

HLA HAPPENINGS

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LINDA PROKOPY HOSTS LUNCH FOR RETIRED HLA FACULTY AND SPECIALISTS



From left to right: Ed Ashworth, Rosie Lerner, Bruce Bordelon, Linda Prokopy, Allen Hammer, Bob Joly.

Department Head **Linda Prokopy** hosted retired faculty and specialists this week for a lunch and departmental update.

JOSH WIDHALM FEATURED IN ARTICLE BY PURDUE AGRICULTURE

Dr. Josh Widhalm, recently named University Scholar, was featured this week in the article "[A track record of scholarly excellence: Widhalm named 2023 University Faculty Scholar](#)" on the Purdue Agriculture website. A [tweet](#) on the article also features a video.

WELCOME KAREN SULLIVAN!



We are pleased to welcome **Karen Sullivan** to HLA in the role of Head Gardener of the Jules Janick Horticulture Garden. Karen holds a B.S. in Horticulture from Purdue. She brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and experience in the commercial landscape business, plus plenty of energy and enthusiasm. We are excited to have Karen leading the department's efforts in the garden.

STEVE HALLETT SPOTLIGHTED IN VIDEO BY ASEC STUDENT

EllaMae Reiff, a sophomore in the Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication department, made a video highlighting **Dr. Steve Hallett** and his use of hands-on learning: [Visionaries: Professor promotes the value of hands-on learning.](#)

ARIANA TORRES RECEIVES 2023 MATTHEW SONFIELD RESEARCH AWARD

Dr. Ariana Torres was awarded the 2023 Matthew Sonfield Research Award for best research article published by the Small Business Institute.

PURDUE STUDENT FARM MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Dr. **Petrus Langenhoven** is now the sole Director of the Purdue Student Farm. After much consideration, Dr. Steve Hallett decided to shift his attention to other academic activities. And no, he is not disengaging from the farm. He will still be involved in higher-level strategic initiatives at the farm. Petrus is excited about the new responsibilities and opportunities. Dr. **Linda Prokopy**, Department Head of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, notes that the "Purdue Student Farm exists thanks to the passion, vision, and heroic efforts of Steve Hallett and I thank him for his stalwart leadership. I am confident that the farm will continue to be an exemplar of the land grant mission under Petrus' leadership."

Together with **Chris Adair**, the farm manager, Langenhoven's main goal is to make the Purdue Student Farm the best student farm in the country. 'The main focus of the farm remains education. We want to facilitate more research that will educate students and inform small and medium-sized farm operators. Programs at the farm focus heavily on hands-on experiential learning. Annually, we provide several internship opportunities for undergraduate students. The internship program has been very successful, and we would like to expand enrollment. Several undergraduate classes make use of the farm to teach their students, and we hope to facilitate more teaching opportunities for them.' A five-member Executive Committee will provide strategic input to the director.

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FIELD DAY

Registration is now open!



Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
Purdue Meigs Ag Center
9101 S 100 E, Lafayette, IN 47909

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
<https://cvent.me/5zevYD>

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE SMALL FARM EDUCATION FIELD DAY 2023

Registration is now open!



PURDUE SMALL FARM EDUCATION FIELD DAY 2023

SAVE THE DATE JULY 27, 2023
at the Purdue Student Farm

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
<https://cvent.me/ewWN3b>

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE TURF AND LANDSCAPE FIELD DAY 2023



PURDUE TURF & LANDSCAPE FIELD DAY 2023

SAVE THE DATE JULY 18, 2023
at the W. H. Daniel Turfgrass Research & Diagnostic Center
<https://www.mrtf.org/2023/turf-and-landscape-field-day>

PURDUE UNIVERSITY MRTF
Midwest Regional Turf Foundation

Newsletters

- Facts for Fancy Fruits: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/>
- Vegetable Crops Hotline: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>
- Purdue Landscape Report: <https://www.purduelandscapereport.org/>
- Greenhouse and Indoor Production of Speciality Crops: <https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/newsearch.asp?sub-CatID=425%20&CatID=10>

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