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Portage and Geauga Pond Clinic March 26th

Join the Geauga and Portage Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Portage County Master Gardeners for an informative and FREE pond program on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 6:00-8:30 pm at Camp Asbury, 10776 Asbury Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234. Now is your chance to learn more about the importance of fish selection for maintaining a quality recreational fishery. Participants will also learn about the importance of riparian buffers to pond life. Featured speakers include fish expert **Eugene Braig**, Aquatic Ecosystems Specialist, OSU Extension and **Jason VanHouten**, Rural Urban Interface Forester, ODNR. Mr. VanHouten will also introduce a multi-community woodland plan targeted to assist landowners in Northwest Portage County. Mark Wilthew, ODNR Regional Forester, will also be on hand to answer questions about woodland programs for landowners outside of these targeted communities. Our program will conclude with a generous question and answer period with the above listed speakers accompanied by Portage and Geauga Wildlife Officers, Barry Hennig and Scott Denamen, and James Bierlair, Portage Soil and Water Conservation District Coordinator. Registration is required due to limited seating, so please call Portage SWCD at (330)297-7633 Ext 101 to register by March 22nd. We hope to see you there!

Spring Fish Stocking Sale

Our 2013 Spring Fish Sale will be at the Randolph Fairgrounds on State Route 44 in Randolph.

Order Deadline: Friday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m. SHARP!!

Place: Randolph Fairgrounds

* Arrive promptly – the fish truck will only be there for a short time

* Simply complete the order form on the last page of this newsletter and mail with payment before April 19, 2013.

* **Please note the item change from the January newsletter regarding the Perch selection. Due to a supply issue the 2-4" Perch are not available at this time. We are offering the 4-5" @ \$2.00 for the 2013 spring fish sale.**

Local Events of Interest

Area II Envirothon Wednesday, April 24th at Mill Creek MetroParks Farm, Canfield

An outdoor "Academic Competition" sponsored by Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources open to all Portage County High Schools. Contact our office for more information.

Crestwood Earth Day Friday, April 26th 4:30 to 6:30 pm

11260 Bowen Road, Mantua. This FREE family event is open to the public and is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn together the many ways they can help protect our planet. Please visit www.crestwoodschoools.org or contact Lee Dean at ndeans@crestwoodschoools.org

Main Street Kent presents "Clean Up Kent" Day on Saturday, April 27th

Whether you have two hours to spare, or the entire day, we're asking the community to come together and help. Scouts, environmentally concerned groups, service organizations, church groups, etc. are all welcome. For information about getting involved, just call 330-677-8000, or email info@mainstreetkent.org.

For information about the June "Wonders of Watersheds" Educator Workshops, please contact Lynn Vogel at lvogel@portageswcd.org

REMINDERS

Visit the SWCD
online at
www.portageswcd.org

April 5
Tree Order Deadline

April 17-19
TREE PICK UP
9:00am-6:00pm
SWCD Office

April 19
Fish Order Deadline

April 22
Hybrid Nut Tree Sale

April 23
Fish Pick Up
10:00am
Randolph Fairgrounds

Lily Order
May 15, 2013

Super Hybrid Nut Trees

Super Hybrid Nut Trees to be offered by Portage County Soil and Water Conservation District in cooperation with the Northern Nut Growers Association.

Super hybrid chestnut trees are back for 2013! In addition to this very popular tree, super hybrid hazelnut trees will also be available. Both of these spectacular nut trees are being propagated by Northern Nut Growers Association members at the John Gander Greenhouse at the KSU Geauga Campus.

The Hazelnuts being propagated at the KSU site are from Eastern Filbert Blight resistant plants that were collected by Rutgers University, and the University of Nebraska. Eastern filbert blight is a disease of American hazelnuts that has devastated commercial plantings of European filberts in the Eastern United States and Canada.

The offer is: One packet of five 20" to 30" super hybrid chestnut trees or hazelnut trees, a one year membership to the Northern Nut Growers Association, and a one year membership to the Ohio Nut Growers Association for a donation of \$40 made payable to the Northern Nut Growers Association. We have a very limited supply of these tree packets which will be available on a 'first come' basis on Monday, April 22nd from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Portage County SWCD Office, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna, OH 44266.

Tree Sale News!

Our Tree Sale is in full swing and the following plants are nearly sold out. If you want these plants, please get your order in as soon as possible:

Blueberries, Yellowhorn, Shagbark Hickory, Sycamore, Northern Bayberry, Silky Dogwood, and PawPaw.

