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Dan's Writings

The Pawpaw season has finally passed. So many found them in abundance. Many tasted it for the first time. The creamy texture. The I can't get enough. Is it a new fad? How long will it last? Only time will tell. Looking at all events and



the crowds they bring, there must be something special of this lost fruit. So many ask where can I buy? How can I preserve it? Where can I find it? How can I grow it? Leaving no question unanswered, no stone unturned. Follow us on a journey of the Pawpaw experience.



Swallowtail Butterfly

Swallowtail butterflies look like art decorating our landscape. The area of the NAPGA is home to six species of Swallowtail butterflies. Large and brilliantly colored, each one is fun to identify and worthy of an introduction.

Swallowtail butterflies are named for their forked tail extensions featured on their hind wings, which may be seen while the butterfly is resting with its wings spread. The feature resembles the tails of the swallow family of birds. Butterflies are an essential species to any ecosystem as pollinators, helping growth and fertilization of many plant species. Abundant species of butterflies seen along the Southern edge of the state include the Tiger Swallowtail and the Zebra Swallowtail

Habitat for Swallowtail butterflies

Swallowtail butterflies feed on flowers and can often be found in mud or damp sand where they sip dissolved minerals and salt. They are vulnerable while doing this and can become food for Red-winged blackbirds, Green darner dragonfly, Chinese Mantis, or skunk. Luckily, their bright colors offer protection from predators by mimicking noxious tasting animals.



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By Ren Powell

THE TRUCK DRIVER



So many things happening here on the farm. Work seems to never get done and there is always tomorrow. So the other day my wife asked my grandson Wesley to help her pick up pawpaws in his John Deere wagon. Wesley was all hands on deck for his great adventure with Grandma. So off they went to the pawpaw grove. Things were going fine until she turned around and noticed that Wesley was sitting on the tractor. She reminded him that she needed his help in picking up the pawpaws and he said that "He was a truck driver and not a fruit picker." Kids say the darndest things.

You can only laugh. Oh what it is to have grand kids. Loving it every day.



2020 Calendar of Pawpaw Happenings

May	Mid	Pawpaw grafting classes in the state of Ohio		
May	16	OPGA/NAPGA Annual Meeting	Wilmington College	1870 Quaker Way #2499, Wilmington, OH 45177
Sept.	11, 12, and 13	Ohio Pawpaw Festival	5900 Old US Highway 50, Albany, OH 45710	
Sept	17 3rd Thursday	Kentucky State field Days		
Sept	Mid	Pawpaw Festivals Pennsylvania		
Sept	Late	Pawpaw festival West Virginia University	Monongahela Blvd, Morgantown, WV 26502	



