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Rutgers University First Emma Lausten Horticultural Symposium and Launch of the Cook College/New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Integrated Horticultural Program, Scheduled for April 4, 2005

The first Emma Lausten Horticultural Symposium will be held April 4, 2005 at the Cook College Campus Center from 8:15 AM until 5:30 PM. The symposia theme is "Working together to solve the problems of the NJ horticulture industries". The Symposium will introduce the Horticulture Program at Rutgers University, a new initiative to integrate horticulture research, teaching and outreach in the Garden State. Our keynote speaker will be Dr Fred T. Davies, Jr., a Rutgers University graduate and distinguished professor at Texas A & M University. A reception and dinner will follow at 5:30 PM to honor Dr. Norman F. Childers, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University and former chair of the Horticulture Department in the 1950s and 60s.

Emma Lausten was the donor of a \$1,000,000 horticultural endowment to Cook College in 2003. She lived in Union County and the family had nursery industry ties. Her desire was to help fund graduate and undergraduate scholarships and internships and further horticultural educational opportunities. This year proceeds from the fund have been used to fund internships in horticulture for undergraduates and a Lausten Fellowship for a graduate student. While Emma Lausten was lost to us, her legacy continues to help our students and provides an inspiration to us all.

Presentations that follow the keynote address will be grouped under the headings: Tools of Integration and Success and Possibilities. A panel of respondents will complete the educational session along with a discussion period. A poster session and commercial display booth session will be held concurrently to the symposium. Lunch will be included in the registration fee.

This Emma Lausten Horticulture Symposium is the first in a planned series of annual horticultural symposia to be held at Rutgers University.

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About Rutgers University:

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is one of the leading universities in the nation. The university is made up of 29 degree-granting divisions; 12 undergraduate colleges, 11 graduate schools, and three schools offering both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Five are located in Camden, seven in Newark, and 14 in New Brunswick/Piscataway.

About Cook College:

Cook College is the land-grant college of [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#). It was created in 1973 and named in honor of George Hammell Cook (1818-1889), a renowned geologist and teacher at what was then called the Rutgers Scientific School. Cook College expanded the focus of its predecessors, including the College of Agriculture and then the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science.

Cook College is closely affiliated with the [New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station](#) (NJAES), which is mandated by the state to conduct mission-oriented research and outreach to address the needs of its residents as they relate to agriculture, natural resources, and human and community development. Although they are technically separate institutions, Cook and NJAES are part of a national land-grant system of colleges and universities that, by virtue of the 1862 Morrill Act, have a mission and mandate to serve residents, businesses, and communities through teaching, research, and outreach.

About Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension Services:

Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension (RCRE) is part of the NJAES and helps the diverse population of New Jersey adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve their lives through an educational process that uses science-based knowledge. We focus on issues and needs relating to agriculture and the environment; management of natural resources; food safety, quality, and health; family stability; economic security; and youth development.

RCRE is an integral part of [Cook College](#), the [New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station](#), and [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#), and funded by the [United States Department of Agriculture](#), the [State of New Jersey](#), and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders.