A quiet gathering for a Veteran’s Day open house at Barton Hall Nov. 11 provided a reminder of Cornell’s longstanding support of the U.S. armed forces and the university’s growing community of veterans and military personnel.

The open house, sponsored by Cornell’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) detachment with a reception hosted by the Cornell Veterans Colleague Network Group (VCNG), was held in the Wortham Military Museum, one of three rooms in Barton dedicated to remembering Cornell’s veterans. “You can see the legacy of those who have come before you, and be inspired by the past,” said Cadet Samuel Tomé ’16, at the gathering.

The museum, which records and preserves Cornell’s military history, was made possible by a bequest from Capt. Howard Wortham, Class of 1914, and is managed by the Army ROTC. The other two rooms in Barton are Hart Memorial Library, dedicated to Cadet Tri-Services Commander First Lieutenant Robert Bruce Hart and maintained by the Army ROTC, and the Maj. Richard Gannon Memorial Room, named for a late graduate of the Navy ROTC Class of ’94 and maintained by the Navy ROTC. Cornell’s Department of Military Science and two plaques commemorating Cornellians who served in the U.S. Army in World War I are also housed in Barton.

Jase Baese, an information technology manager in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said that the VCNG recently created a Veterans Memorial website, with a photomap tour, map and descriptions of these and Cornell’s eight other memorial sites, including the World War II memorial in the rotunda of Annabel Taylor Hall, the War Memorial between Lyons and McFadden halls in honor of Cornellians who died in World War I, and a large bronze bas relief in honor of Clifton Beckwith Brown, the first Cornellian to die in battle, in the battle of San Juan Hill, 1898. A recently formed chapter of Team Red, White and Blue will periodically hold tours of the memorials, he said.

The VCNG, a networking, advocacy and community-building group for Cornell’s veterans and military personnel, has recently focused on community-building endeavors, said co-chair Emily Franco ’92, director of the School of Hotel Administration/Culinary Institute of America Alliance who served in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, 1992-96, and the Army Reserve, 1997-2001. In addition to expanding its membership — about 25 members meet monthly and more than 300 people are on its email list — the VCNG held an open house last April and worked diligently with several entities on campus to open the Veterans Affairs Office at the Humphries Building, staffed by a representative from the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans and their family members with medical and educational benefits counseling and general advocacy.


This past year, 15 self-identified veterans were hired into staff positions at the Ithaca campus, joining the approximately 350 self-identified veterans already employed by the university in staff and faculty positions.
Tech Talk
By Beth Goelzer Lyons

Upgrading Office 365 and a new Outlook Web App
A new look for Outlook Web App is coming in December. Microsoft is upgrading Office 365, Cornell’s email service for faculty and staff, starting sometime the first week of December.

You won’t see differences with Outlook 2010 (Windows), Outlook 2011 (Mac), Apple Mail 6 or Thunderbird. They’ll work like they did before.

The upgraded Outlook Web App (outlook.cornell.edu) will be much improved, with more of the features available with Outlook. And unlike Outlook, you can get to Outlook Web App anywhere you can use a web browser. The upgraded Outlook Web App:

• Has a streamlined look and feel
• Can search for people or messages
• Opens multiple calendars in a single, overlaid view to make it easier to spot availability
• Lets you reply to messages without opening a new window
• Links together similar entries in your Contacts folder automatically
• Can be used offline with certain browsers when a network connection isn’t available
• Works well with tablets and smartphones
• Looks nearly identical to Outlook 2013
• Works best with Internet 9 or higher, Firefox 17 or higher, Chrome 24 or higher, and Safari 6 or higher

Microsoft estimates that upgrading the whole campus will take eight calendar days. Your account could be upgraded anytime during this period. Microsoft won’t notify you ahead of time, but you will receive an email notification from CIT afterward. While your account is being upgraded, you’ll be able to keep working with your email and calendar, but it may be slow for about an hour or so.

All staff and faculty who use Office 365 are receiving emails about what to expect during the Office 365 upgrade. You can also visit the Office 365 upgrade site at www.it.cornell.edu/office365upgrade. The IT or computer support staff in your college or unit, and Cornell’s IT Service Desk, will be able to help you if you need.

