The Sweet Taste of Success: Maple Syrup Season Comes to Heiberg

May 1, 2019

ESF NEWS

Jacob O’Connell, outreach program manager, pictured left, shows Samuel Wardwell, a graduate student at the Maxwell School, how to measure tree diameter at breast height (DBH) during a recent Syrup Saturday at Heiberg Memorial Forest in Tully. A sugar maple needs to have a DBH of 10 inches in order for us to tap it.

The buckets on maple trees that used to signal the start of maple syrup season have been replaced with 3.3 miles of tubing, but the end result – sweet, delicious maple syrup – remains the same.

The heart of ESF’s maple syrup production can be found in Heiberg Memorial Forest, Tully. With 23 acres of sugar maples, 2,350 taps collected the sap that produced 833 gallons of syrup. “This year, we averaged one gallon of syrup for every 52 gallons of sap,” said Jill Rahn, Forest Properties senior staff assistant.

ESF is a member of the New York State Maple Producers Association. “We took part in many events associated with maple syrup production this year,” O’Connell said. “We not only tapped trees, but also helped students learn about the process from sap collection to sugaring.”
Syrup Saturdays introduced Lug Your Jug to syrup lovers. People brought their own containers — 16-ounce Mason jars — to be filled with maple syrup for $10. “It was a big hit,” said Rahn. “We filled 67 pints of maple syrup over the two days.”

Lug Your Jug will be available for the annual pancake breakfast May 4 (see events listing for details).

Robert C. French ESF Athletic Hall of Fame Endowed Fund Established

A new endowed fund has been established with ESF College Foundation to support the event logistics and recognition materials for the newly formed ESF Athletic Hall of Fame. The fund has been named in honor of former ESF Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing Bob French.

French has been credited with significantly expanding the ESF athletic program and serving as ESF’s first-ever athletic director. The endowment was created by a group of donors led by Kevin Reynolds. A nomination process has been announced for the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame induction that will be held during Homecoming weekend Sept. 13-14.

Students Recognize Contributions of Staff and Faculty

Three awards were presented to ESF employees at the Undergraduate Student Association’s Spring Banquet.

The Special Recognition for Staff Excellence was given to Terry Ettinger, greenhouse manager in the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB), and Beth Minard, associate registrar. The award is given by students to members of the ESF non-teaching staff in appreciation of service to ESF.
Liptak Honored for Exemplary Service

Cheryl Liptak, clerk specialist II in the Office of Research Programs, was honored with the Improving Service Award during the 2019 Research Administrators Symposium earlier this spring.

The award recognizes outstanding performance in the area of customer service at the comprehensive colleges and universities that work with the Research Foundation.

“As anyone on ESF campus who does research can attest, Cheryl consistently goes above and beyond to make sure that our researchers can and understand how to meet the many obligations required of them to fulfill their compliance requirements for their research activities,” said Dr. Christopher Nomura, vice president for research. “She is an incredible asset to have at the college and we are so privileged to have her as part of the Office of Research Programs.”

Go [HERE](#) for the complete ESF story.

Office of Research Programs Announces New Awards

The Office of Research Programs announced the following awards:

**PI: Lee Newman**
**Sponsor: American Council for International Education**
**Title: Establishing Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching Collaborations with Pavlodar State University, Kazakhstan**
**Amount: $20,000**

**PI: Stephen Shaw**
**Sponsor: BuroHappold Engineering**
**Title: Investigating Potential for Expanding Canal Irrigation in Western New York**
**Amount: $28,000**
Throw a Party Under the Big Tent

The Quality of Work Life Committee has a 20x20 tent available for rent. The tent is perfect for graduation parties, family reunions and holiday barbecues.

ESF employees can rent the tent for $30 for a weekend. Renters are responsible for pickup, setup and the safe return of the tent.

To reserve the tent, similar to the one pictured, call or email Barb Sorrells at ext. 6589.

Remember to Take Care of Your Mental Health

As the semester comes to an end, the Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (OIDE) reminds staff and faculty to make sure they are keeping up with their mental health.

“There are resources available to employees on and off campus such as the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), as well as the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Syracuse,” said Amy McLaughlin, Title IX coordinator and affirmative action officer.

Read the complete ESF story HERE.

Mmm, Pancakes with ESF Syrup

The folks at Heiberg Memorial Forest are hosting the annual Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes topped with ESF maple syrup. The Woodsmen Team will do a demonstration of their skills. Tickets are $5 for adults, $4 for seniors, $3 for kids 5-12. Kids under 5 eat for free. Sponsored by Quality of Work Life Committee.

May 4, 2019
8 to 11 a.m.
Heiberg Memorial Forest
7393 Maple Ridge Road, Tully, NY
Solar Decathlon: An Encore Winning Presentation

Students from ESF and Syracuse University collaborated in the design of a Net Zero Energy Building, with guidance from several SyracuseCoE industry partners and community stakeholders. Free registration for an encore presentation by this first place-winning team in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2019 Solar Decathlon's Mixed Use Multi-Family Housing Division is open.

May 3, 2019
1:30 p.m.
Syracuse Center of Excellence, Rm 203
727 E. Washington St., Syracuse

ESF IN THE MEDIA

Going Green: Studying Adirondack Camera Traps

Motion-activated cameras can help researchers understand what wildlife lives in a given area to help manage the habitat. A camera trap project in Heiberg Forest is being analyzed because the land is a unique mixture of forest and former farmland.

WATCH HERE

ESF News: Green Building Advocate of the Year Named

Patrick Jackson, director of the Global Energy Management program (GEM) at Corning Incorporated, received the Green Building Advocate of the Year award at the 2019 New York State Green Building

Christian Science Monitor: Is There a Downside to Bringing Back the American Chestnut?

ESF's research on the American chestnut could restore the tree to its place in the ecosystem.

READ HERE

On Point, WBUR: How GMOs Might Save the American Chestnut Tree

Dr. William Powell was a guest on On Point, a popular NPR program, to join a panel discussing the use of genetic engineering to restore the American chestnut tree.

Toast the Class of 2019

The ESF Alumni Association invites the college community to join them for the Champagne Toast for May Graduates. The toast will take place immediately following commencement rehearsal.

May 8, 2019
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Gateway Center