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Industry Leaders Make Contribution to OSU Horticulture

The Oklahoma State University Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Department received a big 'thank you' from TLC owners, Charles & Linda Shackelford recently. OSU Alum, Charles and his wife Linda heard Mr. T. Boone Pickens call for support of OSU programs and answered with a \$250,000 contribution.

"Charles & Linda have consistently supported horticulture education in Oklahoma for more than two decades," stated Dr. Dale Maronek, Department Head. "Their gift will be a tremendous asset to our department and will provide secured funding and support to the floriculture program. They are very visionary thinkers and are always willing to lead by example".

The gift will be matched by T. Boone Pickens and by the State of Oklahoma for an end result of a \$1,000,000 endowment. The funds will be used to support faculty teaching floriculture, advance floriculture curriculum, support special programming and research related to floriculture industry. Donor contributions will be matched dollar for dollar by T. Boone Pickens on all contributions equal to or greater than \$250,000 until his \$100 million donation is depleted.

"Their gift merely reflects their past 20 years of giving of their time, effort and financial resources," said Mike Schnelle, Nursery/Floriculture State Extension Specialist. "This most recent and generous gift will positively impact students and DASNR personnel into perpetuity."

Charles & Linda Shackelford are long-time supporters of the popular gardening show, *Oklahoma Gardening*. The Shackelford's generosity isn't limited to OSU Stillwater; they have also donated generously to the horticulture program at OSU-OKC.

"Charles & Linda have shared their success and have left a legacy that will last forever in support of the floriculture industry. We are indebted to their commitment and support." stated Dr. Maronek.



From left to right: Dale Maronek, Linda Shackelford, Charles Shackelford and Bob Whitson

Ioannis Oikonomakos named International Student of the Week

The international student of the week for February 25, 2008 was Ioannis Oikonomakos. He is a third year PhD student in Food Science and Horticulture. Ioannis was born in Greece; half of his heritage is from a city very close to Sparta. He speaks Greek and English.

Ioannis is a member of the Institute of Food Technology, the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and the Pi Alpha Xi Horticulture Honor Society. He earned a Masters degree at OSU from the Horticulture Department. In his free time Ioannis likes to watch TV, play soccer, and travel. Ioannis came to the USA because he wanted to experience a different culture and education system. He chose OSU because the TEI University in Crete had an exchange program with OSU named Hortecus. He and his wife (Sophia Kamenidou) attended the presentation of Dr. Douglas Needham (OSU representative) and decided to come to OSU. Another reason is the high ranking level that the Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Department has within the USA.

Ioannis met his wife in 1999, they got married in Las Vegas in 2003 ("not by Elvis" he stated). They are both waiting for the traditional Big Fat Greek Wedding as soon as they go back to Greece. Ioannis's future plans are to finish his PhD and go back to Greece to work at a research facility or teach at the University level.

Ioannis' advice to other students: "I would suggest taking advantage and exploring the American culture. I have been here almost 6 years and it seems like yesterday when I first came. Visit and taste the difference. Especially at OSU it is very easy to adapt because of the friendly environment and positive attitude of people."

Interview by: Sandra Rodriguez



Ioannis Oikonomakos

Santanu Thapa named International Student of the Week

In May 2008, Santanu Bikram Thapa was chosen as International Student of the Week. He is a Masters' student in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. Santanu was born in Nepal; he speaks three languages, Nepali, English, and Hindi.

Santanu is a member of the Nepalese Student Association at OSU and the OSU Turf Club. Santanu likes to play the guitar and sing. He also likes traveling, seeing new places, and meeting new people.



Santanu Thapa

Santanu came to the States to pursue his graduate education. The USA is known for its very good education system, it has a lot of opportunities for students seeking a quality education, Santanu stated. He came to avail himself of the benefit from technologies used here in teaching systems and research while he completes his graduate studies.

He chose OSU because of its well reputed Agricultural Programs. Santanus' friends also encouraged him to come to OSU because of the nice environment of Stillwater.

Santanu comes from a family of two children. His parents are in Nepal, they are both retired Bank employees. His elder brother works for the BBC International in Nepal as a Sound Engineer. Santanu loves his family, they have been a great support for him and he is very proud of how his parents raised him.

Santanu's future plans are to complete his graduate degree; he will spend sometime in the USA working in the turfgrass industry to gain professional experience in this field. He will go back to Nepal to share whatever he has learned here to serve his country. At some point in life he wants to serve as a social worker and help to fight world hunger and work for the benefit of the elderly.

