

Sensilla Quiz

The Sensilla has been published monthly for 35 years! Here is a fun quiz about its history. See how many answers you know or can guess. Answers will be revealed in the February issue.

When (month and year) was the first issue of Sensilla published?

Why was the Sensilla newsletter started?

How many people have served as editor of Sensilla?

How many different logos have there been for Sensilla?

What is “wrong” with the current logo?

Whose name has appeared the most (one count per issue) in Sensilla?

Whose name has appeared second most (one count per issue) in Sensilla?

How many individual names (only one count per issue) have been indexed in all issues in 35 years? (This number does not include the birthday listings.)

January Birthdays

Abir Abu	January 1
Anju Ara	January 1
Emmily Hood	January 6
Chao Xiong	January 6
Alex Harman	January 9
Jamie Eastep	January 10
Bob Hunger	January 14
Wyatt Ringer	January 17
John Damicone	January 21
Ken Jackson	January 22
Elizabeth Smith Wilson	January 22
Marietta Hoisington	January 29
Faith England	January 30
Finn Bergbower	January 31

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January Calendar of Events

New Year's Day – University Holiday	Jan	1
Martin Luther King Day - University Holiday	Jan	15
Classes Begin	Jan	16
Early Registration Deadline for Southern Division APS	Jan	18
Seminar – Dr. Abramson	Jan	19
Paper and Poster Submissions Due for SWB-ESA	Jan	22
Seminar – Edmond Bonjour	Jan	26

February Calendar of Events

Seminar – Dr. Ringer	Feb	2
Regular Registration Deadline for Southern Division APS	Feb	8
Seminar – Meg Gilliland and Chao Xiong	Feb	9
Seminar – Roshan Paswan and Augustine Bosomtwe	Feb	16
Seminar – Dr. Hung	Feb	23
Southern Division APS Meeting	Feb	26-29

Congratulations!

Kevin Shelton has been selected to receive the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Impact Award and will be recognized at the 2024 Extension Biennial Conference Awards Luncheon on January 11 at the OSU Student Union Ballroom.

New Graduate Students

Anju Ara is beginning her M.S. degree with **Dr. Meriem Aoun**. Her research will focus on discovering susceptibility genes in Oklahoma hard red winter wheat to *Septoria nodorum* blotch (SNB). Anju received her B.S. degree in Agricultural Sciences from Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2020.

Jamie Eastep is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Bruce Noden**. His research will focus on tick surveillance and *Rickettsia* prevalence testing in culturally important areas within the Choctaw Nation in southeastern Oklahoma. Jamie received his B.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in December 2023.

Iza Fatima is beginning her Ph.D. candidacy with **Dr. Meriem Aoun**. Her research will focus on leaf rust and stripe rust resistance in Oklahoma hard red winter wheat. Iza received her B.S. degree in Horticulture from Ghazi University in Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab, Pakistan in 2019 and her M.S. degree in Crop Genetics and Breeding from China Agricultural University in 2022.

Samantha Hittson is transitioning from an M.S. degree program to a Ph.D. candidacy with **Dr. Wyatt Hoback**. Her research will focus on the genomics of American burying beetles including pesticide effects.

Francisco Mosquera is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Andres Espindola**. His research will be to develop molecular and bioinformatics methods to increase the sensitivity of high-throughput sequencing for detecting pathogens in tomatoes and peppers. Francisco received his B.S. degree in Biotechnology Engineering from the Armed Forces University - ESPE in Sangolqui, Ecuador in 2019.

Farzana Mridu is beginning her M.S. degree with **Dr. Haobo Jiang**. Her research will focus on hemocytes of *Manduca sexta*. Farzana received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Jahangirnagar University in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Zach Royko is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Brad Kard** while continuing to work as a Senior Agriculturalist for Dr. Kard. His research will focus on social insect ecology. Zach received his B.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in 2021.

Departmental Seminars

Seminars will be held at 3:00 p.m. in Room 216-218 NRC.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jan. 19	Dr. Charles Abramson	Dr. Charles H. Turner's Life and Contributions to Entomology Research
Jan. 26	Edmond Bonjour	Broadening Horizons with the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program

Necrology

Barbara Sue Krajacic, age 71, former Financial Work-study in our department in 1995 and 1996, died on December 7, 2023. She was born July 1, 1952, to Marvin and Marcene (Testerman) James in Cushing, Oklahoma. Barbara was raised in Cushing and graduated from Cushing High School with the class of 1970.

Barbara attended Oklahoma State University, and graduated with her bachelor's degree. She worked mostly at OSU since 1975. Barbara took a break after her graduation to work for the University of Arkansas Extension Service, 4-H Center, for eight years, and then in Guthrie for three years. She worked as an Accounting Specialist in Extension Finance beginning in 2006 and then as an Accounting Specialist in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences before she retired from OSU in 2019.

She enjoyed working puzzles, ancestry, reading, making lists, watching football, and especially watching the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Survivors include her son, Charles Krajacic, of Perkins; brother, Marvin James and his wife, Sue, of Ripley; sister, Ruth Wells and husband, Allen, of Cushing; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by two sisters: Betty James and Peggy James. A memorial service was held on December 13, 2023, at the Crossway Church in Cushing.