This is the first issue of the NAPGA/OPGA E-Zine for 2016. I had both knees replaced this past spring and have not been able to keep up with the E-Zines and the NAPGA Newsletters, so I am attempting to catch up. Information about the 2016 OPGA Annual meeting is included in this E-zine.

Andrew Moore is our keynote speaker for the 2016 OPGA Annual Pawpaw Meeting at Wilmington College. Andy’s book, PAW-PAW: In Search of America’s Forgotten Fruit, has something for everyone that loves pawpaws or hopes to locate a perfect pawpaw patch. Come and join us at the Annual Meeting as Andy takes you on his search for the pawpaw. Andy states:

On my quest to answer how pawpaws went from importance to obscurity, and whether there is a chance to reverse that trajectory, I traveled from the Charles to Morinello, to North Carolina, Louisiana, Illinois and more to gather pawpaw lore and knowledge. I also wanted to explore how economic, biological and cultural forces combine to lead us to eat what we eat, and sometimes ignore the delicious food growing within reach.

Interested in unusual fruits? Come learn all about growing pawpaw and persimmons! Rare Fruit Workshops will take place in two locations on March 30, 2016. Topics include site selection, insects and disease management, pollination and sourcing plants.

Rare Fruit Workshops- Persimmons & Pawpaws- Held at 2 Locations!!

Wednesday March 30, 2016 10am - 1:30pm; [https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=CCESCMorningPersimmonPawpaw_244]
Bath Civil Defense Building 3 Pulteney Sq East; Bath, NY

or

Wednesday March 30, 2016 6-9pm; [https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=CCESCEveningPersimmonspawpaw_244]
Vince’s Park, Intersection of Route 318 and 5/20, Seneca Falls, NY

Guest Speaker: Jerry Lehman

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Directions to the 2016 OPGA Annual meeting at Wilmington College in the Kelly Religious Center

From the south:
Take I-71 north to State Route 73. Follow 73 east toward Wilmington. There is a new bypass in which Route 73 goes around Wilmington, so you will want to make a right turn onto Mitchell Road at the first stoplight, and then make a left turn onto Old Route 73 (Wayne Road) to continue into town. This will bring you through the business district of the town. Turn right onto College Street.

From the north:
Take I-71 south to U.S. 68. Follow 68 south into Wilmington. Turn left onto Main Street and follow it through Wilmington to College Street. Turn right onto College Street.

From the east:
Take State Route 22-3 west through Wilmington. Turn left onto College Street.

From the west:
Follow State Route 73 east toward Wilmington. There is a new bypass in which Route 73 goes around Wilmington, so you will want to make a right turn onto Mitchell Road at the first stoplight, and then make a left turn onto Old Route 73 (Wayne Road) to continue into town. This will bring you through the business district of the town. Turn right onto College Street.

This year we will be holding the annual meeting in the Kelly Religious Center. The Center is located in the first block of College St. between Douglas and Main St. The Center is on the same side (left) as Kettering Hall. Look for signs to direct you.

Registration will begin at 9:15 on Saturday, May 21. Andrew Moore is the featured speaker.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Presents Rare Fruit Workshops cont.

World renowned speaker and expert Jerry Lehman, will be sharing knowledge based on his 25 years’ experience. Jerry Lehman has devoted 25 years to the development of a persimmon tree that can be commercially produced in the United States. His 85 acre farm in Terre Haut specializes in growing this rare fruit and has nearly 1,000 trees, including American and Asian persimmons. He is carrying on the work of his late mentor, Jim Claypool who was said to be the most prolific persimmon grower in the world. Jerry is breeding pawpaws and has won both the Biggest Pawpaw and Best Pawpaw contests at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival with two of his breeding results.

Pre-registration is required [https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events.cfm], along with payment by March 25, 2016. Workshop fee is $30. This workshop is a joint venture with the Cornell Cooperative Extension offices of Schuyler, Steuben, and Seneca counties.

For more information contact: Roger Ort 607-535-7161; email rlo28@cornell.edu.

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2016 OPGA Workshop Registration Form

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held at Wilmington College on May 21 in the Kelly Religious Center on College Ave.

By Mail: Complete the information section below and return with the registration fee to:
NAPGA / OPGA, % Ron Powell, 6549 Amelia Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45241

$12 — each for NAPGA / OPGA members in good standing
$15 — each for non-members

Or by Phone: Ron Powell @ 513-777-8367
or E-mail: Botrytis@fuse.net

Completed registrations by May 15th are appreciated.
Please make checks payable to: NAPGA or OPGA.

The registration fee includes coffee and bagels at registration, and lunch. A small pawpaw seedling and pawpaw scion wood to take home with you will be provided. A grafting demonstration will be presented by OPGA members. A visit to the Wilmington College pawpaw planting will take place in the afternoon.

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### 2016 OPGA/NAPGA & Other Pawpaw Related Events

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<td>Ron Powell 513-777-8367</td>
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<td>Derek Morris 336-703-2850</td>
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<td>Fri – 4 pm/12 am Sat – 10 am/12 am Sun – 10 am/4 pm</td>
<td>Chris Chmiel (Trademark owner) OhioPawpawfest.com</td>
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Contact the pawpaw discussion group: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ohiopawpaw](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ohiopawpaw)