Santanu's advice to students: "This is a great opportunity to learn about so many different cultures and languages but it is important to participate. Never hesitate to represent your country. Share what you have learned. Always keep your goal in mind and focus in studies, what you learn here is your asset that you will take back home later."

Interview by: Sandra Rodríguez

2009 Oklahoma Proven Selections

Each year Oklahoma Proven recommends a tree, shrub, perennial, and annual for use in Oklahoma. Below are the selections for 2009. Oklahoma Proven is the brain child of the Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture and is supported by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Green Industry.



Oklahoma Proven Selections for 2009

Collector's Choice - Persian Parrotia, *Parrotia persica*

Tree - Arizona Cypress, *Cupressus arizonica*

Shrub - Chokeberry, *Aronia*

Perennial - Mexican Feather Grass, *Nassella tenuissima*

Annual - DiamondFrost® Euphorbia, *Euphorbia*

'Inneuphdia'

Visit <http://oklahomaproven.okstate.edu/> for past selections.

Emphasis Area in Landscape Architecture Offered in Masters Degree

In response ASLA's White Paper discussing the high demand and lack of landscape architecture graduates to meet the demand in practice and higher education the OSU's Landscape Architecture Program received approval to recommend to the administration an option in landscape architecture be established initially in the Master of Science in Horticulture. The idea is to develop a Masters in Landscape Architecture when the program meets university enrollment criteria. The recommendation to create the program was strongly supported the LA/PAC White Paper Committee chaired by Karl Bieberstein with Ralph Ochsner, James Graber and Michael Terry as the committee members. The one year, 30 credit hours, masters program option was designed for landscape architects with experience in practice who wish to return to school to develop an area of specialization. Proposed focus areas include: Green/Sustainable Design & Planning, Preservation of Historic Cultural Landscapes, Urban Planning, and Environmental Planning. It was determined the proposal could not generate the required

number of students to meet the graduate college's criteria for an option. Therefore an emphasis area with the above specializations for a Masters of Horticulture is being offered. It is hoped as the enrollment in the Emphasis Area grows it can than be offered as an option and eventually a masters degree in landscape architecture.

Invitation to All Alumni

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) and the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture would like to extend an invitation to all alumni to participate in the "Ag Week Back to Campus Challenge." The goal is to engage as many CASNR alumni as possible in on-campus activities during the Wednesday of Ag Week (Wednesday, April 1, 2009). The alumni will be expected to interact with current students in some way. Suggestions of activities include: alumni panel discussions, alumni networking activities, guest speakers in classes or at organizational meetings, class case study activities, or other creative activities that will facilitate a connection between current students and alumni. The events may not conflict with the "Back to Campus Day" alumni speaker schedule for 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st in 101 Ag Hall. All participating alumni must complete and sign an activity registration form. The department or program with the largest number of alumni participating in on-campus activities on "Back to Campus Day" as a percentage of their current undergraduate enrollment, will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year.

The department would like to encourage all alumni to contact the department at 405-744-5414 if you are interested in participating.

Thank You PAC Members

The department would like to thank all the individuals who serve on our Professional Advisory Councils for our Landscape Architecture and Landscape Contracting Programs. Your input is invaluable to us!

Invitation to Participate in Study Abroad Programs

Alumni are invited to take part in the study abroad programs to Peru and Japan/Thailand May 15 to June 5, 2009. The estimated cost for Peru is \$3,000 and \$4,000 for Japan/Thailand. For further information contact: Dr. Leider 405-744-5420 or charles.leider@okstate.edu

Historic Cultural Landscape Self-Driving Brochures

Three regional self-driving tour brochures on historic cultural landscapes were prepared for the Oklahoma Department of Tourism's web site by Michelle Bryant under the direction of Dr. Leider. The regional brochures cover the area around Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Stillwater/Ponca City. The brochures summarize the features of selected case studies on historic designed landscapes prepared over the past ten years and are illustrated by drawings and photographs from the case studies. The self guided tours may be viewed after February 2009 on the following website: www.travelok.com

Currently six upper division students, Randy Becker, Andrew Loverude, Justin Kissman, Stephen Murphy and Steve Eilers are working on a case study for the Oklahoma Civic Center which includes measured drawings of the site which was designed by Hare & Hare of Kansas City in the 1920s. The case study was selected from the inventory of *Survey and Analysis of Oklahoma Designed Landscapes* undertaken by Dr. Leider in 1987. The 1987 study identified 40 significant historic landscapes in Oklahoma. Up to this time 10 case studies have been completed and filed in the U.S. Library of Congress Library through the Historic American Landscapes (HALS) of the National Park Service. The drawings may be viewed on the NPS/HALS/HALS website.

