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KENTUCKY NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

A Date to Remember: The Spring meeting of the Kentucky Nut Growers Association will be held early this year on Saturday, **April 29th**, 2017, at the Hardin County Agricultural Extension Office in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, at 9:30 am EDT. The address is 201 Peterson Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. The Extension Office Building is located just off U.S. 62 about two miles west from downtown Elizabethtown—directly behind the Cecilia Auto Sales Lot. In approaching Elizabethtown from western Kentucky on U.S. 62, turn left at Peterson Drive—first street past the Manakee Funeral Home. Eastern and northern Kentucky arrivals driving west on U.S. 62 through Elizabethtown must turn right at Peterson Drive—first street past the Auto Sales Lot. KNGA signs will be posted. The luncheon will be potluck. If you bring something that will need to be heated or warmed, there is a well-equipped kitchen that can be used for that purpose. Additionally, please bring **scionwood** and nuts for people to taste and items, such as plants and trees, which can be used as door prizes and for an auction. For more information about KNGA contact Dan Ganno at (270) 860-8362 or danganno@yahoo.com.

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**KNGA Spring Meeting Program For Saturday, April 29, 2017, in the Hardin County
Extension Office in Elizabethtown, Kentucky**

9:30 am-2:00 pm EDT.

KNGA Nut Display. One of the main attractions at our meeting is the nut display. These exhibits afford our members the opportunity to see and examine first-hand the fine nuts that are grown in Kentucky and adjoining states.

KNGA Swap-Shop and Scionwood Exchange. These spring meetings offer a great opportunity to obtain scarce scionwood for nut tree cultivars and other plant material. Please bring a good supply of scionwood from your best producing pecans, hickories, black walnuts, Persian walnuts, persimmons, pawpaws, and various fruit cultivars. Please bring plastic bags or moisture proof wrappings, rubber bands, and labels for the scionwood. Please take care to label everything carefully for distribution at the meetings to avoid scionwood mix ups.

9:45 am EDT. KNGA Board of Directors Meeting. If members have items to discuss or proposals to make, this is the time to present them. The fall KNGA meeting site will be determined.

10:45 am EDT. General Business Meeting, NNGA meeting review, and other Announcements

12 Noon EDT. Potluck Luncheon. If you bring something that will need to be heated or warmed, there is a well-equipped kitchen that can be used for that purpose.

12:30 pm EDT. The KNGA Annual Spring Auction Sale. In order to make the traditional spring sale the best ever, we request members bring items from their orchards, yards, farms or nurseries that they wish to donate for this occasion. Almost any items are appropriate— seeds, plants, nuts of any kind, and especially grafted fruit and nut trees. Also berry plants, grape vines, and flower specimens of any kind are popular items of interest. Please label the items that you donate to auction. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the KNGA staff. Many members, nurserymen and others donate plant material and other items for door prizes. Hundreds of items have been given away over the past several meetings as door prizes.

Message from the KNGA President

Hello KNGA Members,

We have had a warm spring and I am looking forward to warm weather, tree grafting and a good nut-growing season. Let us hope that it does not cool down again and that we have spring frost problems.

Please bring scion wood for swapping at the next meeting, nut samples and any extra trees, flowers, or plants you wish to donate for the annual sale. I look forward to seeing you all on April

29th in Elizabethtown. Don't forget to bring a side dish for our pot luck luncheon, the meat will be provided by KNGA. Please bring something for our auction.

Looking forward to visiting with you and to meeting some of our new members. See you there and please feel free to contact me at any time.

Best Regards
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Annual Dues Information

NOTICE: the year listed immediately after your address label indicates the year through which your membership dues are paid. **Please note** that dates highlighted in pink indicate that your KNGA membership is past due. Please renew your membership. Thanks!

Please Check out the Kentucky Nut Growers Facebook Page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Kentucky-Nut-Growers-Association-1599224510355036/>

Bark Inlay Grafting: A promising new technique for pawpaw propagation By Sheri Crabtree

Many small farmers have seedling pawpaw trees or wild trees that produce low yields and poor quality fruit. New commercially available pawpaw varieties are available that will increase yield, fruit quality, and improve consumer opinion and demand of fruit. Bark inlay is a grafting technique which allows the union of a rootstock limb or trunk that is much larger in size than the scion. This technique has been successfully used in pecan, walnut, and persimmon propagation but is not well developed for pawpaw, and is a potential method for growers to change over wild and/or seedling pawpaw trees to higher yielding, higher quality cultivars. Due to the scion being grafted onto a rootstock with a large, well-established root system, scion growth is rapid.

