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DON HORNECK BUILDING MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The Don Horneck Memorial Building was dedicated on November 18, 2015. Phil Hamm expressed his heartfelt loss of a valued colleague and dear friend. “Dr. Horneck was an important component to the services that the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center (HAREC) provide growers and field men in the region. This building serves as recognition of his commitment and dedication to agriculture, HAREC and OSU.”



Phil Hamm, Don Horneck's daughter Amy, his granddaughters and wife Vicki during the dedication activities November 18th

The building has a \$300K value and funds were donated from numerous sources including the Oregon Potato Commission and Washington State Potato Commission, as well as local potato growers, an onion shed, Umatilla County, North West Farm Credit Services and OSU's College of Agricultural

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2015 OUTSTANDING ACF PARTNER



The American Culinary Federation Pro Chefs Oregon (ACF PCO) has been collaborating with Oregon Spuds in three major ways.

First there's The Bite, the Oregon Special Olympics fund raiser, where potatoes are donated by OPC but the ACF PCO actually make the culinary event happen. Over \$90,000 was raised at the Chef's Table. Everything, from the menus to the presentation are arranged by our local ACF PCO members. They also organize a small army of volunteers to serve over 20,000 small gourmet plates made from Oregon commodity crops.

Secondly, ACF PCO members have been helping OPC evaluate Oregon's Best Potatoes at the Goodness Unearthed Potato Awards for five consecutive years. This event has gained recognition and is being observed by USPB Chief Marketing Officer, John Toasperm and OSU potato breeding program lead, Sagar Sathuvalli. The concept that potatoes should be bred for flavor, as well as, health and yield is growing. ACF PCO's participa-

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Sciences. The remaining funds were acquired through individual research programs located at HAREC that are already using the facility.

Greg Harris of Three Mile Canyon Farms committed to raising \$40,000 from potato growers and received full support almost immediately, by the first calls he made.

The facility is already in use by Silvia Rondon, the crops entomologist (insect rearing rooms); Aymeric Goyer (molecular biologist), Ken Frost (plant pathologist), and Sagar Sathuvalli (potato breeder). The tissue culture room; growth chambers and incubators have been moved into the equipment room; and the new agronomy lab will be used as soon as the new agronomist is hired.

The new facility provides much needed research space to help understand and manage insects important to potato production, help to produce new potato cultivars that are disease resistant and higher in nutritional value. Of course, the new Agronomist will have a state of the art facility to help him/her develop new research based information related to potato production.

HAREC enjoys great stakeholder support and a dedicated staff. Soon there will be another greenhouse to support the potato breeding program, a remodeled Horticulture lab to support a soon to be hired faculty member, additional office space and a 12,000 square foot Precision Irrigated Ag Facility to be built by Blue Mountain Community College beginning next year. The new facility will train students valid method and provide equipment related to high value crop production in the Columbia Basin and beyond.

Visitors are always welcome at HAREC
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By Jennifer Fletcher & Philip B Hamm



The new agronomy lab will hopefully be a draw for new HAREC agronomist applicants.

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By Katie Ralls



tion adds to the validity of the Goodness Unearthed contest. OPC is lucky to have professional palates volunteering to help identify the flavors the general public find favorable in Oregon's spuds.

Finally, ACF PCO members are always ready to help OPC baked potatoes for the baked potato bar events held at the state capitol and at OSU football games. These events enable OPC commissioners to communicate Agricultural issues with Oregon representatives and OSU alumni.



Chef Clive Wanstall at Lane Community College

This year, one Chef stood out, Clive Wanstall, from Lane Community College Culinary Program. In addition to participating in the above mentioned events, Chef Clive also organizes and prepares the Whiteaker Community Thanksgiving Dinner serving over 2,000 men, women and children in Eugene.

Thank you for supporting Oregon farmers, the potato industry and less fortunate members of the Eugene community Chef Clive!

By Jennifer Fletcher

Upcoming Events

- January 14-15, 2016
2016 Annual NPC Meeting—Las Vegas, NV
- January 26-28, 2016
WA/OR Potato Conference—Kennewick, WA
Three Rivers Convention Center
- February 17-25, 2016
2016 Potato Industry Leadership Institute
Grand Forks, North Dakota and Washington, D.C.
- February 22-25, 2016
Potato DC Fly-In—Washington, D.C.
- February 9, 2016
Salem Drive-In Potato Bar—Capitol, Salem, OR
- February 9 & 10, 2016
OPC Quarterly Meetings—Salem, OR



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January 26, 27 & 28

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Another rising star in potato industry leadership . . .
Katie Walchli will be representing Oregon at the
2016 Potato Industry Leadership Institute.

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