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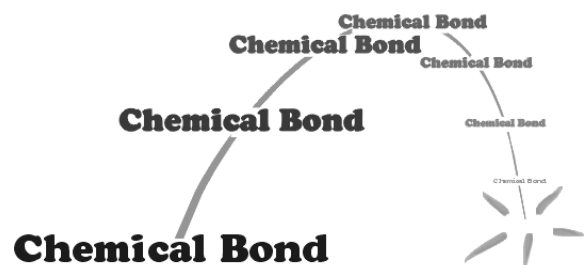


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If you can see the colors, check your meds.



Either way, check page 10 for seasonal chemistry.



Last month, we announced in this space that the *Chemical Bond* would be going all-electronic starting with the January, 2010, issue.

We've already started down that road with print and web renditions in parallel starting last May. All the content of the print version is in the web version, plus

- full color photos and artwork where available
- easy navigation from the Table of Contents and between articles
- internet citations as links for convenient follow-up
- searchable content with your browser's Find function
- and all the other advantages we mentioned last month: more timely content ... searchable archive ... environmental benefits ... saving money for other programs

We know, though, that if the Bond doesn't arrive proactively in your postal mailbox every month, you can easily lose your connection to the Section and the local chemistry scene. So ...

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# Meeting & Seminars

## Board of Directors

St. Louis Section-ACS Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month, usually at the Glen Echo Country Club (map available on website). Meetings are open to all members, and all are encouraged to attend. Elected officers and chairs of major committees vote on questions put to the Board; others in attendance have voice but no vote.

If you want to attend for dinner, please contact Bill Doub (william.doub@fda.hhs.gov or 314.651.7514) at least a week in advance. Usual cost of the dinner is \$20; unemployed officers and chairs of major committees \$10. Members wishing to become active in section activities are welcomed for their first dinner as guests of the section.

**Date:** Nov 12

**Social hour:** 5:30 pm

**Dinner:** 6:30 pm

**Business meeting:** 7:15 pm

**Next month:** Dec 10 Continuity Dinner (see page 6 for reservation)

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## Saint Louis University

Seminars start at 12 noon in Room 12 Monsanto Hall, except as noted. For more information, contact the Chemistry Department, 314.977.2850.

November 6

**Dr. Dana Dattelbaum**  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
TBA

November 19, 9:10 am

Busch Student Center 253B-C  
**Sigma Aldrich Seminar**  
**Dr. Ronald A. Siegel**  
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## Univ of Missouri-St Louis

Mondays at 4 pm in 451 Benton Hall, unless otherwise specified. Refreshments 15 minutes prior to seminar time. For more information, contact the Chemistry Department, 314.516.5311. All topics were TBA at press time.

November 9

**Sophia Hayes**  
Washington University

November 16

**Xumu Zhang**  
Rutgers University

November 30

**Renee D. Jiji**  
University of Missouri-Columbia

## Washington University

Seminars are in McMillen 311 at 4 pm unless otherwise noted. For information, contact Lev Gelb, gelb@wustl.edu. At press time, all topics were TBA.

November 5

**Walter D. Loveland**  
Oregon State University  
*Synthetic paths to the heaviest elements*

November 12

**Stephen M. Holmes**  
University of Missouri-St Louis  
TBA

November 19

**Richard L. Axelbaum**  
Washington University  
TBA

## Come to the Continuity Dinner

Every December, the St. Louis Section holds a fancier than average board meeting to celebrate the year's achievements, recognize certain members, and pass the gavel to the new slate of section officers. There is also the Henry Godt Memorial Lecture, recapping the past year, which is given by a surprise speaker.

For many members, this is the only event they attend each year. Please join us on December 10 at Glen Echo Country Club: social hour and open bar (beer, wine, soft drinks) at 5:30 p.m; dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will begin during dinner. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Please send the reservation form on page 6 with your payment by December 1.



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## 2009 Continuity Dinner

Thursday, December 10, 2009  
at Glen Echo Country Club  
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5:30 pm Social hour, open bar (beer, wine, soft drinks)

6:30 pm Dinner and meeting

Please send reservations by December 1st to:

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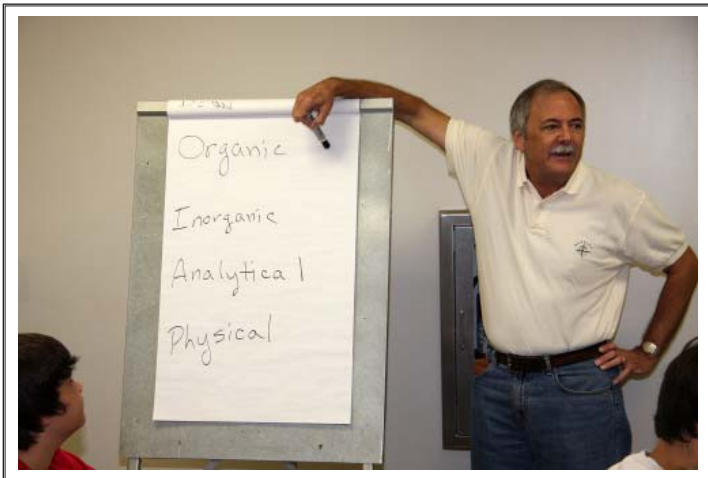
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## Success Again—Chemistry Merit Badge 2009

