

BYFG Winter Workshops Saturday, February 15, 2025

BYFGs will hold Workshops Saturday, February 15, 2025. **Doors Open @ 9:30 AM. Sign in and Check in the lobby of the Farm & Home Center. Bring your lunch! Payment in advance is requested since presenters must estimate how many participants to expect.**

BYFG Friends and the Public \$5.00 per workshop in advance or \$10.00 at the Door Fill out the sign up sheet, fold it, enclose it with payment and send to Nils Peterson or bring it to the Winter Meeting. There will be a sign up table at the Winter Meeting.



Also, you can use PayPal at byfg.buck@gmail.com and pay with a credit card.

When paying with PayPal please include in the note box which classes you are signing up for and your full name.

🕒 **10:00 AM – Noon: Rooting Cuttings** with Andy Weidman: Many common plants can be propagated from a leaf or stem. Plant cuttings may be rooted in water, soilless medium, with the help of a rooting hormone, or by placing on the surface of the soil. It all depends on the type of plant, but any of these methods can be quick, easy, and inexpensive. In this class, we will cover several different ways to make new plants without seeds, including greenwood cuttings, dormant cuttings, and layering. We will also discuss making a simple propagation box on a budget, and trade tips and tricks for expanding your plantation “on the cheap.”

🕒 **10:00 AM – Noon: Pawpaws: America’s Forgotten Fruit**: From seed to fruit ‘Mr. Pawpaw,’ Ted Weeden, shares his knowledge of this well-adapted and under-appreciated native fruit. Pawpaws, America’s largest native tree fruit, aren’t easy to grow from seed and get established. Ted will demonstrate the art of grafting. Ted knows how, growing dozens of varieties. He is well known at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival and the Kentucky State University Pawpaw Research Station, and has discovered many local native pawpaw stands. In September, you can join Ted on his Pawpaw tours.

🕒 **10:00 AM – Noon: Planning an Orchard**: with Chris Manning and Chris Buck. The two of them will walk you through the planning of an orchard using their techniques to make the road a little easier for you. With rising food and gas prices, more and more gardeners are looking for ways to reduce household costs and grow more of their own food. Site selection is first. Then, take an honest look at your property. Soil test and tree selection determines the hardiness zone for your area and select fruit trees that will grow well there. Variety selection: It’s important to grow fruit-tree varieties that taste great and are productive, but you also have to know a little about pollination. Planting time: Buy trees locally from a BYFG nursery that are already potted in a container. You can get these at the May Sale at Landis Valley Museum, BYFG booth, or order them bare root from White Oak Nursery

🕒 **Noon – 1:00 PM: Bring your own lunch**, or pop to the nearby Rt. 72 commercial strip. **Buy replacement (empty) bee tubes from Pete Fisher.** Trade in filled tubes for empty ones (see ad page 7).

🕒 **1:00 – 3:00 pm Hardy Citrus** with Mel Martin. Cold Hardy Citrus challenges and advances in Southeastern PA trials. A history of past and recent breeding and selection work in the US and Europe and developing improved cold resistant Citrus cultivars. Hurdles and promising new selections being developed. Oral insights into the goals and breeding methodology behind current efforts. A PowerPoint presentation that will keep you interested through out the presentation.

🕒 **1:00 – 3:00 PM Beginning Beekeeping** with Howard Frysinger, from Chester County Beekeepers Association. He started his adventure with honey bees in 1959, as a 6 year old. His grandfather was the first president of CCBA. Howard will be gearing his talk towards the beginner, or someone that thinks they may want to start keeping bees. It is a challenge to keep hives alive, so Howard will discuss ideas on how to have a sustainable apiary. He will include ideas on where to locate your apiary, how to get and "install" your bees, and how to keep them healthy.

🕒 **1:00 – 4:45 PM Apple Tree Pruning Basics** – Taught by Master Gardener Steve Shambeda and BYFG Nursery Supervisor Ken Kuzdro, the presentation begins indoors with a thorough handout and discussion of pruning principles- 1 hour and 45 minutes in the classroom. Participants then carpool to receive hands-on training in pruning apples trees in Ken's nearby orchard - 2 hours. This session packs in a lot of useful information-. Dress warmly and bring hand pruners , if you have them. Rain or shine.

The Pruning Workshop has extra time allotted. After the classroom session, participants carpool to BYFG supporter Ken Kuzdro's nearby orchard for lots of hands on pruning training and practice. Steve will stay as long as required for participants to master the basics (or until it gets dark) !!

2025 BYFG Winter Workshops Registration Form

Please register only one person per form. This form may be copied.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Backyard Fruit Grower Member? Yes No

Classes: February 15, 2025

\$5 each class when registered and paid ahead of time. \$10 at the door

Morning Classes: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Check if Attending	Amount Due
Rooting Cuttings \$5.00		
Pawpaws.....\$5.00		
Planning Orchard.....\$5.00		
Afternoon Classes: 1:00pm – 3:00pm		
Beginning Beekeeping.....\$5.00		
Hardy Citrus\$5.00		
Pruning Workshop *note \$5.00		
* note: class time <u>1:00 – 4:45 PM</u>	Total	

Make checks payable to: BYFG

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