be directed to Organizational Development for Faculty and Staff (ODFS) at (607) 254-6400.

Communications Certificate Program. Held each Thursday, Sept. 6-Dec. 13, 9-11:30 a.m. Cost: $300. The program provides participants with a baseline competency in effective communication – interpersonal skills, written communication, and informal oral presentation – and includes training on all types and aspects of communication to express oneself professionally. Contact: Amy Stewart, abs273@cornell.edu or 254-2352.

Office Professionals Certificate Program. Held each Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012-March 27, 2013, 9-11 a.m. Cost: $375. This program provides an environment for networking, career management and increased self-confidence. The curriculum includes instruction on writing, communication and career development. Two on-line courses are required for a certificate, one business and one technical. Participants are also required to complete a development plan and résumé and meet with the program coordinator individually for two hours, one hour in the fall and one hour in the spring. The class meets at different locations across campus. Contact: Jennifer Fonseca, at jdf62@cornell.edu or 254-1635.

“The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People”. This workshop is based on the principals found in Stephen R. Covey’s best-selling business book. The Seven Habits program increases both personal and professional effectiveness by helping you learn to take initiative; balance key priorities; and learn how to leverage creative collaboration. This intensive, three-day workshop will be held Sept. 26-28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the ILR Conference Center. Cost: $500. Last day to register is Sept. 7.

“Leading at the Speed of Trust”. This workshop engages leaders at all levels in identifying and closing the trust gaps that exist in their organizations. Instead of paying outrageous “trust taxes,” your organization can begin to realize “trust dividends.” Doing business at the “speed of trust” dramatically lowers costs, speeds up results and increases profits and influence. This course will be held Dec. 6-7, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

SkillSoft Online Courses

To access one or more of the 2000 online SkillSoft technical or business courses at no cost to your department, contact ODFS at (607) 254-6400 or e-mail:SkillSoft@cornell.edu to obtain an ID and password. You can then access the SkillSoft e-learning site.

Technical Training

CIT Training is offering the following classes. For a complete listing of technical training resources, go to www.cit.cornell.edu/training. Have a question? Contact workshop-info@cornell.edu.

• Excel 2010 Basic. Sept. 10; 8 a.m.-noon, 120 Maple Ave. Training Room 150; $105.
• Excel 2010 Charts, Pivot Tables, Formulas & Functions. Sept. 10; 12:30-4:30 p.m., 120 Maple Ave. Training Room 150; $105.
• Word 2010 Tables. Sept. 14; 10 a.m.-noon, 120 Maple Ave. Training Room 150; $59.
• PowerPoint 2010 Animation. Sept. 14; 1-3 p.m., 120 Maple Ave. Training Room 150; $59.

Workshops at Olin and Uris Libraries

Workshops are on such topics as Photoshop, Confluence Wiki, e-books, research tools and others. Online registration is required. Course descriptions and online registration can be found at http://olin.uris.library.cornell.edu/workshops.

For more listings of human resource, career development and information technology workshops, see WorkLife at Cornell at https://www.hr.cornell.edu/hr_news.html.
Plantations possibilities

Arboretum highlight tours
Free arboretum guided tours are held every Sunday through Sept. 23, highlighting some of the stunning tree and shrub collections and diverse garden plantings. Actual tour content will vary from week to week, depending on the plants, season and interests of the group. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet by the Sculpture Garden, F. R. Newman Arboretum.

Botanical Garden highlight tours
Free guided tours through the Botanical Gardens continue every Saturday through Sept. 29 at 1 p.m., meet at the Nevin Welcome Center. Discover the beauty and diversity of numerous theme gardens. Actual tour content will vary from week to week, depending on the plants, season, interests of the group and whim of the docent. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Lecture on John Ruskin
Paul Sawyer, professor of English, will present the William H. and Jane Torrence Harder Lecture, “The First Ecologist: John Ruskin and the Futures of Landscape,” August 29 at 5:30 p.m., Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall.

John Ruskin—art critic, amateur scientist, utopian socialist, and one of the greatest prose stylists—saw landscape painting as an art, a branch of science and a religious act all at once. This lecture traces Ruskin’s career from his precise drawings of clouds, rocks, leaves, and sculptured walls and niches, into his storm-driven middle years. A garden gala party will follow at Plantations’ botanical garden.

Beautiful botanicals
A hands-on class offered by Camille Doucet, Sept. 6, 13, 20 and Oct. 4, 11, 18, at 6-9 p.m., Nevin Welcome Center, will introduce painting the flora of the Plantations’ botanical collections while guiding artists of all levels to greater breadth of skills. From plant observation and drawing, to plant perspective, composition and color mixing, the course will explore black and white, color pencil, pen and ink, and go into greater depth with watercolor. A suggested materials list is available. Pre-registration is required. $200 ($180 members and Cornell students).

Rain Gardens
Learn to create a rain garden—a shallow, vegetated depression that collects, absorbs, cools and filters the stormwater runoff—from natural areas manager Nikki Cerra, Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Nevin Welcome Center. A rain garden is an inexpensive, relatively simple way to keep waters clean while simultaneously adding value and beauty to your yard. Pre-registration is required. $24 ($20 members and Cornell students).

Let’s Move! family hike
Let’s Move! is a comprehensive initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, dedicated to raising a healthier generation of kids. Join Cornell President David Skorton and Robin Davisson as they kick off Plantations’ Let’s Move! hike from the Nevin Welcome Center Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. (hikers are welcome anytime between 2 and 5 p.m.), going around the Beebe Lake Natural Area or through the Botanical Gardens. Kids can have fun with a letter-boxing activity to search for hidden treasures along the way and enjoy healthy snacks.