2008 Study Abroad Programs with Peru and Japan

Twelve 4th year architecture students and two faculty members from UPC in Peru came to OSU in February and worked with the OSU Design IV students and Prof. Michael Holmes on a three week studio exchange project.

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2009 Study Abroad Programs to Peru and Japan

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and taking classes in outdoor sketching and Earthen Architecture followed by a tour of key built works and natural landscapes in Peru.

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Peruvian Exchange Program

In mid-March the Landscape Architecture program concluded another successful exchange program with students and faculty from Peru. The department hosted 10 students and two faculty members. Working with Professor Holmes' Design IV Class, the students successfully completed a design project that included a site plan and museum to accommodate tourists for "El Brujo" which is a 2nd to 4th saccade ruin of the Moche Culture found along the northern coast of Peru.



El Brujo

Gardening a World Away

Students tell a story through Japanese gardening

By Jerri Imgarten, Red Rock, Okla.

Rocks, trees, fences ... not something one may think about twice. But Oklahoma State University students learn these simple and natural elements play a symbolic role in traditional Japanese garden design.

On an annual study-abroad trip, OSU students travel to Japan to learn from professional gardeners and to study garden design. Each summer, Kameoka, Japan, Stillwater's sister city, welcomes a group of OSU students to participate

in a unique cultural learning experience.

Paul Hsu, associate professor of landscape architecture, developed The OSU-Japan Urban Landscape and Historic Garden Design Study Program in 2001. Through this study-abroad exchange program, OSU students work with professionals to learn about and help build a traditional Japanese garden. “This 21-day study-abroad trip explores the garden design, urban spaces, natural resources, history and culture of Japan,” Hsu said. “This program affords persons interested in garden design a unique opportunity to study Japanese landscapes without any prerequisite classes.”

Hsu takes students to Japan each year, and each group adds design elements to the garden. In 2005, the group built a dry streambed and a bamboo fence. Other groups have planted trees, built water basins and dry streambeds, and arranged large stones. “Students get hands-on design and gardening experience in Japan,” said Hannah Thompson, landscape architecture senior. “Every OSU study-abroad group adds a piece to the garden.”

Students also have the opportunity to work with professional Japanese gardeners. “The study includes an on-site workshop with professional gardeners to experience first-hand the source of materials, techniques, and process of Japanese garden design and construction,” Hsu said. Professionals help students understand the history of Japanese gardens and the stories the garden elements tell.

“Japanese gardens are a very sophisticated trade in Japan, and even placing a group of stones or planting trees has certain techniques,” Hsu said. “The professionals teach the students how things work and students benefit from the interaction.”

Janell Milburn, landscape architecture senior, said she enjoyed learning about the time and dedication the professionals take to turn or place a stone in its natural setting and to make the garden tell a story.

“The history behind every garden tells a story, and when you enter a garden, you start at a level with a few elements,”

Milburn said. “As you move further into the garden, you climb up a path to get higher where you reach a temple or an overlook that gives you a greater appreciation of life.”

Japanese gardens feature elements to symbolize something and to evoke different emotions.

“Garden design is symbolic of the Japanese culture, whereas here in America, gardens are used

for aesthetic purposes,” Thompson said.

Although visiting a new culture, some students may feel right at home in Kameoka. A replica of OSU’s Old Central, which was formerly a part of an OSU campus in Japan, is located by the garden.

“Like OSU-Tulsa or OSU-Oklahoma City, OSU had a campus in Japan, but the campus was closed in the mid-’90s,” Hsu said. “The building’s exterior looks like the Old Central in Stillwater, but the interior is modernized.”

Citizens in Kameoka are encouraged to visit and enjoy the garden created by OSU students.

“The garden is basically an exchange of friendship,” Hsu said. “Every time we visit, we forge a relationship with local gardeners and professionals. Citizens who visit the center can see OSU has been building the garden, and it is a good reminder of a good relationship between OSU and the local community.”

Building the garden, however, is only a small portion of what students experience on the trip.

“The course takes students to Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and other Japanese cities to visit historic gardens and contemporary urban landscapes and to explore the complex modern Japanese culture and its systems,” Hsu said. “Students also spend one or two days with a host family to exchange cultural experiences.”

Katy O’Meilia, landscape architecture senior, stayed with a host family whose daughter takes English classes at the university.

“It was a lot of fun to meet a family so different from



Students build stone paths in Japan

mine,” O’Meilia said. “No one in the family spoke English except a daughter, who was interested in learning more about English and American culture.”

Students stay with different host families, and they come home with slightly different cultural experiences.

