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## **Indiana Flower & Patio Show Special Issue**

Including Annual Nursery Source List

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

## **Annual Scion Swap Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Farm Bureau Office—Indianapolis**

Special Guest Speaker: Jerry Lehman

“Two Decades of Russian Fruit Breeding”

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*Bring scion wood from your best fruit & nut varieties to share*

## Directions - Farm Bureau Building - Indianapolis

**Location:** 225 South East Street (not to be confused with Southeastern Avenue). The Farm Bureau building is a large brick, new building. It occupies the entire block between East Street and College on the West side, Georgia on the North and Louisiana on the South (see map). This is inside the I-65 loop (see small overview map at right). The streets are busy weekdays but quiet on Sundays. Drive to the north side of the building on Georgia St., pull in at the ground level employees parking area (see arrow) – there is a cement slab second story parking area overhead. There may be an arm blocking the way. If so talk into the speaker to identify yourself as a nut grower and the guard will raise the bar so you can enter and park. This is under roof therefore dry. The walk in entrance is on the right next to the guard station. Enter, sign in at the guard station, turn left at the first hallway and again left into our meeting room. Do not park in the visitor's lot as you cannot enter from that front door. Watch for an INGA sign on the front, on S. East St.



### March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Speaker

***Mr. Jerry Lehman will present a talk and photos from his recent trip to Russia and changes and progress the Russians have made in the last 20 years.***

Jerry Lehman has decades of experience growing, breeding, and evaluating persimmon varieties along with other fruit and nut crops. This past October Jerry traveled to Yalta, Ukraine to attend the Achievements and Perspectives of Development and Selection, Growing and Use of Fruit Crops conference. For those of you who are old enough to remember the end of WWII, Yalta is where Churchill, Stalin and President Truman met to decide how to divide up Germany after German's surrender. The conference was held at the Nikita Botanical Gardens which is on the Black Sea. In addition he traveled to the Research Farm Doslidne Gospod, Nova Kahovka, Ukraine to see their persimmon hybrid breeding and development work. He also spent a week in Krymsk, Russia as guest of his host, Victor Eremin, during the two week trip. In addition he toured the world famous Cold Cave Winery near Yalta. A written report is included in this issue, Jerry will report in more detail, with an illustrated power point presentation of his magnificent trip.