Tech Training Spotlight
CIT Training Services is offering a workshop about the new Outlook Web App. This workshop focuses on helping you leverage the new features and ways to manage your mailbox. Register now for the two-hour Outlook Web App (OWA) 365/Wave 15 – New Features workshop being offered Dec. 6.

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

Cornell United Way Campaign passes the halfway mark
With more than $400,000 in pledges and contributions, the 2013-14 Cornell United Way Campaign has passed the halfway mark toward its goal of $815,000.

“Last year, our campaign goal was also $815,000, but in spite of our hard work, we fell short of that goal. We don’t want that to happen again this year, as many local and area community residents depend on us to help meet critical needs,” said Campaign Chair KyuJung Whang, vice president for facilities. Cornell contributions can be targeted to the Community Care Fund, the Urgent Rx Prescription Program or Hunger and Food Security Programs, student engagement, more than four dozen community service agencies throughout the county and United Way agencies in neighboring counties.

To provide an extra boost to the campaign, the opening home game of Cornell Women’s Hockey served as a fundraiser for the Cornell United Way campaign. In recognition of the team’s support, University Librarian Anne Kenney, deputy-chair of the Cornell United Way Campaign, invites staff and faculty to celebrate the Thanksgiving weekend by bringing their families to the women’s ice hockey games against Boston College at Lynah Rink, Nov. 29 and 30.

“Thanks to the work of the student campaign, led by Christina Roberti and Sam Coleman; the department and unit campaign ambassadors; the Cornell Women’s Hockey team; and the generosity of the entire Cornell community, we can sustain our current momentum and meet or exceed our goal within the next few weeks,” said Whang.

To make a contribution:
You can donate online at the Cornell United Way website (http://www.unitedway.cornell.edu/) or download and complete a pledge card (https://www.uwtc.org/sites/uwtconeeach.org/files/UWTC%20Pledge%20Card%202011.pdf) if you did not receive one via campus mail, mailing pledge cards via campus mail to:

Cornell United Way Campaign
c/o DFA
341 Pine Tree Road
East Hill Plaza

Our Goal: $815,000
North America’s only ‘snail wrangler’ on Discovery

SUSAN LANG

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y day, Marla Coppolino seeks companies to license and commercialize Cornell’s life sciences technologies for the Cornell Center for Technology Enterprise and Commercialization.

But by night, she is one of only a handful of snail experts in the country and North America’s only “snail wrangler” who professionally manages snails for film and photography featured on the Discovery Channel in Canada. She is also a research associate for two scientific institutions with various research projects underway and a budding entrepreneur who will have a line of snail products (T-shirts, iPhone covers, wall hangings) very soon.

That’s not all: Coppolino is a Nigerian dwarf goat breeder and trainer (goat Lulu just got certified by Cornell Companions so she can be taken to nursing homes and schools) and maker of goat cheese, soap and lotion; a professional biological illustrator with dozens of published credits and a fine arts painter whose work has been exhibited in several dozen shows; and a board member and soprano for the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers, which seeks to preserve the art form of the “Negro spiritual.”

On her four-acre Groton farm, Coppolino also cares for a donkey, three ducks, three guinea fowls, a cat and parakeet and more than 50 land snails.

“I have loved snails ever since I was 7 and discovered land snails in our suburban New Jersey backyard,” says the petite malacologist (mollusk expert).

After working at the American Museum of Natural History as a collections manager, overseeing 117,000 lots of mollusks with some 1 million specimens, Coppolino earned a master’s in zoology with a focus on the diversity and abundance of snails in ecosystems. She’s been part of various research projects as a research associate at Ithaca’s Paleontological Research Institute and at the Delaware Museum of Natural History.

“We don’t even know if some snail species are endangered or not because there’s not enough data on them,” says Coppolino, “yet so much of nature thrives because many insects, birds and other animals feed on snails to glean calcium and other vital nutrients. … I think that the ecosystem could potentially collapse without them.”

As a snail wrangler, Coppolino was recently interviewed by the Discovery Channel about how snails eat and whether their slime is of any benefit to humans (they are). And she managed snakes for a photo shoot for Vogue magazine earlier this month.