“I think the most important aspect of staying with a host family was seeing a completely different culture because everything is so different,” Thompson said. “I gained respect for the Japanese culture, and through this study-abroad program, I became more open to traveling to other countries.”

Yoshiyuki Minagawa, an architecture senior and native of Japan, said he fondly remembers his friends’ reactions to the traditional Japanese breakfasts.

“The hotel typically provided some meals to us, but many did not like the food, so we made regular trips to Mister Donut,” Minagawa said.

In addition to traveling to Japan, students also traveled a few days in Thailand to study landscape architecture and gardens. “Thailand is an extended trip used as a comparison to Japanese landscape design.” Hsu said. “I want to extend the students’ design knowledge and vocabulary. Thai design has a very tropical essence but compared to Japanese design you see strict styles and techniques. Thailand has free expression and uses an abundance of materials to enhance landscape design.”

Hsu opens the course to anyone with an interest in studying abroad or learning about Japanese culture and garden design. He takes approximately 10 to 12 students to Japan each summer and said the trip typically costs a student \$3,500 including airfare.

Hsu said his goal is to provide students with a larger variety of international experiences and expand their cultural knowledge.

“I chose to participate in the study-abroad trip because while growing up and living in Japan, I did not have the time or money to travel,” Minagawa said. “This was a good opportunity for me to go back to my home country to see and understand the cultural differences between Japan and America.”

The course helps students academically and personally become more diverse in cultural and design knowledge, Hsu said.

“Study abroad opens the students’ eyes to a more diversified vocabulary because students are no longer limited to personal design ideas,” Hsu said. “Outside of the design aspect, international experiences also help students become more open-minded and think about other people and cultures outside of their own.”

A Place for Herbs

Oklahoma Gardening’s Kim Rebek joined professional chef Lisa Becklund on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 to discuss the benefits of cooking with fresh herbs and how to keep them growing in your garden. Fresh herbs are often under used and under appreciated by many cooks, but learning to work with fresh herbs opens up a world of unique flavors. Incorporating a variety of herbs into your diet helps to reduce sodium intake without sacrificing taste. Herbs also require a special home, and rich Oklahoma soil doesn’t necessarily provide adequate growing conditions, but with the proper knowledge and skills, you can grow an herb garden of your very own.



Kim Rebek

Congratulations to our Graduates

The department would like to extend its congratulations to the following students who graduated from our department.

Spring 2008

Roy Dale Adams
Tracy Dawn Barnes
Cassie A. Rogers Brockman
Ryan David Cameron
Moises Junior Colmenares
Paul Jameson Doss
Nick Coleman Fairless
James Warren Hempfling
Patrick Dee Hurley
Shane Thomas Hutto
Lindsey Dean Kesselhuth
Darla De Leach
Justin Lee Lingo
Jared Clay Long
Cole Ryan Maples
Janell Kesley Milburn
James Richard Miller
Katy Michelle O’Meilia
Devin Dale O’Neil
Michelle Kathryn Rapp
Corey Von Rhames
Eric James Spurlock
Hannah Hale Thompson
Jessica Marie Waugh
Caleb Allen Wetmore
Nathan Steve Winters
Ava Patrice Zrenda

Summer 2008

Michelle Ann Bryant
Jonathon David Daniel
Laura Ann McDonald
Andrew Michael Moore

Fall 2008

Jason Scott Crow
Matthew Shawn Janda
Kenton Troy Kline
Jacob David Morris
John Erik Schlesselman
Christopher Lee Woods



Student Recognition

Kadie Koepp, 2008-09 ACB Secretary, Southern Region, ASHS Association of Collegiate Branches, Dallas, TX, February 2008

Ioannis Oikonomakos, February 2008 International Student of the Week, Division of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Santanu Bikram Thapa, May 2008 International Student of the Week, Division of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, OSU

Chris Miller, Tracy Barnes, Blake Bevers, James Custer and John Schlesselman; OSU PLANET Team, 2008 PLANET Career Days, Atlanta, GA, March 2008

Lindsey Kesselhuth & Katie Fine, PLANET ambassadors, PLANET Green Industry Conference, Louisville, KY, October 2007

Michelle Bryant, Developed Oklahoma Historic Cultural Landscape brochures, Oklahoma Department of Tourism

Michelle Bryant, landscape plan selected for Agriculture North Building implementation, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Mary White, Gwenn Kragenbrink, Robert Richardson and Seth Slifer, Sigma Lambda Alpha Pledges, Participants in the Pro-Bono Public Service Charette for the design of two parks for the City of Choctaw

Jill Baumgartner & James Elam, Collegiate Environmental Planning Section Presentations, Oklahoma Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus, Tulsa, OK, November 2007

Competition Placings

Each year students participate in national and regional contests. The 2008 rankings are as follows.

68th Association of Collegiate Branches Horticulture Judging Contest at Southern Region ASHS in Dallas, Texas - February 2008. *Team: Jenny Chaney, Shane Hutto, Kadie Koepp & Michelle Rapp*

3rd Place - Overall Team Ranking

1st Place Fruit & Nuts - Team Ranking

1st Place Vegetable Crops - Team Ranking

2nd Place Fruits & Nuts - Michelle Rapp, Individual Ranking

3rd Place Fruits & Nuts - Shane Hutto, Individual Ranking

3rd Place Vegetable Crops - Michelle Rapp, Individual Ranking

OSU Landscape Architecture Senior Triumphs over OU Students

In January 2008 Landscape Architecture senior, Michelle Bryant, received notice that she was awarded the OKALSA annual scholarship of \$500.00. As a part of the application process, students from both OSU and OU's LA programs submitted a project to be judged by industry professionals. This was the first year it has been an open competition between all students at OSU and OU. Traditionally OKASLA has alternated the scholarship between the schools. Way to go, Michelle!

Departmental Support A Special Thank You

The Department would like to extend its gratitude to the following individuals and companies for their support during 2008. Your support is essential for continuation of departmental research, teaching and extension functions. Contribution towards such programs as *Oklahoma Gardening*, the OSU Botanical Garden, departmental conferences, and our many research programs are a few examples of how your contributed funds are used. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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Liner Co.); Producers Cooperative Oil Mill; Billie Richardson; Terri Roark; Ryan Lawn & Tree; Savage Equipment Company; Schmidts Nursery; Joe Schulte; Seed Research of Oregon; Tim Shoemaker; Jennifer Schutter; Debbie Skinner; Mike Smith; Southwood Nursery; Margaret Struble; Jeffrey R. Suiter; Sungro; Olen Thomas; TLC Florist & Greenhouses Inc; Total Environment Inc.; Twin Feathers Vineyard; ValleyCrest Companies; Michael Urwiler; Western Lawns; Craig C. Williams; Sue Wright; Wyche Murphy Agency

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Faculty & Staff Recognition

The Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture would like to congratulate the following Faculty & Staff for their accomplishments:

Becky Carroll, 20 Years of Service to OSU
 Becky Cheary, 20 Years of Service to OSU
 Becky Cheary, Outstanding Departmental Staff Award
 Donna Chrz, 20 Years of Service to OSU
 Janet Cole, 20 Years of Service to OSU
 Brian Kahn, 2008 J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award, Southern Regional American Society for Horticultural Science, Dallas, TX February 2008
 Brian Kahn, 2007 Alumni Achievement Award in Plant Science, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, October 2007
 Charles Leider, Examination Writer for Membership National Examination, American Institute of Certified Planners
 Charles Leider, Library Advisory Committee Member, 3 year appointment; selected by OSU Faculty Advisory Council, Stillwater, OK
 C. Wyatt O'Hern, 20 Years of Service to OSU
 Michael W. Smith, 2008 ASHS Outstanding Fruit Publication Award, 105th ASHS Annual Conference, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida, July 2008
 Eric T. Stafne, James Shrefler, Lynn Brandenberger, Brian Kahn, William McGlynn, Warren Roberts, John Damicone, Jonathan Edelson & Merritt Taylor; 2008 ASHS-Southern Region Blue Ribbon Communications Award on the Oklahoman's Guide to Fruits, Nuts and

Vegetables Handbook, Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science, Dallas, TX February 2008

Mike Schnelle taught IPM short course at Sidhuwa, Nepal, June 30-July 5, 2008

Mike Schnelle seminar "Ornamentals Program at Oklahoma State University," at Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 15, 2008

Margaret Struble, 30 Years of Service to OSU

Scholarships and Awards

At our 33rd Annual Departmental Awards Program on August 23, 2008, our students were awarded \$75,200 in departmental scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year and several special awards were given by the department.

The department would like to extend a thank you to all of the scholarship donors. We appreciate your support of our students.

Distinguished Service & Alumnus Awards

Congratulations to our 2008 Distinguished Service & Alumni Award winners!

Paul Redman, Distinguished Horticulture Alumnus Award
 Dave Wolfard, Distinguished Horticulture Service Award
 Gregg Sutton, Distinguished Landscape Architecture Alumnus Award
 Dean Chambers, Distinguished Landscape Architecture Service Award



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