



# NAPGA E-zine

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## NAPGA Happenings

We have been seeking ways to stay in touch with the membership of the NAPGA and our affiliates. We have our web sites ([www.Ohiopawpaw.com](http://www.Ohiopawpaw.com) and [www.NAPGA.com](http://www.NAPGA.com)), our discussion group at (<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/Ohiopawpaw>), our biannual news letter ("Pawpaw Pickin's") but we were still missing a way to communicate more current and relevant information to our membership. We are now introducing a new "e-zine" that will be published every two or three months depending upon the amount of material received by the NAPGA officers. The material published could include but not limited to anything related to the North American pawpaw. Such as; stories, problems, tidbits, comments on cultivars, pictures, questions, current events, current information, best practices, insects, diseases, fertilization practices, success and failure stories, and N. A. pawpaw recipes, etc. In other words, **we want to hear from you!**

Derek Morris from North Carolina writes, "I would personally love to hear from other growers to see if my assessments' of different varieties match up in other parts of the country. My observations are obviously limited to my zone 7 NC climate and many times I am basing my observations on only one tree of a particular variety. Obviously it would be much better if I had several trees of each variety to test from. But I do not in most cases. Also because of weather/climate differences a variety may perform quite differently in another part of the country than it does in NC.

## Notes from Florida

Nick Ostrye from Sarasota, Florida writes that his two year old N. A. pawpaw plants are doing fine. He is attempting to identify a plant of N. A. pawpaw that will not only grow but produce fruit in Central Florida. He uses a 1/4 inch drip line sandwiched between sheets of landscape fabric. He included a picture of a two year old seedling from Kentucky State University. The seedling is shown on December 28, 2013 still retaining it's leaves. Nick also has several southern native pawpaws, not "*Asimina triloba*" and other N. A. pawpaw trees from a Florida nursery. He uses 12 inch stepping stones to keep from compacting the soil around the pawpaw trees.



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# Critters

You just never know what you will discover feeding on the N. A. pawpaw fruit. This year Ron observed a box turtle enjoying his or her self eating some ripe pawpaw fruit under a pawpaw tree.



# Paul Bunyan Update

Of course I do not want to forget our friend Paul Bunyan. He is still logging in south eastern Ohio and Terry Powell caught up with him as he was entering the log rolling competition at the Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge, OH and was looking for a quick energy boost and was happy to accept the pawpaw that Terry had brought along for him.



# N. A. Pawpaw Scion Wood Requests

The time is getting close to collect N. A. pawpaw scion wood. I will begin collecting pawpaw scion wood when the temperature goes above 40 degrees for a few days. I like to make sure that the sap is flowing so the scion wood is hydrated. If the scion wood is collected correctly it can be held for several months. Place the scion wood in a plastic freezer bag and wrap about 10 pieces of 8 to 12 inch lengths of scion wood per bag with half of a moist paper towel. I do not use napkins since they tend to mold quickly.

The NAPGA will send out reasonable quantities of pawpaw scion wood to members for the cost of postage. I have over 80 named cultivars available for distribution. Let Ron (Botrytis@fuse.net) know what is on your wish list! **Only cultivars that are not patented or trademarked will be available.** If you do not have a copy of the OPGA publication, "Collecting & Storing N. A. Pawpaw Scion Wood," be sure to request a PDF copy from Ron.



## OPGA Spring Meeting

May 17, 2014 is the date of the OPGA spring meeting. It will be held on the Wilmington College campus in Wilmington, OH. The exact location of the meeting on the campus is to be determined. Once the location has been determined, everyone will be notified and a registration form will be made available. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. A grafting demonstration and scion wood will be made available so that everyone registered will be able to graft a N. A. pawpaw seedling to take home.

## Naturalists Discover Rare Tree

The Hamilton Spectator reports the discovery of 15 pawpaw trees in an undisclosed location. Hamilton is located in Southern Ontario on the western end of the Niagara Peninsula and wraps around the western most part of Lake Ontario. This was the biggest surprise in the inventory of the fauna project.

"The Hamilton Spectator states, "The tree is native to the Carolinian forest and known to grow along the northern coast of Lake Erie and throughout the Niagara Region. It is not known why pawpaw trees suddenly showed up in Hamilton. Seeds could have travelled in bird excrement or the trees may have been at the location for a long time, but escaped detection."

Rick Bruner of east Davies Co., MI informed me that he harvests about 500 pounds of fruit from his 18 N. A. pawpaw trees. Since no cultivars were mentioned, the trees were likely wild trees.

## Shared photos

George Bieri of Yellow Springs, OH has shared with me some photos that he took of some of his pawpaws this past fall. George stated that he



"harvested over 120 fruit from about 25 trees." It had some nice clusters and you can see his biggest which was down low and he

got before the varmints.

It weighed in at the grocery store and it came in at .86 pounds.

He also

said that he "harvested over 200 fruit from a source I have in town, but they are not as tasty as my wild ones."