“I love land snails because they are patient, humble and curious about the world around them in their own leisurely and ponderous way,” Coppolino says. “I find the spiral form of their shells beautiful and fascinating – the coil is based on a mathematical logarithm. I admire them so much because of their place in the food web – the bottom.

“I think if general audiences see snails on TV, in ads and magazines, they would lose that yuck factor and come to see snails as something beautiful to care about when we talk about conservation,” says Coppolino, who has given dozens of presentations about snails to camps, schools, nature centers and Audubon and Sierra club groups.

As a patient afflicted with a form of a primary immunodeficiency disease who gives herself weekly immune globulin (antibody) infusions, her other quest is to raise awareness about the importance of blood drives. “People don’t realize that the blood’s components also are used to treat a range of diseases,” including hers, hemophilia and certain conditions in pregnant women. “It means so much to me to see and thank donors.”

Watch Coppolino’s segment on The Big Q program on the Discovery Channel Canada at http://www.discovery.ca/dp/videos/?clipid=1042428. Coppolino is 4 minutes and 24 seconds into the clip.

Open enrollment ends November 30

The benefits open enrollment period for endowed faculty and staff ends Nov. 30. Employees are encouraged to take care of their enrollment choices before the Thanksgiving holiday, as Benefit Services staff will not be available to advise them after Nov. 27.

During the open enrollment period, endowed faculty and staff members can enroll in, make changes to or drop one of the three endowed health plans (Cornell Program for Healthy Living, the Aetna Preferred Provider Organization and the Aetna Health Savings Account); or enroll in a medical or dependent care flexible spending account. They can also enroll in a legal services plan, anytime through Dec. 31. For more information on any of these benefits or to enroll in or make changes to benefits online through Workday, see http://openenroll.hr.cornell.edu/

More information:
See: http://hr.cornell.edu/benefits/, or contact Benefit Services at 255-3936 or benefits@cornell.edu.
The work we do at Cornell affects more than our individual lives and the work of our department; it affects others across campus and beyond the university’s borders, and contributes to Cornell’s impact and success for years to come, say Cornell experts in organizational effectiveness.

This far-reaching impact underlies the newly released revisions to Cornell's Skills for Success for faculty and staff, says Chris Halladay, associate vice president for organizational effectiveness in the Division of Human Resources and Safety Services. The revised Skills for Success are inclusive of the concept of sustainability, or of acting in ways that have a larger impact and inviting others to act in similar ways. “If every employee demonstrates the Skills for Success, together we will create an environment that makes Cornell the institution of choice,” he says.

The revisions also reflect the findings of the 2011 Employee Survey. “Staff indicated that they thought that the distribution of workload and the application of policies were inconsistent across departments, and that high-performing employees tended to get rewarded by receiving more work than low-performers,” Halladay said. “We need to better manage performance, and part of that is in providing clear career paths for those who want to advance. By adding the category of job skills, we could emphasize goal-setting and career development, and spell out the need to stay current in your job skills to reflect the changing workplace,” he said.

The Skills for Success debuted in 1997 and are used to assess the annual performance of faculty and staff and to guide employees in their professional development. “We have been collecting feedback from individuals for about 10 years regarding what they believed needed to be updated,” says Kathryn Burkgren, director of organizational development for faculty and staff. “We have updated the language to include that feedback and the behaviors, actions and expectations that each member of the Cornell community should demonstrate,” she said. For instance, the “motivation” category has been renamed “innovation,” to reflect Cornell’s commitment to deliver “forward-thinking, tangible results,” Burkgren says.

Other skills are inclusiveness, adaptability, self-development, communication, teamwork, service-minded and stewardship. Burkgren anticipates the launching of a new performance management process, tied to the revised skills, in 2014. “Colleges and units can choose to use the new performance management process and revised skills in the upcoming performance dialogues, or wait until FY15, to give individuals time to acclimate themselves to the changes,” she says.

In addition to Skills for Success, employees can reference a grid that matches skills to professional development training at Cornell, and can take free, online classes that support development of each skill through SkillSoft. For more information, see https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/skills_for_success.pdf.
Staff members in the Division of Budget and Planning (DBP) volunteered their time and services to two local organizations, Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County and The Advocacy Center during a Volunteer/Community Day Sept. 27. The day of volunteer service fulfilled one of the division’s diversity initiatives, engagement, defined as a goal to increase engagement for a targeted group by working, as a group, to promote and attend one group volunteer activity in the community per year.

