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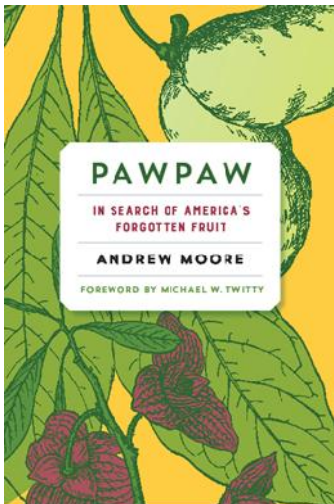
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OPGA Annual Meeting on May 21, 2016 at Wilmington college

Andrew Moore is our key note speaker for the 2016 OPGA Annual Pawpaw Meeting at Wilmington College. Andy's book, *PAWPAW: In Search of America's Forgotten Fruit*, has something for everyone that loves pawpaws or hopes to locate a perfect pawpaw patch. **Be sure to contact Ron Powell at 513-777-8367 to register for the OPGA Annual Meeting**



and receive directions to the meeting site.

North American Pawpaw "forever stamp" Revisited

A few years back, I submitted a proposal to the United States Postal Service for a "forever stamp" commemorating the North American pawpaw. The text of my proposal appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*,

the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and on these pages. The proposal was ultimately rejected, no reason given. After three years, a rejected proposal can be resubmitted, and I am thinking of doing so by year's end. Before that happens, I would like to gauge the degree of support for such a project, something I was unable to do the first time around, as so few people responded to the email account I had set up for that purpose. If you sent in a postcard or letter to the USPS to support the proposal back then could let me know? If you are interested in the project now, write to me, please. By the time this notice appears in the newsletter, I'll either have a copy of the text of the original proposal set up in my account's Vacation Responder function, or a link to one of the publications where it appeared. I'll also try to post some new ideas of my own regarding this matter. The new email address for this project is:

pawpawstamp2016@gmail.com.

By John Vukmirovich

John Vukmirovich is a pawpaw enthusiast and frequent contributor to the E-zine and Pawpaw Pickn's of the OPGA and NNGA.

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Local Organizations Work Together to Protect Rivers

Portage SWCD

Storm water run-off during rain events transports pollutants like lawn fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, soil sediment and even sewage from poorly functioning home septic systems into our ditches and streams. Portage County has an abundance of freshwater resources being polluted during rain events as a result of poor land management decisions. Local organizations are teaming up to provide multiple opportunities for local residents to learn more about how they can better manage their landscapes to protect our fragile waters.

Kent Environmental Council has provided funds for an “Edible Riparians” workshop which will be held in May in cooperation with the Kent Parks and Recreation 26th Annual River Days Celebration. The workshop will be held on May 21st from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Portage SWCD office, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna, OH 44266. The Portage County SWCD and the Portage County Master Gardeners will co-host this public event where participants will learn about the important role plants play in maintaining the healthy function of land surrounding water, also referred to as riparian areas. Our workshop will focus on edible food plants that grow well in riparian zones. Key speaker, John Kelsey, nut grower and researcher will provide a presentation about growing hazelnuts. Hazelnuts are well-suited for riparian zones, as are all the plants we will be learning about in our workshop. Also joining us will be Larry Rogers, an avid NA pawpaw grower and researcher. Bob Stehli of Wintergreen Tree Farm will also be on hand to answer questions about growing blueberries. To promote

these healthy soil and water practices, workshop attendees will receive generous plant packages including crop-grade hazelnuts, elderberries, blueberries and aronias. Conservation grade paw paws will also be included in the plant packages. There is a participant cost-share fee of \$20.00 for this event.

Visit www.portageswcd.org and click “What’s New” to download workshop registration form.



A fall picture of an Attwood pawpaw with maples in the background sent in by Robert Glass in Alabama.



This picture was sent in by Debbie Premus, Lebanon, OH of fruit from her personal pawpaw groves that she has been cultivating now for about 10 years. They're not named cultivars, but stands on her property brought into cultivation.

