



NAPGA E-zine

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President's Fruit

I have included the 2015 calendar again on page 3. Please mark the dates on your 2015 calendar.

The OPGA Annual Meeting and Grafting Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 16 at Wilmington College.

We received an email from Neal Peterson, a well known friend of the NA pawpaw who requested that we provide some assistance in reaching out to our friends of the NA pawpaw to alert them to a project he is working on. We have provided a link to his project. <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1750376414/peterson-pawpaws-go-global>

We ask you to review his endeavor on the web site and consider partnering with Neal.

We are attempting to get 2015 off to a better start than 1014 ended by getting the next issue of the E-zine sent out. We have included a copy of the tasting that was hosted by the Boone County Arboretum on September 3, 2014 and held at the Boone County, KY Cooperative Extension office, hosted by Lacey Laudick. Sheri Crabtree of Kentucky State University and Ron Powell, President of the North American Pawpaw Growers Association brought

fruit from the KYSU planting and fruit from his plantings in Adams and Butler County, OH.

There were approximately 50 people at the tasting and they were able to taste 12 varieties of NA pawpaws. The evaluations and comments were summarized and statistical analysis was run by Sheri. The evaluation included flavor, appearance, and texture of the fruit on a scale of 1, poor, to 5, excellent. Sheri brought Susquehanna, Haz-1, KSU 4-1, and KSU 7-5 fruit. Ron brought Cawood, Mango, Sunflower, Mitchell, Estill, Quaker Delight, Wells, and PA Golden #4 fruit. Please note the poor appearance of Cawood, Estill, and Mango. The farm in Adams Co. experienced an extremely hot and dry two weeks prior to fruit drop over Labor Day weekend.

The data showed that Susquehanna at this tasting was the best overall fruit in flavor and appearance. It was statistically the best in flavor and appearance. The next six fruit were statistically the same in the flavor evaluation (Cawood, Mango, Haz-1, Sunflower, 4-1, and 7-5. Mitchell was in a group by itself and then Estill, Quaker Delight and Wells were all statistically the same. PA Golden was last! The pawpaw fruit from the Adams Co. farm were certainly past their prime in both flavor and appearance!

Unfortunately, only 21 evaluations were turned in! There was no breakdown as to the sex or age of the participants.

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Contact the pawpaw discussion group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ohiopawpaw>

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Flavor, Appearance, and Texture Evaluation Results

Cultivar	Flavor	Cultivar	Appearance	Cultivar	Texture
Susquehanna	4.56 a	Susquehanna	4.77 a	Susquehanna	4.46
Cawood	4.06 ab	7-5	4.29 ab	Sunflower	4
Mango	3.92 ab	Sunflower	4.22 abc	Haz-1	3.89
Haz-1	3.90 ab	4-1	4.00 bcd	4-1	3.77
Sunflower	3.89 ab	Haz-1	4.00 bcd	Cawood	3.75
4-1	3.87 ab	Cawood	3.85 bcd	Estill	3.69
7-5	3.82 ab	Mango	3.83 bcd	Mango	3.67
Mitchell	3.60 b	PA Golden #4	3.83 bcd	Wells	3.64
Estill	3.57 bc	Estill	3.54 cde	PA Golden #4	3.58
Quaker Delight	3.56 bc	Wells	3.45 de	7-5	3.5
Wells	3.42 bc	Quaker Delight	3.08 e	Mitchell	3.36
PA Golden #4	2.80 c	Mitchell	3.00 e	Quaker Delight	3.33
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Left—Volunteers preparing the fruit for evaluation.



Right—Participants tasting the fruit.



OPGA Spring Meeting

May 16, 2015 is the date of the OPGA spring meeting and grafting workshop. It will be held on the Wilmington College campus, Wilmington, OH. The exact location of the meeting on the campus is to be determined at a later date. See you there.

N. A. Pawpaw Scion Wood Requests

The time is getting close to collect NA pawpaw scion wood. I will begin collecting pawpaw scion wood when the temperature goes above 40 degrees for a few days in February or March. 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 NA 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 NA Pawpaw Scion Wood," be sure to request a PDF copy from Ron.

2015 OPGA Calendar of Events				
Event	Date	Time	Contact	Location
OPGA Annual Meeting	May 16 th	10 am – 3 pm	Ron Powell 513-777-8367	Wilmington College Wilmington, OH
Grafting Workshop	May 5th	?	Lynn Vogel 330-297-7633	Camp Asbury Portage County, OH SWCD
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
NNGA	July 26 - 29	AM & PM	Nutgrowing.org	Wisconsin
Ohio Pawpaw Festival	Sept 11th – 13th	Fri – 4 pm/12 am Sat – 10 am/12 am Sun – 10 am/4 pm	Chris Chmiel (Trademark owner) OhioPawpawfest.com	Lake Snowden, Ohio Near Athens, Ohio
Boone County Arboretum Pawpaw tasting	Sept 3	5 – 7 pm	Lacey Laudick 858-586-6101	Boone County, KY
KYSU 3rd Thursday	Sept 17th	9 am – 3 pm	Dr. Pomper www.pawpaw.KYSU.edu	KYSU Research Farm, Frankfort, KY
LOUA Apps Festival	?	?	Tony Russell ohionativefruits@yahoo.com	Columbus, OH
Great Outdoor Weekend	Sept ?	?	Jason Neumann 513-831-1711 ext 221	Cincinnati Nature Center Milford, OH
Paul Bunyan Show	October 2nd – 4th	8 am – 6 pm 9 am – 3 pm	Ron Powell 513-777-8367	Cambridge, OH
<p>If you would like to help at any event, please let Ron (513-777-8367) know of your interest. If you would like to have a pawpaw event listed, contact Ron.</p>				