Loaves and Fishes is a Christian ministry that provides a place for free nutritious meals, hospitality, companionship and advocacy for those in need, regardless of their faith, beliefs or circumstances. They serve, on average, 141 meals per weekday to their guests, comprised of about 85 percent adults, 10 percent seniors, and 5 percent children; in 2012, 33,640 guests were served, 4,174 more than in 2011. DBP staff were involved in activities such as food preparation, dining room setup and storage-room clean-up.

The Advocacy Center provides support to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Because October is domestic violence abuse month, DBP staff undertook a wide variety of activities, including a “Purple Ribbon Project,” cutting and pinning 500 ribbons to distribution cards highlighting the purpose of the center and its everyday actions to bring about awareness and end domestic violence abuse. Other activities included deep-cleaning the kitchen in a shelter and organizing client files.

A qualitative survey taken at the end of the day indicated that staff members were happy to have been part of these organizations that are making a difference in the community. Working together, staff expressed a sense of achievement, motivation, deeper interpersonal relationships, team spirit and appreciation for each other. On the whole, volunteering helped the division learn more about diversity and difference in the community while assisting with local needs.

Pedepo Cadmus is a finance analyst in the Budget Office and the chair of the Diversity Committee for the Division of Budget and Planning.

‘Loaves and Fishes is more than just a nutritious meal. It’s about caring and friendship, where anyone can come into a comfortable environment and truly feel part of the community.’

— Scott McIverrie

‘This has personally been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience which I truly hope has made a positive difference in the lives of people in the community.’

— Pede Cadmus

‘A few hours of volunteer help is rewarding to the community and a rewarding feeling to myself.’

— Jean Palmer

‘The few short hours a few of us from the Division of Budget and Planning spent helping the staff at the Advocacy Center was extremely rewarding. We pulled together to make several hundred ribbons to help spread awareness against domestic violence, collating information to better assist counselors, and also did a little cleaning at one of the facilities. It felt good to volunteer; as quoted by Danny Thomas, “success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.”’

— Cathy Alvord

‘Volunteering at the Advocacy Center was a very rewarding experience. It was great to know that we were able to help them with an upcoming project while having the opportunity to hear about the great things they are doing within the community.’

— Rod Cort
Wellbeing programs

- Compassionate Touch: A special presentation of the Caregiver Support and Education Network - Nov. 21, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 221 Weill Hall
- Financial Issues and Concerns for Elders and Their Caregivers - Dec. 4, noon-1 p.m., 224 Weill Hall
- Understanding Flexible Work Arrangements: For supervisors - Live webinar, Dec. 5, 1-2 p.m.
- Understanding Flexible Work Arrangements: For employees - Live webinar, Dec. 6, 1-2 p.m.

For details and to register, see https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/support/wellbeing_programs.html.

Wellbeing programs are open to Cornell community members (faculty, staff, students, post-docs, retirees, and spouses/partners). They assist individuals with tools and strategies related to life transitions, caregiving, physical and emotional health, and flexible work practices. For more information, contact wellbeing@cornell.edu.

Training and development courses

The following courses are offered to staff and faculty. Register at https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/ods/odfs.cfm. Questions can be directed to faculty. Register at https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/management_development.html

- Crucial Accountability: The course includes a step-by-step process for identifying and resolving performance gaps. Discover skills to resolve controversial and complex issues. Two-day course: Dec. 5-6; 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., ILR Conference Center, room 423. Cost: $475. Last day to register: Nov. 22. Questions: contact Linda Tompkins 255-8861
- Enjoying Difficult People - Including Yourself: Learn how to navigate challenging conversations by transforming critical communication barriers into opportunities for clarity, collaboration, understanding and respect. Resolve immediate impasses while strengthening work relations. Two-day workshop: Jan. 13-14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mann Library, room 102. Cost: $475. Space limited.

