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President's Patch

This summer has so quickly come and almost gone. Just several more weeks and summer will be gone. I gave two presentations at the joint NAFEX / NNGA Convention in Tifton, GA this past August. One was on the ten species of *Asimina* and the current status of the interspecies breeding of *Asimina* and the second was on the documented and undocumented insect and diseases of *Asimina*.

We had very light *Phyllosticta* damage at the farm on the pawpaw fruit this year, for a pleasant change. The fruit harvest is not large but moderate this year with the fruit size being above average. We had only one dry/hot two week period this summer at the farm in Adams Co., OH.

The "Coolbot" system that we installed last winter and spring did a fantastic job of cooling and holding the fruit for us until it could be sold. I will have pics and an article about constructing a walk-in cooler in the "Pawpaw Pickin's" newsletter later this year.

I spoke with Derek Morris, Agricultural Technician, with the Forsyth Co., NC, Cooperative Extension Service, and asked him about the Commercial Pawpaw Workshop held on September 9. He said that they had over 100 in attendance. Woody Walker from SC and Edible Landscaping, VA, brought NA pawpaw plants

for sale. Two speakers at Workshop included Susan Owens a local NC pawpaw grower and Craig Mauney, Extension Area Specialized Agent, Agriculture—Commercial Vegetables and Fruits. The participants were able to tour the NA pawpaw planting at the Forsyth Co. Extension facility and participated in a pawpaw tasting.

We have a new "assistant" at our farm this year. My grandson, Wes, has been hard at work. Wes loves the farm and he likes pawpaws. He loves to sit on the tractor and pretend that he is driving. He also likes to make sure that



the holes that we dig for the plants are the correct size and will sit in the holes to make sure that they are the correct depth and width.

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19TH OHIO PAWPAW FESTIVAL

LAKE SNOWDEN · ALBANY, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017



The Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association education tent will again be open and staffed by NA pawpaw growers. We have many handouts available on most topics related to the culture and maintenance of the NA pawpaw.

Experts are available to answer any and all of you NA pawpaw questions.

Be sure to stop by and become a new member of the NAPGA/OPGA or renew your membership.

A limited supply of NA pawpaw fruit will be available for sale.

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Pawpaw Tent Schedule

Sponsored by the North American Pawpaw Growers Association, The Pawpaw Foundation,
and the Ohio University Division of Food and Nutrition Sciences

Friday, Sept. 15, 2017

Time	Topic
4:15 p.m.	Pawpaw Permaculture; a walkabout with Chris Chmiel, Integration Acres
5:15 p.m.	Agroforestry, Livestock, and Pawpaw, Weston Lombard, Solid Ground Farm
6:15 p.m.	Pawpaw Jeopardy (pawpaw trivia game)

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017

Time	Topic
10:15 a.m.	Pawpaw 101, Gregg and Susan Hoertt; North American Pawpaw Growers Association
11:15 a.m.	Pawpaw Cookoff (winners announced after 12:30 pm presentation)
12:30 p.m.	Growing the Past: How the Pawpaw and other Ancient Indigenous Fruits and Crops May Build a Resilient Food System; Dr. Paul Patton, Archaeologist, Ohio University
1:15 p.m.	Pawpaw Flower Essence (with sampling); Dr. Katherine Ziff

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

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<https://ohiopawpawfest.com>

Pittsburgh Pawpaw Festival

Arbor Aid: Family-Friendly Fun in Celebration of Trees, Music, and Pawpaw

(Carrie Furnace, Swissvale, PA) Tree Pittsburgh's Arbor Aid, an annual benefit for the urban forest, will return Saturday, September 23, with the new addition of Pittsburgh's first ever Pawpaw Festival.

This year's Arbor Aid, located at Carrie Furnace, is an all-day, family-friendly music festival that will feature Pittsburgh's first ever Pawpaw Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; music will continue until 9:00 p.m.

The musical stage is sponsored by Spirit Airlines and will be headlined by Ft. Lauderdale-based band KIDS. Local musicians will also take the stage, including Lyndsey Smith & Soul Distribution, Melinda, The Turpentiners, Byron Nash and Plan B, Same, and more.

Pawpaw Fest will feature a Kids Zone where children can enjoy various crafts and activities, story time with a visit from Oakley the Squirrel, and opportunities to taste pawpaw. From pawpaw fruit tastings, pawpaw ice cream sandwiches, pawpaw kombucha, and pawpaw beer for the parents, amongst other vendors, there's something for everyone to enjoy. The festival will include a speaker series featuring Doug Oster, Home and Garden Editor for the Tribune-Review; Matt Davies, Ohio State University Pawpaw Research and "MORE

Ohio Pawpaw" Project; Phil Gruzka, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy; and Philip Bauerle, Penn State Extension.

In addition to the pawpaw theme, kid-friendly activities will include a petting zoo with the goats from Allegheny Goat Scape, live art demo of wood carvings, as well as educational activities demonstrating green technologies and how to propagate and chit seeds.

Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the City's vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree maintenance, planting, education, and advocacy. To learn more, visit

www.treepittsburgh.org.



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