



# NAPGA

## E•NEWS

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### Welcome to a New Year with NAPGA!

You are invited to attend the following NA pawpaw festivals in 2017. We have posted pictures from the festivals in 2016. There are several additional festivals but the dates are not yet posted. If you know of additional pawpaw festivals and their dates, please let us know so that we can update our calendar.

We are attempting to make the NAPGA E-news more friendly to use and print by reducing the amount of solid color. If you have any further suggestions, let us know.

The search continues for short articles or your comments, stories, and especially pictures to include in the NAPGA E-news. Pictures and comments of last year's festivals are the highlight of this E-news.

## 2017 OPGA/NAPGA & Other Pawpaw Related Events

Event	Date	Time	Contact	Location
<b>OPGA Annual Meeting</b>	May 20	9:30 am – 3 pm	<b>Ron Powell</b> 513-777-8367	<b>Wilmington College</b> Wilmington, OH
Ohio State Fair (ONGA)	July 26 – Aug 6	Must sign up for a shift	Joe Hieter JoeHietter@yahoo.com	State Fair Grounds Columbus, OH
NAFEX & NNGA Joint mtg	August 13 - 16	Tours, speakers & Dinner meeting	Robert Hamilton lostman_amiga@yahoo.com	Tifton, GA
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NC Pawpaw Festival	Saturday August 26	10 am – 2 pm	Derek Morris 336-703-2850	1450 Fairchild Rd Winston-Salem, NC
<b>Ohio Pawpaw Festival</b>	<b>September 15th – 17th</b>	<b>Fri – 4 pm/12 am</b> <b>Sat – 10 am/12 am</b> <b>Sun – 10 am/4 pm</b>	<b>Chris Chmiel</b> (Trademark owner) <b>OhioPawpawfest.com</b>	<b>Lake Snowden, OH</b> <b>Near Athens, OH</b>
Long Creek Pawpaw Festival	September 23	1 – 5 pm	www.ecologiadesign.com	Long Creek Homestead Frederick, MD

**If you would like to help at any event call or e-mail the contact person listed.**

**If you would like to have a pawpaw event listed, contact Ron at 513-777-8367.**

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## Ohio Pawpaw Festival

The Ohio Pawpaw Festival (Chris Chmiel trademark owner) seems to get larger and better each year. This year an added fun feature was a 10' walking-talking tree which strolled the grounds to the delight of children and adults alike! Thanks to these members we had a good amount of fresh pawpaw samples: Jerry Lehman (Terra Haute, IN), and Lance Beard (Jim Davis Orchards, MD). The weather at the 2016 Festival was much improved over last year. This year, OPGA had its own tent between the Pawpaw Education tent and the Integration Acres booth. The tent was shared with authors Andy Moore and Sara Bir.

OPGA members (right) Ron White, Mark Stadler and Jared (Lance) Sinkowski are discussing pawpaws and below, Greg Hoertt is enjoying a glass of pawpaw beer.

The festival dates for the 2017 festival are September 15—17. Visit the Ohio Pawpaw Festival website at [OhioPawpawfest.com](http://OhioPawpawfest.com).



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## North Carolina Pawpaw Festival

Greg Hoertt and I attended the North Carolina Pawpaw Festival in Winston-Salem, NC located at the Forsyth County Center. The weather was great! The below picture shows Woody Walker and several of his offerings of NA pawpaw. The picture on the right shows the main street of the festival. The NC Festival is hosted by the Winston-Salem Cooperative Extension Service. There were orchard tours, pawpaw food sampling, cooking demonstrations, pawpaw presentations, and vendors selling pawpaw trees and fruit. The 2017 NC festival will be help on August 26.



## Maryland Pawpaw Festival

The 1st annual Long Creek Pawpaw Fest was a hit. Hosted at the Judd's permaculture homestead outside Frederick, MD the day drew 500 people. Fest goers had to amble down through a woodland lane and across a creek to arrive at the homestead's circular straw-bale home where the Pawpaw Fest was being celebrated. Spread around the homestead were tasting tables with the best of varieties, ice cream making stations, wood fired oven cranking out the pizzas, a 55 gallon rocket stove making pawpaw jam, bluegrass jams, kids zones and even a harp player!

Along with tours of the homesteads food forests, gardens, and recently completed natural home Neil Peterson showed up and held pawpaw court!

"There are certainly a lot more people in our neck of the woods crazy about NA pawpaws now!" The text and pictures were provided by Michael Judd. The 2017 MD festival is scheduled to be held on September 23. You can visit their website to confirm this date at

[www.ecologiadesign.com](http://www.ecologiadesign.com)



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## Wilmington Delaware Pawpaw Festival

Wilmington, Delaware holds a Pawpaw Folk Festival each August. This is the first year NAPGA was invited to have a display and provide educational publications.

It was sponsored by Delaware State Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation. It was held on grounds of Alapocas Run State Park Blue Ball Barn on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

There were about 15 booths of various types, several food truck vendors, a booth selling pawpaw plants, and a local radio station was broadcasting from the grounds. Many were interested in learning about pawpaws and some were enthusiastic enough to become NAPGA members.

Information on this year's festival will be posted on the park website, [www.destateparks.com/park/alapocasrun/pawpaw-festival.asp](http://www.destateparks.com/park/alapocasrun/pawpaw-festival.asp), some time in May 2017.

## 4<sup>th</sup> International Pawpaw Conference

Kentucky State University hosted the conference September 1-3, 2016 in Frankfort, Ky. It began with a tour England's Orchard in Mckee, KY. There was a light drizzle part of the day but not enough

to dampen the spirits of the attendees. Owner Cliff was a gracious host and were able to sample some of Cliff's named cultivars of pawpaws.

There were 160 attendees from 19 states and 6 countries. The Conference celebrated the 100th anniversary of the American Genetics Association 1916 Best Pawpaw contest.

A new pawpaw was introduced by Dr. Kirk Pomper, named KSU Benson. Dr. Harold R. Benson was present to be recognized at the Conference.



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