Register for the following course at: https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/management_development.html

- New Supervisor Orientation Certificate Program: This six-session program runs each Thursday, Feb. 27-April 3, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 20 Thornwood Dr., Suite 101. Cost: $300. Register and select this option: “nominating an employee for a leadership development program.” Note: you will need to supply an account number when you register.

Soul food

BY EMILY HINKLE

It was a packed house for the cooking demonstration, Soul Food with a Healthy Attitude, Nov. 15. About 40 people were in attendance, watching and learning from Cornell Dining’s Chef Kevin Spinner, and tasting traditional “soul food recipes with twist.” The demonstration included traditional soul food dishes with variations that make them lower in calories and fat, but high in flavor, in order to encourage healthful changes to family-rooted recipes.

Spinner took traditional soul food recipes such as Oven Fried Chicken Tenders with Sweet Vidalia Onion dipping sauce, Barley Hoppin’ John, and No Bake Mac and Cheese, and gave them a healthy twist. The healthy twists on the classic fried chicken dish included baking the chicken instead of frying and using yogurt instead of buttermilk in the marinade. The Barley Hoppin’ John dish kept its traditional flavors but had a high fiber switch from rice to barley. Butter-less Mac and cheese, made with whole grain pasta and no butter, can still create a dish “like your mother would make”. Everyone got a taste of the soul food recipes and a booklet with such additional recipes as the classic comfort food, bacon mashed potatoes.

Participants said they felt at home by the comforting smells of the delicious dishes. Men of Color Colleague Networking Group member Justan Caesar, visiting lecturer in Naval Science, found the event “above and beyond what [he] was expecting” and he thought that “Kevin was amazing.” “Outstanding as always,” said Patti Taylor, from Cornell Fitness Centers, who has attended multiple cooking demonstrations put on by Cornell Wellness. Brittanian Gamble, an associate director from the ILR school and member of the Women of Color Colleague Networking Group, said, “The sauce – honey mustard flavor without the fattiness – it was great”.

Overall, everyone seemed to enjoy the flavors and culture brought out by this event.

This celebration of food and culture was sponsored through the collaboration between Men of Color and Women of Color colleague networking groups, the Cornell Wellness Program, and Cornell Dining Services. For those who missed the event, recipe booklets are still available. Contact Beth McKinney at bm20 with your name and campus address if you would like to receive a copy.

What’s next for the colleague-networking group and Cornell Wellness collaboration? Brittanian Gamble said, “Its our goal to have this event happen again; perhaps with other foods like Latino recipes.” So, keep an eye for upcoming events.

Emily Hinkle, a dietetic intern through Cornell’s Division of Nutritional Sciences, is completing her community internship with the Cornell Wellness Program.
CALS faculty and staff honored for outstanding achievements

BY STACEY SHACKFORD

Bacteria have been studied for more than 400 years, but the fact that they routinely function as collectives was missed for 380 years – that is, until Stephen Winans introduced the concept of “quorum sensing.”

His groundbreaking work on chemical interactions in bacteria has fundamentally changed the perception of bacteria as primitive, asocial, single-celled organisms to organisms that have the ability to coordinate multicellular activities.

And it recently garnered him an award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Basic Research.

The microbiology professor was one of 18 faculty and staff members honored on Nov. 4 as part of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ (CALS) tenth annual Research and Extension Awards.

“These honorees represent a range of accomplishments that support our vision to be the pre-eminent college for research, teaching and extension of agriculture and life sciences,” said Kathryn Boor, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of CALS. “They epitomize Cornell’s land grant mission of delivering knowledge with public purpose that improves the lives of people across New York, the nation and the world.”

Other faculty awards included:

Christine D. Smart, associate professor of plant pathology and plant-microbe biology, for Outstanding Accomplishments in Applied Research. She was recognized for advancing the understanding and management of both black rot and Phytophthora blight, as well as creating detection systems for other vegetable pathogens.

Russell R. Hahn, associate professor of crop and soil sciences, for Outstanding Accomplishments in Extension/Outreach. His herbicide trials and strategies for controlling ragweed, dandelion and other field crop weeds have been a big boon to both conventional and no-tillage farmers.

Patrick J. Sullivan, associate professor of natural resources, for Outstanding Accomplishments in Science and Public Policy. He has become a recognized leader in global fisheries and marine policy, as well as natural resource management in bird and turtle conservation.