More information: www.cornellplantations.org

Fundraising walk to prevent suicide slated for Sept. 8
Support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention by participating in the “Out of the Darkness Community Walk” Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Cass Park, Ithaca. Participation in the walk is free, and all are welcome.

In addition to the walk, the event will feature guest speakers, information from Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services in Ithaca, singers from a local church, additional music and food. All proceeds from the event will go to suicide education and prevention on the local and national levels.

To register, donate or learn more, visit http://www.outofthedarkness.org or contact Cornell University Police Officer Ellen Brewer at 607-255-1111 or efb5@cornell.edu. Help raise awareness, learn about prevention or move forward on your own path to healing.

This event is co-sponsored by the Cornell University Police, with additional support from Cornell’s Division of Human Resources and Safety Services, Office of the Judicial Administrator, Building Care and Gannett Health Services.

Small fruit open house
A small fruit open house will be held Aug. 31, 12:45-4:15 p.m., beginning at Cornell Orchards on Route 366 across from the Vet School parking lot and then proceeding to the East Ithaca Farm, located just around the corner on Maple Ave.

Marvin Pritts, Cornell professor of horticulture and host for the open house, will introduce a new low-tunnel strawberry production system and discuss ongoing research in high-tunnel black raspberries and blackberries.

Additionally, Courtney Weber, associate professor in horticultural sciences and small fruits breeder, Cathy Heidenreich, extension specialist, and Jim Ochterski, extension educator, will be on hand to present information and answer questions on new small fruit crops and production practices.

The program is free and open to the public but pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. Signs will be posted on the day of the event. Register by contacting Cathy Heidenreich, email mcm4@cornell.edu, phone 315-787-2367.

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CCL38. 216-8252.

Merry Mac Shredder-Chipper. 3 pt, PTO, chiper. Excellent condition. $800. shop.tools/product_39811_39811. LDAl. 539-6726.


2009 Kawasaki “Vulcan” 500. Has a little over 1000 mi, red. $4500. Has small scrape in the paint but comes with a new tank still in box that I paid $700 for. jaal5.

Snow tires. Set of 4 nearly new snow tires. 205/65 R15. $100. bk82. 351-4159.

Drums: 5 piece (PDP) youth drum set blue. 1 & a half yrs old. Excellent condition. $200.

sm30. 793-7392.

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Family room furniture: sofa, loveseat, rocker/recliner. All seats recline. Like new! Very very comfy. Moved and have no room for it. $875.

kmb63. 255-0026.

King-size bedroom suite: 4-year old Ashley set. Paid over $8,000 but will sell for $2,750 (FIRM). E-mail mz17@cornell for pics and more info if interested. 255-4047.

Piano: Lovely, older Cable Nelson piano for sale, good cond., needs tuning. A reasonable offer will be accepted; you move.PA available. $ 200/OBO. mjblt. 351-0004.


2000 Subaru Legacy Wagon: automatic, 154,000 mi., new tires & brakes. Metically maintained for the last 8 years, with maintenance records. $3800. dhm8. 255-3049.

Washer. 2-year-old washer for sale, moved and no room for it. $200. tle2. 255-9610.


Bedroom furniture: Kid’s bed, bookcase headboard, drawers in frame, twin mattress, like new, $100. jrc67. 255-7564.


Grunman 17’ Canoe: Canoe in great shape, just needs a polish. Paddles & cartop carrier negotiable. $400. deh2. 539-6871.

WANTED
Four or more good people to join The Big Red Toastmasters! $ Free 2 try. Meet @ 130 Seneca St 1st & 2nd Tues., 3rd & 4th Thurs. of each mo. 12:30-1:30 p.m.; aw269. 254-8013.

Pop-up camper in good condition. Would like to be able to tow with Pontiac Vibe. $ negotiable. sp18. 672-5513.


Cornell faculty band, mostly original material, alt-country sound, (Steve Earle, Uncle Tupelo) seeks bass player. wbw9. 255-9719.

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NEW EXHIBITS AT THE JOHNSON MUSEUM
Beginning Sept. 1, two new exhibits will be on display at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art. “Harry Bertoia: Sound and Vision”: Born in Italy, Harry Bertoia (1915–1978) emigrated to the United States as a teenager and became a prolific sculptor, printmaker and draftsman (his total artistic output has been estimated by some at more than fifty thousand works). This exhibition presents features of the artist’s “sounding” or “tonal” sculptures from the Museum’s permanent collection. These were acquired when the Museum first opened, in 1973, and have not been seen (or heard) by our audiences in many years.

TOURISM HISTORY IN ROBERT H. TREMAN STATE PARK
The story of Henrietta Wickham, 19th-century owner of the Enfield Falls Hotel, and the origins of Robert H. Treman Park as a tourist location will be told at The History Center, September 6, 5:30–7 p.m.

Robert H. Treman State Park’s reputation as a tourist hub can be traced back to Henrietta Wickham, the co-owner with her husband, of the Enfield Falls Hotel, a resort hotel near Ithaca. Because of his long-term illness, she became the sole manager of the hotel and the resort.

Speakers will include archaeologist Shenee Baugh and associate professor of landscape architecture at Cornell University, who is leading an excavation of the Enfield Falls Hotel site with her students, and Josh Teeter, New York State Park environmental educator, who will discuss the recent history of the park as it relates to education and tourism.

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