Gillette Club Centi-bration – how you can participate

As most of you are aware this is the Centennial Year for the Gillette Entomology Club, CSU’s oldest student club. As part of the celebrations there will be a very special event on October 6 – “A Centi-bration of Entomology”. This will be a featured part of Homecoming Weekend activities and will be held from 10-2 in the Clark Building. The Centi-bration will involve games, booths, displays, movies and much, much more (including a “Dunk an Entomologist” tank). A central part of this will be the booths/displays that will feature any manner of arthropod related material that might be of interest to the anticipated crowds that will travel through. This will be an outstanding opportunity to reach a very large number of people (many hundreds, minimum, can be expected) on subjects of interest to you.

We would like to have every Department lab that involves itself with insects in some way to have at least one display, either done by yourself or interested students. Others outside the campus with an interest in participating are also welcome. The subject of your display is wide open. Perhaps it would be something related to your research area, perhaps it just would be a subject that was of interest to you or others. (For example display topic ideas already taken involve bed bugs, edible insects, and Mexican jumping beans.)

Please think about participating in this high profile event and let me know what display/booths you would like to contribute to the Centi-bration. I will also try to come around sometime this week to discuss this with you and answer questions you may have.

Thank you!
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Upcoming Events

- October 5
  2012 Homecoming Parade
  Join last year’s winners of the Novelty Division and be a part of the Precision Net Drill Team. For more information talk to Rachael Fithian.

- October 6
  Mark your calendars for October 6, when the Gillette Entomology Club presents its Centi-Bration of Entomology. The Gillette Entomology Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and the Centi-Bration will be the largest “bug bash” northern Colorado has ever seen! There will be displays and booths, games and movies and much, much more. All with entomology themes that the oldest student club on campus has been promoting now for a century.
  The Centi-Bration will be part of the Homecoming Weekend activities. It is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and will be held inside and outdoors of the Clark Building A-Wing.
  Everyone is welcome!

Thirteen Graduate Students Join BSPM

BSPM welcomes 13 new graduate students to the department in 2012. Please take a moment to learn more about them and help make them feel welcome next time you see them.

Nuha Altitmisani is from Saudi Arabia and she received a Bachelor’s in Animal Science in Faculty of Education for Girls in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Nuha received her Master’s degree from the Biology Department at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia where she completed several courses in Biology and Entomology. The title of her master thesis is: Survey of rice insect infestation in Jeddah city and the effect of some plant oils on Sitophilus Oryzae L. Nuha studied English Language at Intensive English Program in Colorado State University for one year, so English is her second language. She is enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Biogrocal Sciences and Pest Management at Colorado State University. Her advisors are Dr. Frank Peairs and Dr. Paul Ode and her ambition is adding useful achievements in the area of Entomology.

Ana Maria Bossa is from Colombia, and is a Ph.D. student in Plant Pathology under the advisement of Dr. Jan Leach. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Biology at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. During her undergraduate studies, she was part of the Molecular Plant Pathology research group from the Biology Department. For her degree project, Ana worked with Cassava protein-protein interactions in response to Cassava Bacterial Blight. After that, she worked as a research assistant at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in the Biotechnology Research Unit for more than 2 years. There, she worked on the identification and characterization of...
Ortholo gy of maize sexual-determination genes in rice and develop of synthetic lethality. As part of the project, Ana was a visiting scholar at Dr. DellaPorta’s Lab at Yale University on two occasions. The project she will be working on in the Leach Lab is focused on the temperature effects on resistance genes to bacterial pathogens in rice. Her main interest is to further deepen her knowledge of plant-microbe interactions and in applying it to the development of crops with durable resistance to pathogens.

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Cheryl Bowker Receives Prestigious Award

Biog al Sciences and Pest Management Ph.D. student, Cheryl Bowker was awarded the Ethyl Allen Fellowship from Sigma Delta Epsilon-Graduate Women in Science this summer. The fellowship is a $5,000 award and Cheryl was one of 10 women selected from 188 applications! We congratulate Cheryl next time you see her.

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