

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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A 30th anniversary celebration for an Entomologist who likes fish



(Top left: Art in his office Top right: Colleagues gather around Art for a surprise celebration of his 30th year at WSU Puyallup)

As a graduate student at Central Washington University, Art Antonelli planned to spend his life studying fisheries. His Masters thesis was on the food habits of steelhead, a topic that began to shift his focus into other areas of zoology. By the time he enrolled in the University of Idaho for his Ph.D. program, after taking a hard look at job and career opportunities, Art had decided to become an entomologist. Now he is even more adamant about his choice. "I continually want to change people's minds about insects," explained Art. "They have great value as we are highly dependent on them." He has authored or co-authored over 300 scientific, trade and extension articles and four books while managing the Plant Problem Diagnostic Clinic at WSU Puyallup and teaching Entomology 460 in the summer.

Since his first day at WSU Puyallup in 1976, Art has seen many changes. The biggest change has been the "the extreme shift from agriculture to urban issues. It has freed me up to do pesticide training." Responsible for IPM and affiliated entomological education programs for all agricultural crops in western Washington, Art sees greater emphasis now on urban entomology which addresses ornamental, human, pet and structural pests.

As for the fish, Art still keeps two aquariums in his office stocked with fish from Lake Malawi and enjoys looking at them, not studying them.

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