Hi Everyone.

**It's Pawpaw Conference Time!**
This is a reminder that time is running out to send in your registration for the Third International Pawpaw Conference. The conference is scheduled for September 9-10, 2011 in Frankfort, Kentucky. Pre-Registration is required before the meeting and must be paid by August 1, 2011.

Please visit the link below for details and get your registration completed as soon as possible. [http://www.pawpaw.kysu.edu/ThirdInternationalPawpawConference3.htm](http://www.pawpaw.kysu.edu/ThirdInternationalPawpawConference3.htm)

**Spring Activities!**
Spring is right around the corner and its time to get started on our growing season!

Here are the activities we recommend be completed during the first quarter:

**January – February – Early March**
- a) Complete pruning from native trees to promote good air circulation this summer.
- b) Survey for frost cracks and other winter damage
- c) Check for frost damage to seedlings - remove dead stock
- d) Collect scion wood from superior trees.

**Mid March**
- a) Prune back competition within the wild N. A. pawpaw patch. All trees shading the pawpaw patch should be selectively removed or pruned as well as other invasive species.
- b) Clean and test your spraying equipment
- c) Inspect trees for tent caterpillar egg cases, remove and dispose of any that you find
- d) Apply pre-emergent herbicides
- e) Begin grafting toe seed stock
- f) Seek additional markets for your pawpaws

**Communicate with Other Growers This Spring!**
Folks are coming out of hibernation and message traffic is already picking up on the OPGA group on yahoo. If you are not a member, please take a minute to sign up. If you are a member, stop by today.

One member reports the first sprouts of 2011 - visit the site message center for details. You can connect to the Ohiopawpaw group at: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ohiopawpaw/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ohiopawpaw/)