Alon Keinan, assistant professor of biological statistics and computational biology, for Outstanding Accomplishments in Early Achievement. He was recognized for his contributions to statistical genetics, including discoveries regarding human migration effects on variation and detecting the genetic bases for developmental disorders.

Timothy Mount, professor at the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management and former director of Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (CISER), for Career Accomplishment. In a career spanning 40 years, he has produced an extensive, influential body of research focused on energy economics.

Daniel Decker, professor and chair of the Department of Natural Resources, for Outstanding Service to the CALS community. He was recognized for the many leadership roles he has served in throughout his Cornell career, including CUAES director, creator and director of CALS Office of Land Grant Affairs, and associate dean of the college.

Several staff members were also honored with Core Value Staff Awards in each of the eight categories outlined in the university’s Skills for Success, including:

Wendy Aquadro, supervisor and mentor in the Department of Undergraduate Biology, for Teamwork;

Akio Enders, technician in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, for Motivation;

Mark Sarvary, Martha Lyon, Louise Lattin, and K.C. Bennett, lab staff members in Neurobiology and Behavior, for Adaptability;

Michelle Bidwell, gardener at the Plantations Horticultural Center, for Communication;

Matthew Stratton, administrator in the Department of Food Science, for Inclusiveness;

Paul O’Connor, extension support specialist in Cornell Cooperative Extension, for Self Development;

Kent Loeffler, photo specialist in the Department of Plant Pathology & Plant-Microbe Biology, for Service Minded;

David Bensch, research support specialist in the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, for Stewardship.

Stacey Shackford is staff writer for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
Cooperative Extension workshops

Evergreen wreath-making workshops

The Tompkins County Master Gardener volunteers are holding two evergreen wreath-making workshops at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Ave.: the first workshop, Dec. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., is designed for former participants; the second, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-noontime, for people who have less experience. Fresh-cut greens, ribbon, wire and wreath ring are supplied. Bring pruning shears, gloves and any special decorating materials to personalize your wreath. Fee: $18 covers the cost of materials. Class size limited. Pre-registration and prepayment required. Call 272-2292.

Fly-tying workshop

The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Tompkins County Cooperative Extension 4-H Program are holding the 21st annual winter fly-tying workshop, Saturdays 6-8 p.m., Jan. 4-March 1 at the Tompkins County Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Ave. Limited enrollment and classes get filled earlier every year. Nine weeks of instruction, text, tools, hooks and tying materials included. Tuition: $150 for adults (19 and up); $120 children ages 13-18; $225 for a child and adult combination. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for children. 50 percent tuition deposit required with application. More information: http://ccotompkins.org/calendar/10/11/08/winter-fly-tying-workshop.

To register contact Liz Susmann 607-272-2292.

LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY SEMINAR

Ryan Norris, University of Guelph, will discuss the fate of gray jays in a talk, “Climate Change, Food Caching, and Winter Breeding: The Story of a Declining gray Jay Population,” Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road. A bird of the Canadian boreal forests, Gray Jays breed in late winter and rely on cached food to survive. But at the southern edge of the bird’s range in Algonquin Park, Ontario, the Jays have been declining for the past 20 years.

GARDEN GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

Cornell Plantations will hold a holiday sale at the Nevin Welcome Center, Dec. 2, 1-6 p.m. (Plantation members enjoy early bird hours, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m.) The garden gift shop has a variety of such gift offerings as handcrafted ornaments, locally sourced gift items, high-quality gardening books and more. Members receive 30 percent off most items, and non-members receive 15 percent off.


Due to the Thanksgiving break, the next issue of Pawprint will be Dec. 13. Enjoy the holiday!

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Cornell's Women's Hockey will take to the ice at the James Lynah Rink, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. against Boston College. The Nov. 29 game will also feature a toy drive for Cops, Kids and Toys.

SAGE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS VESPERT

Sage Chapel Christmas Vespers will be held Dec. 8, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Sage Chapel. A candlelit Lessons and Carols service will be sung by the Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club, with traditional readings by members of the Cornell community. Features Robert Isaacs, conductor, and organist Annette Richards, with audience participation in the familiar Christmas hymns.

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