In a preliminary study, pawpaw trees grafted using the bark inlay method in early May (May 3) had a success rate of 91%, whereas trees grafted in late May (May 23) had a success rate of 67%. Growth was similar between the two dates, with scions grafted in early May growing an average of 0.78 m, while scions grafted in late May grew an average of 0.76 m. Due to a higher success rate, early May is preferable to late May for performing bark inlay grafting of pawpaw trees.



1. Select a tree ~2-4 inches in diameter and cut at approx. 1 foot



2. Cut a flap in the bark of the tree down to the cambial layer and peel slightly back



3. Using a sharp knife or razor blade, make a v- or chisel shaped cut on the scion wood.



4. Insert cut end of scion wood into bark flap



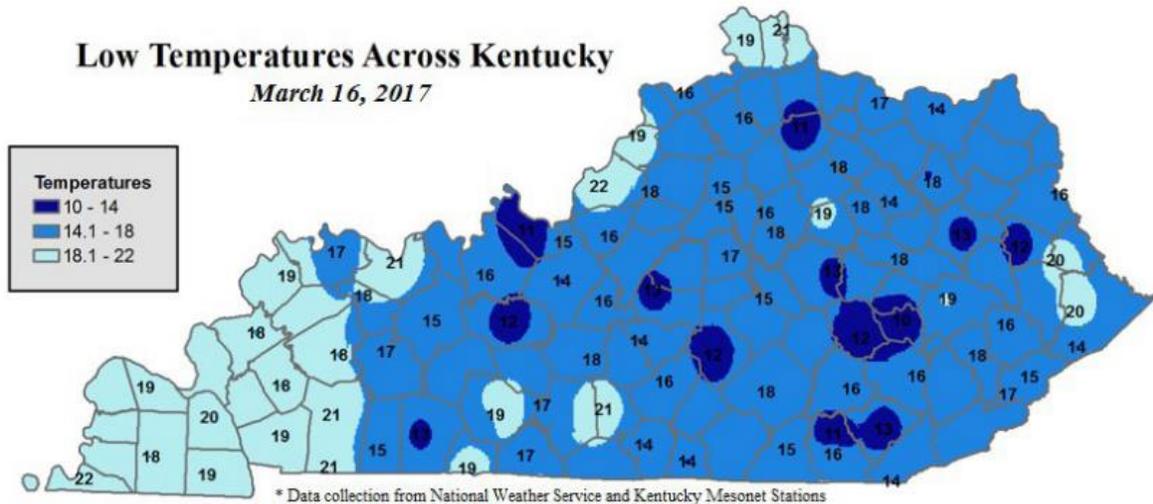
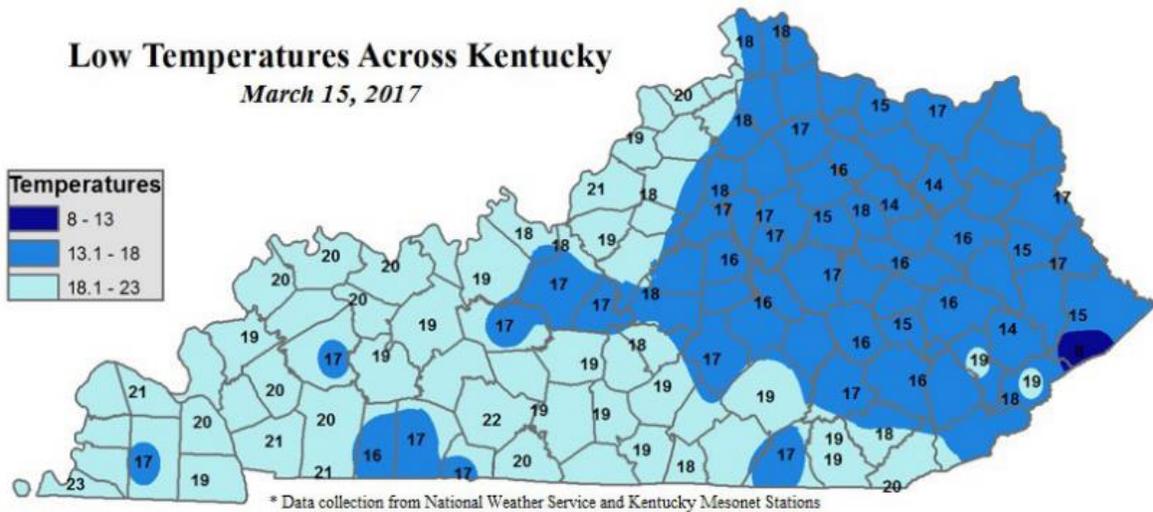
5. Wrap scion and trunk with parafilm and trunk with masking or freezer tape



