

## *BYFG Winter Workshops Sat, February 18, 2023*

**BYFGs** will hold Workshops Sat. February 18, 2023. **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 to expect. So **PLEASE CONTACT** with any questions: Dan Matesic e-✉ camer00@atlanticbb.net or ☎ 724-503-2954

**BYFG Subscribers and the Public \$5.00 per workshop in advance \$10.00 at 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 include in the note box which classes you are signing up for.

🕒 **10:00 AM – Noon: Planning an Apple Orchard:** Chris Manning, Alan Browne, and Chris Buck. The trio will walk you through the planning of an orchard using their years of experience 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 determine 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 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.

🕒 **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: Espaliers for the Home Fruit Garden-** Retired professor from the University of Pennsylvania and longtime BYFG member Bill Dailey will show us from start to finish how he grows dwarf apple, pear, and other fruit trees as compact trained forms on wires or walls. Advantages of espaliers include easier spraying and larger fruit. Plus, they just look cool in your garden! There will be some extra dwarfing apple rootstock for grafting espalier at this year's March Grafting Workshop if you wanted to try your hand at this method.

🕒 **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 5).

🕒 **1:00 Bees: Solitary Bees** with Bea Landis...**2:00 Honey Bees:** with Denny Gorman... **Bee tubes** with Pete Fisher **Solitary Bees** with Bea Landis speaking on Solitary bees. Her talk describes the different types of Native Solitary bees, how they live, their habitat, their benefits, and how to encourage them in your garden. Bea is a Master Gardener in Lancaster and a member of The Women's Garden Club of Lancaster County. **Pete Fisher** on bee tubes. **Honey Bees** with Denny Gorman a Master Beekeeper with Lancaster County Beekeepers Society. He has a Certification from Cornell University will be speaking for us on Pollinators in the Orchard.

🕒 **1:00 – 3 PM Elderberries** Lori Stahl's presentation on elderberries, from propagating to planting to picking this luscious berry and its uses. The most economical way to propagate elderberries is from cuttings, taken during the dormant season (winter), which root easily with rooting hormone. Lori will talk about the proper way to plant and the best sites. Varieties are important also, as elderberries require cross-pollination. A single lone plant won't bear fruit, and you must plant two similar varieties within about 100 feet of each other to ensure pollination. (Closer is better.) Elderberries also provide an amazing abundance of nectar for pollinators in the spring. This year around late May, head out to see a stunning array of honeybees, bumblebees, ground bees, beetles, birds, flies, and more which will be covering the umbel-shaped white flower clusters of the elderberry.

🕒 **1:00 – 4:45 PM Apple Tree Pruning Basics** – Taught by Master Gardener Steve Shambada 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) !!**

## 2023 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 18, 2023**

**\$5 each class**

<b>Morning Classes: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>	Check if Attending	Amount Due
Starting an Orchard ..... \$5		
Pawpaws.....\$5		
Espaliers for the Home Fruit Garden.....\$5		
<b>Afternoon Classes: 1:00pm – 3:00pm</b>		
Solitary bees and Honey bees.....\$5		
Elderberries ....\$5		
Pruning Workshop *note ..... \$5		
* note: class time <b><u>1:00 – 4:45 PM</u></b>	Total	

**Make checks payable to: BYFG**

Mail form and payment to :

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