

Friends of the Library News

By Mary Kate Keith

What's Really In Your Lunch!



*[Left to right]
Ross and Rebecca
Whetten are
pictured at the Fall
Luncheon with
guest speaker
Ronald Sederoff.*

Ronald R. Sederoff, NCSU Distinguished University Professor of Forestry and director of the Forest Biotechnology Group, enjoyed highlighting what really is in the food we eat to more than 130 guests at the Friends of the Library's Fall Luncheon on November 9, 2001. Sederoff, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, explained the science of genomics and the genetic modification of plants, animals, and the environment. His discussion included a PowerPoint presentation and actual food specimens that have been modified over time.

Sederoff began by humorously asserting that his qualifications as an expert in the area of food are based on his belief that everyone should eat from the basic food groups, which he defined as

including caffeine, sugar, and chocolate. Jokes aside, Sederoff emphasized that genetically modified plants and foods have been a part of the agricultural process for more than 10,000 years, and everyone has benefited from the improvements. Current research and technology have allowed scientists to fine-tune the process to the point where the use of genetically modified foods can have a great impact on the world's future food supply. The benefits of this science include the ability to produce more foods with less land and to provide at-risk populations with vitamin supplements in basic food products. He feels it is the duty of scientists and the media to bring this positive information to the general public so they can understand the value of genomics without fear.

[Right] Jackson Jett, NCSU associate dean of Research and Extension for the College of Natural Resources, introduced his friend and colleague Ronald Sederoff [left] to guests at the Friends' 2001 Fall Luncheon.



At the luncheon, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter presented the thirteenth annual NCSU Libraries Faculty Award to David A. Danehower, associate professor of crop science, and Ross W. Whetten, associate professor of forestry. Danehower and Whetten have been key proponents of the Libraries' work with scholarly communication (*see* "David Danehower and Ross Whetten Receive 2001 NCSU Libraries

Faculty Award" in the "Library News" section, page 4). Whetten accepted the award on behalf of himself and Danehower, who was in Africa. NC State's new provost, Stuart Cooper, attended his first Fall Luncheon and welcomed attendees on behalf of the university. Guests from across the Triangle enjoyed the chance not only to eat lunch but also to learn about the genes found in the food they ate. ❖



[Left] NC State Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemical Engineering Stuart L. Cooper stands with one of this year's Faculty Award winners, Ross Whetten of the Department of Forestry.

Spring Dinner 2002 With . .



On April 11, 2002, the Friends of the Library's Spring Dinner will feature guest speaker Robert B. Parker, acclaimed author of the Spenser private-eye series. The event, held at the McKimmon Center, will be divided into two parts. Attendees may purchase tickets for the reception, dinner, and evening program or just for the evening program. The reception begins at 5:30 P.M., and the dinner starts at 7:30 P.M. The evening program starts at 8:00 P.M., and a book signing will conclude the evening.



More than fifty writers will be on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill to give readings, sign books, conduct workshops, and participate in performances. Some of the participating writers are Fred Chappell, Clyde Edgerton, Margaret Maron, Robert Morgan, Reynolds Price, and Lee Smith. For a complete



Nancy Olson, a member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors and owner of Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh, will host a discussion during the evening program with Robert Parker.

Advance reservations are required for both portions of the evening. Call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., for information or to purchase tickets. ❖

North Carolina Literary Festival

April 5 and 6, 2002

listing of authors and for more information about the festival, visit its Web site at www.lib.unc.edu/NClitfest. The festival is a biennial celebration, cooperatively sponsored by the libraries of UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, and NC State. ❖

University Authors Days Scheduled

The Friends of the Library will celebrate NC State authors at its third University Authors Days on January 29 and 30, 2002. Readings will be scheduled throughout the two days in the Assembly Room on the second floor, East Wing, of the D. H. Hill Library. For a complete listing of participating authors, check the Web site at www.lib.ncsu.edu/administration/fol/authordays/index.html.

A special exhibit will open at this year's University Authors Days. The exhibit, produced by the library's Special Collections Department, will commemorate the career of Richard G. Walser, who died in 1988. Walser, a professor in NC State's Department of English who taught from 1946 through 1970, received the North Carolina Award for Literature in 1976. This year's event is sponsored through the generosity of TIAA-CREF. ♦



Friends of the Library Board of Directors



[Left to right] Members of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors are (seated) Assad Meymandi, President J. Lawrence Apple, Vice President Wyndham Robertson, and Terry G. Wood; (middle) Emma Garnett Satterfield, Maryann Bitzer, Susan K. Nutter, Suzy Purrington, Helen W. Evans, Sue M. Daughtridge, Brenda Wilson, and Nancy Olson; (back) Hayne Palmour III, Patches Meares, Bobby L. Purcell, and W. Trent Ragland III.

Not pictured: Robert Bashford; James S. Fulghum III; Kaye Gibbons; Franklin D. Hart; Mansour H. Mohamed; Lyn W. Moser; Linda G. Murphy; K. C. Ramsay; John Stewart; Linda Trieber; Tom G. Ward; William E. Willis, Jr.; and George L. Worsley, Jr.

Twelfth Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Library sponsored another successful book sale, raising more than \$12,000. Proceeds from the sale benefited the NCSU Libraries Preservation Endowment. This year, after the events of September 11, the Friends of the Library Board of Directors voted unanimously to donate 10 percent of the sale's proceeds to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. A check for \$1,200 was sent to the local Triangle chapter.

The success of each book sale depends on the generous donations of books and media from Friends members and NC State faculty and staff.

"We had approximately 14,000 books plus media, which included CDs, videos, albums, cassettes, and audio books. This year we also featured a wide selection of greeting cards," explained Margaret Hunt, book sale coordinator. Hundreds of book lovers shopped from September 20 through the ever popular "bag sale" on September 23, finding special treasures.

A special thanks goes out to all volunteers, especially Frank Armstrong, an FOL life member and NCSU emeritus professor, who volunteered throughout the year to prepare for the sale. Mary Kate Keith, director of the Friends, added, "I can't imagine a book sale without Frank and his wife, Bev. Their hard work throughout the year to help us prepare for the sale is irreplaceable." ❖

Changes to the Book Donation Policy

In light of recent national events, the NCSU Libraries has instituted a new procedure to ensure the safety of all its employees. The Libraries needs the help of everyone who plans to donate books for the Friends' annual book sale to implement the procedure successfully. As of November 1, 2001, all book sale donations must be made in person between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Donors are asked to complete the appropriate donation forms at that time. Any donations left on the D. H. Hill loading dock or at the branch libraries after normal working hours can no longer be accepted. The NCSU Libraries and the Friends of the Library appreciate the support and cooperation of donors in this matter. Questions about the new policy should be directed to June Brotherton, associate director of Administration and Advancement at (919) 515-2843, or to Tracy Proctor, director of Development at (919) 515-3339. ❖



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✓ *2002 University Authors Days* January 29 and 30, 2002
Two days of readings featuring NCSU authors
- ✓ *2002 North Carolina Literary Festival**
UNC–Chapel Hill April 5 and 6, 2002
A literary weekend featuring North Carolina authors
- ✓ *Spring Dinner* April 11, 2002
Robert Parker, author of Spenser private-eye series

*The 2002 North Carolina Literary Festival replaces the 2002 North Carolina Writers Series. The festival is cosponsored by Friends of the Library programs of the NC State, UNC–Chapel Hill, and Duke University libraries.