6. One month of growth post-grafting

Spring Freeze Event of March 15-16 May Affect Kentucky Fruit Crops

After an unusually warm winter, Kentucky saw abnormally low temperatures statewide on March 15-16, 2017. Temperatures as low as 8F were seen in eastern Kentucky, with most of the state seeing lows in the mid to upper teens. Heat unit accumulation (growing degree days) is much higher for this date than average, causing plant development to be about a month ahead of schedule. This has caused early flowering and budbreak of many plants. Early flowering fruit crops such as peaches, plums, and apricots saw varying levels of damage from this freeze event and are likely to experience some crop loss. Later flowering fruit crops such as apples, pears, grapes, blackberries, and most nut crops, generally were not damaged in this freeze event.



Source: Kentucky Fruit Facts, March-April 2017

Sheri's Recipe Corner

By Sheri Crabtree, KSU Research and Extension Associate

Pecan Shortbread Easter Cookies

1/2 cup pecan halves
16 tablespoons (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350F. Toast nuts on a baking sheet until fragrant, 8 to 10 minutes, shaking sheet once halfway through. Transfer to a bowl to cool, then chop finely.

Using an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat butter and sugar until light, about 3 minutes. Mix in flour and salt on lowest speed until just combined. Stir in nuts. Divide dough into 2 portions; shape into 5-inch squares. Wrap in plastic; chill for at least 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 350F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment. Let dough rest at room temperature until pliable enough to roll. On a lightly floured surface, roll out a square of dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Use a 3-inch cookie cutter to cut as many cookies as you can. Transfer to baking sheets, leaving about 1/2 inch between each cookie. Set aside scraps. Repeat with remaining dough.

Combine scraps, re-roll and cut. If dough becomes too soft to roll, refrigerate briefly.

Bake cookies until dry on top but not brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes on baking sheets on wire racks, then transfer cookies to racks to cool completely.

Easter Ham with Walnut Glaze

1 cup orange marmalade
1/4 cup lite soy sauce
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 fully cooked boneless ham (3 lb.)
1 cup walnut pieces, toasted

Toast Nuts: Heat oven to 350F. Spread nuts onto baking sheet. Bake 5 to 7 min. or until lightly toasted. Mix marmalade, soy sauce and sugar. Reserve 1/4 cup for brushing onto ham. Bake ham as directed on label, brushing with reserved marmalade mixture the last 20 min. Meanwhile, bring remaining marmalade mixture to boil in saucepan on medium heat, stirring occasionally. Stir in nuts. Slice ham. Serve with marmalade sauce.

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Obituaries

Pattie Heady

76, joined her dear departed loved ones on Thursday, September 15, 2016. She was a member of Persimmon Ridge Golf Club, a former two term Commissioner of the City of Hills and Dales and formerly active in many phases of improving life for others in the Louisville Metro area. She worked on the Gender Fairness Task Force headed by Chief Justice Robert Stevens and spent time on Louisville's Court Watch System in an attempt to keep track of the treatment of women, children and minorities in our courts. She worked with Cornerstone 2000 in order to update and beautify our neighborhoods and make them user friendly to vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists alike. Some of these plans are in use now and others are still in the process of being completed. She loved to garden and pass out starts, plants and trees to friends and family so that their beauty could be spread around for others to enjoy.

She was a member of the Kentucky Nut Growers Association for many years and felt that nurturing and establishing new species and endangered species of trees and plants was very important to the future of our area. Cooking for others was a source of enjoyment for her and her recipes can still be found in kitchens of her friends and family from Chicago to Florida. She spent wonderful winters at her home, "Rainbow's End", in Florida with many close friends for over four decades. Her life was full and eventful. Looking back, the largest regret she had was that so many friends, family and loved ones, including her beloved son, Danny Heady, predeceased her.

She is survived by her good friend and daughter-in-law, Pat Shain-Heady; her Florida family, Jasmine Jordan and her children, Caleb and Kylie, and friend, Sharon Estlick; as well as seven nieces, three nephews and their families.

She was so grateful for so many true and loyal friends and neighbors. She was blessed to have her very loyal and loving, furry friends, Geronimo and Cochise and their predecessors.

Her body was cremated and will be interred at Resthaven Memorial Park in private.

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Dues are \$5.00 for one year. Annual membership begins January 1st. New members joining after July 1st shall be credited as paid in full for the next calendar year.) For additional information about joining KNGA, please contact Carl Ray at 270-281-4800.