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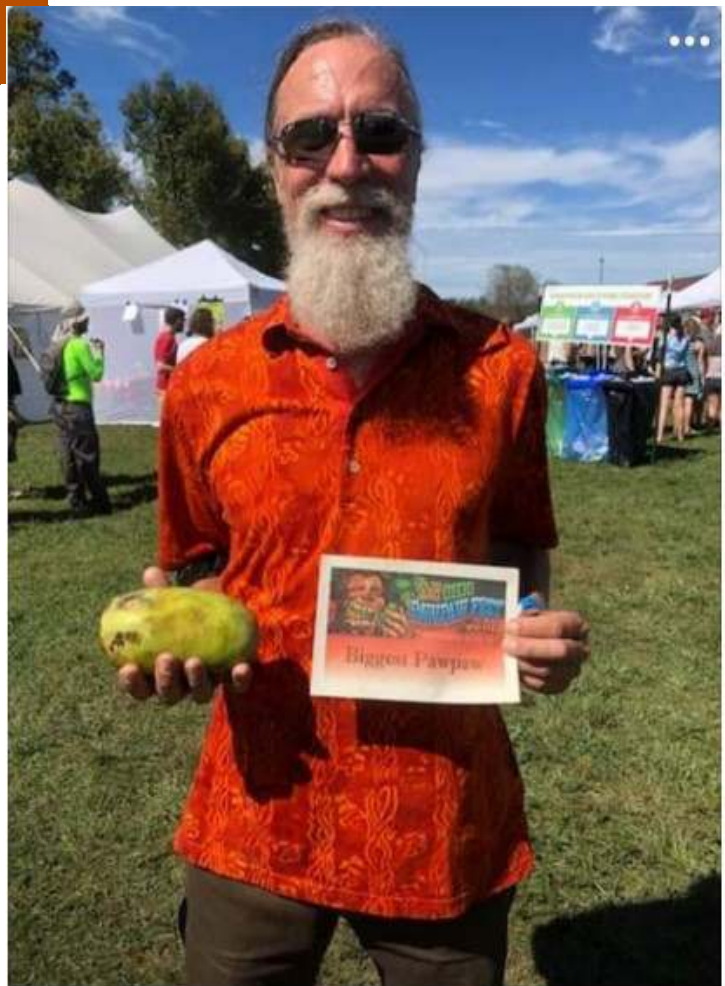
I was able to attend the Third Thursday Workshop at Kentucky State on September 19 this year. It was a beautiful day and they had excellent attendance. I was able to see some old friends that I normally do not see during the year. Sheri Crabtree and Jeremy Lowe reviewed some of the research projects that they were evaluating, such as: (1) Self-compatibility of Pawpaw, specifically Sunflower and Susquehanna, (2) Effect of Sulfur and Copper use as a fungicide, and NA pawpaw crosses planted out.

I took a tour of the current planting where most of the research is taking place and the older research blocks. There is not much left of the older research blocks and the newer blocks of crosses have just been planted. I am a little heart broken since I can remember watching the blocks mature from 2000 until their slow decline.



By Ren Powell

OHIO PAWPAW FESTIVAL



2019 Biggest Pawpaw Contest Winner Richard Owens shows off his 728 gram wild pawpaw

2019 Best Pawpaw Contest

1st Place: Ron and Terry Powell, variety Shenandoah
2nd Place: Richard Owens, variety Jerry's Big Girl
3rd Place: George Hale, variety Wabash



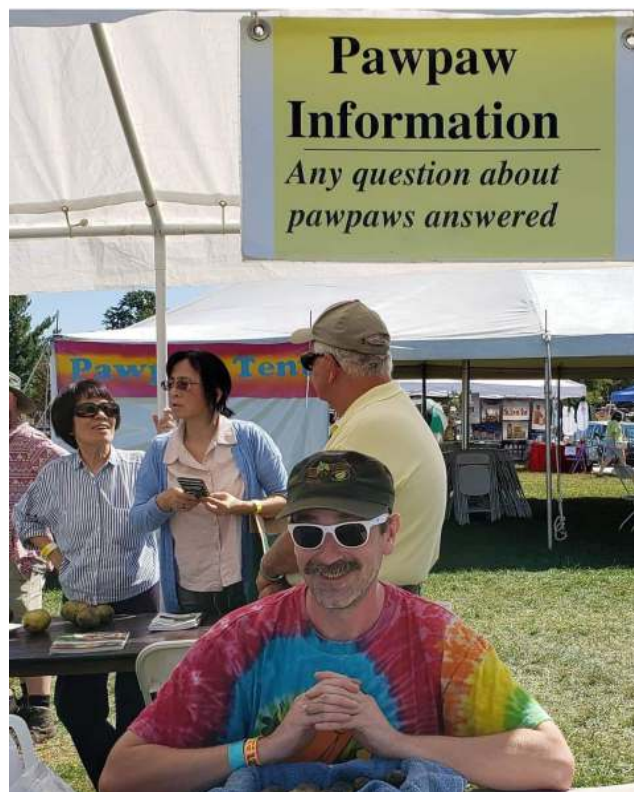
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The Judging Table For Pawpaw's



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