Monthly News for Alumni and Friends of SEBS, Cook, CAES, AG, and for NJAES

Rutgers Gardens: New Director, Anniversary, and Spring Flower
Fair Plant Sale in May!

Lauren Errickson was recently named the new director of Rutgers Gardens. She begins this role as the Gardens celebrates five years of being designated a Horticultural Landmark by the American Society of Horticultural Science (ASHS). Other designees include the New York Botanical Garden and Monticello.

Rutgers Gardens will hold the Spring Flower Fair Plant Sale from May 6th to the 8th. Purchase classic varieties, as well as unique and/or difficult-to-find plants, that will enhance your garden with flower, form, or food. Tickets are required but free. You will need to reserve a ticket by May 4th.

Science Cafe to Focus on Ocean Health in the High Seas

On Thursday, April 21st, Cymie Payne, associate professor in the Department of Human Ecology, will present, "High Seas Biodiversity: A Sustainable Future Through Science and Policy at the United Nations," for the Virtual Science Cafe series. Her presentation will discuss the importance of bringing science to bear on policy.

Rutgers Day/Ag Field Day is Almost Here

On April 30th, after a 3-year absence, Ag Field Day at Rutgers Day finally returns to the George H. Cook campus! Check the program guide to see which of your favorite programs are returning and what's new. The event will be fun, educational, and a great opportunity to return to campus. Bring the family!

CCAA 2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards

On Sunday, May 1st, the Cook Community Alumni Association will honor 5 alumni from the school with the George H. Cook and Dennis M. Fenton awards. The ceremony will take place at the Cook Student Center from 11am to 2pm, and light fare will be provided. Register for the event to support your fellow alumni.
Meet the Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Club at Rutgers

On May 4th, the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA) presents the virtual event, "Puppies Helping People: Raising Seeing Eye Dogs on Cook Campus." Members of the club, with their pups, will discuss raising puppies for the oldest guide dog school in the world. Registration will be available soon on the RUAA website.

Rutgers Culture of Health School Program Launches in Edison

The in-person component of this program was launched in February in the Edison school district. This collaboration between the New Jersey Healthy Kids Initiative and the Department of Family and Community Health Sciences at Rutgers promotes physical activity and nutritional literacy for healthy living.

Other Items of Interest

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) offers a variety of resources to celebrate National Lawn and Garden Month. From online resources to gardening webinars to soil testing, let RCE help you with your spring lawn and gardening plans.

Rutgers has received a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to help underrepresented students earn degrees in the earth sciences. The project will help to create a more diverse geoscience community. Carrie Ferraro GSNB’10, associate director of Coastal Climate Risk in the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences, is a collaborator on this project.

The Cook Community Alumni Association's next meeting will take place in a hybrid format on Tuesday, May 24th, beginning at 6:30pm. Alumni will meet in-person in Martin Hall on Cook campus, and there will be a Zoom linkup for those attending virtually. Contact Ted Wendin SEBS'11 at twendin@gmail.com for more information.

MORE NEWS

Update us on any information or news to share with us.
In honor of Earth Day, Rutgers Environmental Stewards will present a live webinar titled, "The Costs of Climate Change," on Monday, April 25th at 6:30pm. Bob Kopp, professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences, will discuss the economic impact of climate change and how we can manage the risks it is creating.

Oscar Schofield, chair of the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences, will present, "Ocean Observing Network: Enabling the Blue Economy in the 21st Century," for the Rutgers Club of New York City on Thursday, April 28th. The event will take place at Stout NYC. Food and beverage are included. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience.

On Saturday, May 21st, Rutgers Gardens is holding a community event to celebrate the spring launch of the Native American Acknowledgement Garden. Students, who have been developing preliminary designs for this garden, will share their work, and we will be hearing from representatives from New Jersey’s Native American communities. This event will take place at the Log Cabin & Alumni Pavilion and will include refreshments. No RSVP is required. Audience feedback is welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! The Cook Community Alumni Association will hold their annual Alumni Fish Fry at the Log Cabin & Alumni Pavilion at Rutgers Gardens on Saturday, July 16th. More information is coming soon.

Prior Event Recordings:

Virtual Science Cafe: Learning from Chestnut Blight to Control Plant Diseases, presented by Bradley Hillman from the Department of Plant Biology on March 29th.

Other events will be posted on the calendar as information becomes available. Be sure to check in for updates.

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