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Long Creek NA Pawpaw Fest 2016 Frederick, MD

Cincinnati Nature Center Continues to Improve the NA Pawpaw Grove at Long Branch Farm

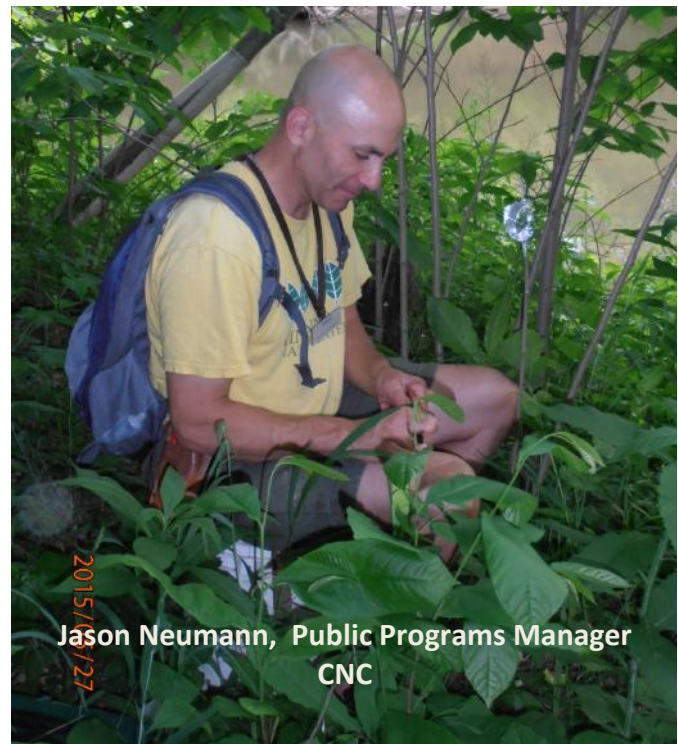
The Cincinnati Nature Center has been improving a native two acre pawpaw grove on its Long Branch Farm and Trails site near Goshen, OH since the spring of 2003. We continue to add more opportunities for guests in the form of “learn while you work” projects. In May 2015, we offered a grafting and invasive plant removal day in the pawpaw grove.

After a brief demonstration by Ron Powell, volunteer grafters were sent out to try their hand at grafting in the grove. A September survey of their work



showed that about 40% of the grafts were successful. While this success rate is relatively low, work projects like invasive plant removal, grafting and leading tour groups in the pawpaw grove help volunteers become invested in the or-

ganization and the project. Invested volunteers are more likely to volunteer in the future. Every September, we offer guided pawpaw grove hikes for our members, homeschool groups and a native edibles foraging group.



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2016 OPGA/NAPGA & Other Pawpaw Related Events

Event	Date	Time	Contact	Location
OPGA Annual Meeting	May 21 ^h	9:30 am – 3 pm	Ron Powell 513-777-8367	Wilmington College Wilmington, OH
Riparian Workshop	May 21	1-4 pm	Lynn Vogel, SWCD 330-297-7633	Ravenna, OH
Grafting @ Gwynne Center	To be determined	?	Tony Russell ohionativefruits@yahoo.com	Gwynne Conservation Center, London, OH
Grafting @ OSU South Center	To be determined	?	Ron Powell 513-777-8367	OSU South Center, Piketon, OH
Ohio State Fair (ONGA)	July 27 – Aug 7	Must sign up for a shift	Joe Hieter JoeHietter@yahoo.com	State Fair Grounds Columbus, OH
NAFEX	July 28 - 30	Tours, speakers & Dinner meeting	Robert Hamilton lostman_amiga@yahoo.com	Bethel, PA
NNGA	July 31 – Aug 3	Tours, speakers & Dinner meeting	www.Nutgrowing.org	Nebraska City, NE
NC Pawpaw Festival	Aug 27 Saturday	10 am – 2 pm	Derek Morris 336-703-2850	1450 Fairchild Rd Winston-Salem, NC
4th International Pawpaw Conference	Sept 1 - 3	Tours, speakers, & Dinner meetings	Dr. Kirk Pomper www.pawpaw.KYSU.edu	KYSU Research Farm, Frankfort, KY
Boone County Arboretum Pawpaw tasting	Sept 8	2 – 4 pm	Lacey Laudick 858-586-6101	Boone County Coop. Extension Office, Boone Co. KY
Ohio Pawpaw Festival	Sept 16th – 18th	Fri – 4 pm/12 am Sat – 10 am/12 am Sun – 10 am/4 pm	Chris Chmiel (Trademark owner) OhioPawpawfest.com	Lake Snowden, OH (near Athens, OH)
Farm Science Review (ONGA)	Sept 20 - 22	9:00 am/5:00 pm	Joe Hieter JoeHietter@yahoo.com	Gwynne Conservation London, OH
LOUA Apps Festival	Sept 24	Saturday 10 am – 4 pm	Tony Russell ohionativefruits@yahoo.com	Clintonville, Columbus, OH
<p>If you would like to help at any event in yellow, please let Ron (513-777-8367) know of your interest. If you would like to have a pawpaw event listed, contact Ron.</p>				

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