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Scion Swap Meeting

—Indianapolis Farm Bureau—March 28th

Speaker: Justin Schmal: “Fertilizing Trees”

Lunch 11:30 Meeting 12:30 Speaker 1:30 -2:30 Auction 2:30-3:00

* ‘10 FLOWER & PATIO SHOW March 13th – 21st *

* Indiana State Fair Grounds: INGA Booth should be in the Garden Section. Volunteers will be on hand and all members are welcome to stop by. *

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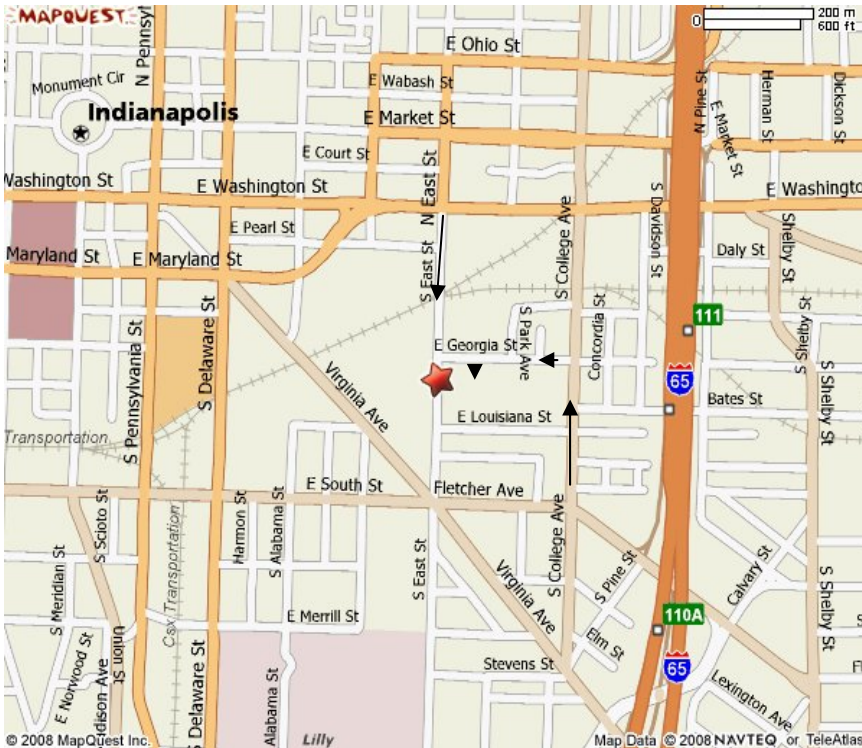
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***Make Sure and Bring good scion wood & records
along with auction items***

SCION SWAP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Scion Swap Meeting—March 28th - Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau Office - Indianapolis
 225 S East St
 Indianapolis, IN 46202



Directions to the Indianapolis Farm Bureau Insurance Office

See the map on the left. Note that you will want to enter the parking garage from Georgia Street. The arrows indicate one-way streets. Don't get confused or in a collision!



2010 INGA Meeting Dates & Places

- March 28 Scion Swap at Farm Bureau Insurance
- May 16, or 23 Grafting at Arbor America, West Point, IN
- Sept 12 Chris Johnston, Johnson County Park
- Dec 5 Business meeting & Elections at Marion County Extension Center

July 19th –22 NNGA 101st National Meeting - Wooster, Ohio

- Scion Swap Speaker -

We'll have Mr. Justin Schmal, a recent graduate from Purdue present a talk on fertilizing trees. Justin just finished his Masters Thesis in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources titled: *EXPONENTIAL NITROGEN FERTILIZATION OF QUERCUS ROBUR SEEDLINGS IN COUNTY CARLOW, IRELAND*. Justin will be working as a research staff member this year setting up chestnut planting on coal mine reclamation sites in southern Indian this year too. He's originally from Northeast Pennsylvania.

- Meeting Minutes -

Dec 6th, Marion Co., Extension Office Business Meeting

At 11:38 AM Pete Jones gave thanks for the pitch-in dinner. At 12:34 President Jerry Lehman called our meeting to order and had everyone give a round robin introduction of themselves. Barry Nicholson of Louisville, KY, gave a very interesting talk about Indiana bats. Jerry Lehman had 12 Texas Pecan crackers for sale at \$13 each and an NNGA cookbook for \$10.

Sam Dodd gave the treasures report and told where some of the money goes such as \$500 for the Thousand Cankers Black Walnut research & the Ken Dooley Memorial.

Some of the items to be auctioned off were described such as the wreaths and large candle holder that were made out of nuts, and note, should be used inside to avoid destruction by squirrels.

Barbara Lehman gave the call for volunteers at the Flower & Patio Show to put up and take down the display and to man the booth during the show. The booth hours are from 10:00 AM until 9:00 PM and any portion of that time will help. Barb likes people to try and work 10:00 – 3:00 and 3:00 – 9:00 if they can.

The elections were held with the following results:

- Directors: John Harrell and Mari Briggs
- President: Jerry Lehman
- Vice President: Don Stohler
- Treasurer: Sam Doss
- Secretary: Bill Heiman

There were several topics discussed about nut growing like what stratification was needed by black walnuts and chestnuts. Black walnuts need from 1,100 cold hours at 38°F (46-92 days). Chestnuts need no stratification to 40 days. Even the experts have different ideas!

Bill Heiman addressed the group and said: "A funny thing happened to me yesterday - - - I got married!" So he displayed his beautiful bride. He further described a tree steward program on January 23rd and Jan 30th, 2010, at the Hamilton County Fair Grounds. He told of some pictures in his possession of his great grandson (4 months old) rubbing the graft line of a 'Shell 2' hybrid walnut in his experimental orchard. Then Bill told of a clothes dryer that was one month over it's warranty, but was locked up and was told it needed a new motor. When the front was disassembled, it was discovered that a chipmunk had stored 71 walnuts in the fan housing locking up the motor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 to proceed with the auction.

Sincerely, Bill Heiman



Don't Forget

Bring Scion Wood in good condition from known varieties. Make sure to fill out all the information on the donor sheets so others can know the background of your scion wood. Bring coolers, bags, and tags, to store and keep track of the scion wood you receive.