On September 19th, 47 Boy Scouts from all over St Louis and part of Illinois came to Jost Chemical Company to learn about chemistry and earn a merit badge. They learned about the four main fields of chemistry, made Cartesian divers, separated solutions, got oil and water to mix, and took a tour of a working chemical manufacturing plant.

The 25 professional chemists and chemistry students who helped at the event found the boys to be “interested, polite, cooperative, and generally a lot of fun.” The event was sponsored by the St Louis Section—ACS and Jost Chemical Company. Door prizes were furnished by Monsanto and AmerenUE Pure Power.



Bill Doub introduces the four main fields of chemistry.  
Ed. note: Four? Can you say “Biological”?



Happy Scouts show off their hands-on activities.

## The Scouts need your help!

The ACS-St. Louis Section sponsors chemistry clinics for local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The Boy Scouts earn their Chemistry Merit Badge in a half-day event. The target age group is 11-13 or so. Approximately 40 boys learn about the scientific method, laboratory safety, industrial chemistry, and some fundamental chemical principles. The boys have a great time, and there is always a waiting list. Numerous section members and college student affiliates assist with this event, providing supervision, lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on activities. The event starts early in the morning and finishes with lunch and merit badge counselor review in the early afternoon. The past two years, it has been held on a Saturday in September at Jost Chemical Company.

The Girl Scout Chemistry Interest Project is geared toward high school girls. This event has been held at Saint Louis University, and can accommodate 10 participants. College student affiliates assist with this nearly day-long event that has taken place on a Saturday in October or November. The girls learn about UV-vis spectroscopy and apply it to analyze sunscreen; they discuss scientific ethics; they learn about some hot topics in chemistry; and they take an experiment in pH testing into the community to satisfy their service requirement. The event starts in the morning—lunch is provided—and concludes late in the afternoon.

In the past, these clinics have been supported by a grant from national ACS. The grant has expired. These events are enormously popular, but we are unable support them fully without additional funding, either donations or a participant fee (definitely not our preference). About \$800 will cover the expenses of the two programs at the current level of participation. More funding would allow us to accommodate more kids.

If you would like to make a donation to support these programs, please contact the Section Chair. No donation is too small, and your support is greatly appreciated.

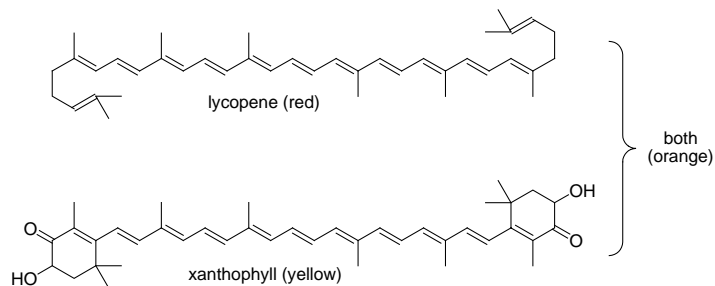
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## It's that time of year again ...

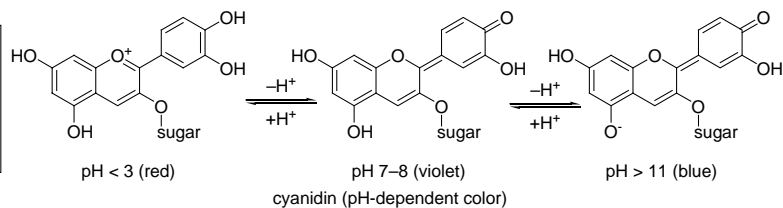
...when trees turn colors and leaves drop. If you haven't raked, blown, or mulched yet, you have a thick carpet of red, orange, yellow, and brown leaves on your ground. If you have, those leaves are only in your gutters.

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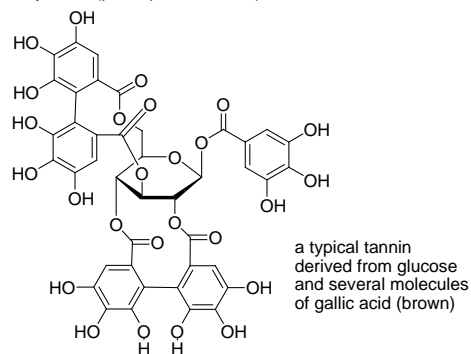
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