

Plant Science Says



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Mali Night 2006 by Florence Dunkel

One hundred seventeen guests were served home-cooked Malian meals by HED (Higher Education in Development/USAID) Malian participants and their mentors and students at Mali Night, April 8, 2006. The event was held at Christus Collegium. The official welcome and gifts for the Malians were presented by Dr. Jeffrey Jacobsen, Dean and Director, MSU College of Agriculture and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. Certificates of appreciation were presented to host families by the Malians. Powerpoint presentations were made by Belgrade secondary school science teacher Kim Popham and consultant Heather McCartney, MSU undergraduates (Mali externs) Chris Sedlak, Stacey Hellekson, Anna Volkorsz; each of the Malians - Aissata Thera, Assa Kante, Adama Berthe, Abdoulaye Camara, and Keriba Coulibaly; Northern Cheyenne students, two students from Chief Dull Knife College (Lame Deer, Montana) and Dr. Florence Dunkel, Projects Director, all recently returned from project work in Mali.

To add to the celebration, the meeting hall and each table was decorated in Malian textiles and artifacts representing 8 of the 36 main ethnic groups in Mali. Katie Cummins, a Bozeman secondary school student, provided African drumming. Guests included family and friends from Choteau, Lame Deer, Belgrade, Livingston, Montana and Annapolis Maryland. This is the fourth annual Mali night and first with Malians present.

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P.E.O. International Peace Scholarships Awarded to Mali Graduate Students By Florence Dunkel

For pursuing an M.S. degree in Plant Pathology at Montana State University, Mme. Aissata Thera has been awarded a P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship for 2006-7. Mme. Thera is an HED (Higher Education in Development/USAID) participant designated to initiate a certified disease-free seed potato industry in Mali, as part of the Mali Agribusiness Entrepreneurial Incubator Center. Her major professor will be Dr. Barry Jacobsen and the ALO/HED project director is Dr. Florence Dunkel. P.E.O. is a philanthropy organization for women in higher education. It was founded in 1869 in Iowa. International Peace Scholarships have been awarded since the late 1940s.

A similar scholarship has been received by Mme. Assa Kante. Mme. Kante is a graduate student at MSU in Agricultural Education with Dr. Martin Frick as her major professor and Dr. Dunkel as the project director. Mme. Kante's role in the Mali Agribusiness Entrepreneurial Incubator Center is Director of Outreach. In this role, she will be in charge of adult education processes and evaluation of uptake and adoption, such as Malian farmer entrepreneurs understanding the epidemiology of bacterial wilt and seed potato selection and quarantine procedures. Ms. Kante's own thesis is about managing for quality in Mali shea butter production for export.

Each of these students will be receiving a PEO scholarship of \$8000 with a possible second year renewable.

Search to fill positions in Leon Johnson Hall

We are currently advertising to fill the Accounting Associate III position (formerly filled by Melody Schimpf) and the Administrative Associate III position (formerly filled by Elaine Matlow) in Leon Johnson Hall. Hopefully, we will have both of those positions filled by the end of May.

New Grants

Jack Martin, Mike Giroux and Luther Talbert.
“Purchase of a research plot combine for wheat genetics research.” USDA NRI-CGP. \$50,000.

Jennifer Brown, Lisa Rew and Tracy Dougher.
“The Use of a Native Plant Sod Buffer to Reduce Invasion of Non-indigenous Species From Residential Areas Into Wildland Areas.” Center for Invasive Plant Management.

Publications

Deanna Nash, Susan Lanning, Phil Fox, Jack Martin, Nancy Blake, Mike Giroux and Luther Talbert, “Relationship of Dough Extensibility to Dough Strength in a Spring Wheat Cross”.

By Bob Johnston (Irene Decker filling in) Navigating and searching long documents in Microsoft Word

Almost everybody has worked with a document that is more than 10 pages long. When working with these long documents it can be extremely difficult to find the information you want. Using Bookmarks in Microsoft Word helps solve this problem by making it easy to navigate through documents in a structured approach, so you can find exactly the information you need.

A bookmark acts as a "stop sign" within your document making it easy to revisit it at your convenience. Once you have your bookmarks in place you can either add a hyperlink directly to your bookmark or navigate to it using the Find and Replace Tool.

To add a bookmark:

1. In your document, click where you want to place a bookmark.
2. On the Insert menu, click Bookmark.
3. When the Bookmark dialog box opens, name your bookmark.
4. Then click Add.

To find your bookmark:

1. Press F5 to open the Find and Replace dialog box.
2. Click the Go To tab, and type the bookmark name in the Enter page number field.
3. Click the Go To button to get to the information you marked.

To add a hyperlink that links to your bookmark:

1. From the Insert menu select hyperlink
2. Type in the "Text To Display" box what you want the hyperlink to say
3. Click on Bookmark button and browse to the bookmark you want.
4. Click OK twice

Caller ID Blocking

You may be aware that, when you call off-campus, your telephone number will display if the person you call has caller-ID. Did you know that you can block your number from displaying on a call, if you want to? Just dial “*67” before dialing the “8” or “9” to call out, and your phone number will be blocked as “Private” for that call.

One thing to remember, though, is that some people have “Anonymous Call Blocking” enabled on their phone, which will reject your call if your number is blocked and marked as private.

Daylilies

By Bob Gough



Daylilies are perfectly hardy here and easy to grow. The pioneers brought them into the state and called them "lemon lilies." They're not true lilies, and each flower lasts only a

day (hence the name), but they put on an unforgettable display over an extended blooming season. Select different cultivars with different blooming dates to extend the season even more.

Plant *Hemerocallis* (our daylilies) in full sun or partial shade and in any good soil, in early spring or in fall. Space plants of average height (about 3 feet tall) 2 to 3 feet apart each way. Small varieties can be spaced closer, larger ones farther apart. Work in some high phosphorus fertilizer and some compost to buildup soil humus before planting, and topdress an established bed with about 10 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer, or equivalent, per 1000 square feet early each spring. Give them sufficient water during the season to keep them healthy, but don't overwater them. Then sit back and enjoy the beautiful blooms from June to September.

Dig and reset established plants every 4 years or so to keep the beds from getting overcrowded.

Recipes

- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- (1.27 ounce) packet dry fajita seasoning, divided
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (11 ounce) can Mexican-style corn
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 1 (10 ounce) package mixed salad greens
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, cut into wedges

Rub chicken evenly with 1/2 the fajita seasoning. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat, and cook the chicken 8 minutes on each side, or until juices run clear; set aside.

In a large saucepan, mix beans, corn, salsa and other 1/2 of fajita seasoning. Heat over medium heat until warm.

Prepare the salad by tossing the greens, onion and tomato. Top salad with chicken and dress with the bean and corn mixture.

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