We still have some wonderful selections available and hope you will review the following information to learn more about the merit of some of these plants. Our office will not likely offer **Katsura** again and the upright variety, which we have, is difficult to find in garden centers. This tree has beautiful, heart shaped leaves that have a bit of a twist when the wind moves them and a sugary aroma when they first fall to the ground. **Katsura** is a great addition to your landscape. In response to patron requests for plants with edible fruit and nuts we added Red Mulberry and Butternut to our sale. The **Red Mulberry** is a very attractive tree with an interesting leaf shape. The leaves have pointed lobes and serrated edges, which is an uncommon combination. Red mulberries are delicious and can be used in baked goods, jams and wine. **Butternuts** were so named because their nuts have a sweet, buttery flavor and Native Americans boiled the nuts to extract the oil which was used as butter. The *Malus sargentii* 'Roselow' **Crabapple** has a shrub-like growth habit that branches densely to a height of eight to ten feet and is covered with white blooms in the spring. The prolific, dark-red fruit and branching habit make it attractive to wildlife for food and shelter. When planted with larger evergreens this plant works well as a windbreak, bringing color and texture to the planting. Lastly, we would like to call your attention to the **Yellowwood** tree. Yellowwood is an Ohio native, but is not abundant in the woods or landscape. The scarcity of this tree makes most of us unaware of the spectacular floral display that Yellowwood has to offer. The fragrant, wisteria-like, white flowers in drooping panicles that adorn this tree are just one reason to add it to your landscape. Yellowwood is an excellent small shade tree for residential areas. Yellowwood has the habit of blooming much more heavily every other year.

Portage County Plat Books!!

Back by popular demand the Portage SWCD has purchased plat books. We are expecting them sometime in April 2013. The price is \$25.00 each. If you have any questions you can call 330-297-7633 Ext 101.

If you would like to receive the Portage SWCD Newsletter via email please email newsletter@portageswcd.org

Include the following information:

Name

Address

Email Address

Phone Number



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Please tell our sponsors that you saw them in our newsletter!



Any of these trees would be
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Please use new sponsor ad
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Advanced AND please keep it
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2013 TREE ORDER FORM

Preorder Deadline is Friday, April 5, 2013

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

****Office Use Only****

Check # _____ M.O# _____

Cash _____ Certificate _____

SWCD Employee Initials _____

Date _____ Receipt # _____

___ Check here only if you are a new customer or an update to our mailing list.

Tree Pick-Up

April 17, 18, 19, 2013 (Wednesday-Friday)

9:00am - 6:00pm

Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Ordering Information:

Packets are reserved on a first come, first served basis - ORDER EARLY!!

We order from nurseries in the fall, so we may "sell out" of popular species.

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Please enclose completed order form and check made payable to *Portage SWCD*.

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Please mark pick-up dates on your calendar

Reminders will not be sent out!

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Orders must be picked up April 17-19; otherwise refunds will not be guaranteed.

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Please note the number of trees per packet - packets cannot be split.

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Plants are bare-rooted and packed in a moisturizing gel.

They should be planted as soon as possible after pick-up.

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A copy of our tree descriptions can be found on our web site

Mail order form & payment to:

Portage SWCD, 6970 SR 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Phone: 330-297-7633 x101 Fax: 330-296-5917

Species		Age	Size	Packet Price	# Packets	Total
Get It While You Can						
Bunchberry <i>Cornus canadensis</i>	BCFNW	1 yr	med plug	5 for \$11		
Blackberries 'Chester'	E	1 yr	8 - 12"	3 for \$15		
Black Huckleberries <i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>	BCEFN	2 yr	liter pots	2 for \$18		
Blueberries (3 pk) 'Sierra', 'Rubel', 'Draper'	EC	2 yr	liter pots	3 for \$18	LOW	
Katsura <i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	C	1 yr	24 - 36"	2 for \$12		
New Jersey Tea <i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	BEFN	1 yr	4 - 8"	3 for \$9		
Sourwood <i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>	BCFN	1 yr	3 - 6" pot	3 for \$12		
Snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos alba</i>	BCFN	2 yr	18 - 24"	5 for \$10		
Umbrella Magnolia <i>Magnolia tripeolata</i>	FN	1 yr	3 - 5"	3 for \$12		
Yellowhorn <i>Xanthoceras sorbifolia</i>	CEF	1 yr	12 - 18"	3 for \$11	LOW	
Evergreens						
Blue Spruce <i>Picea pungens</i>	G	4 yr	10-22"	5 for \$9		
Canadian Hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	G	2 yr	6 - 9"	5 for \$8		
Concolor Fir <i>Abies concolor</i>	G	2 yr	10 -15"	5 for \$9		
Eastern White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	G	3 yr	10 - 14"	10 for \$9		
Norway Spruce <i>Picea abies</i>	G	2 yr	10 - 18"	10 for \$9		
Serbian Spruce <i>Picea omorika</i>	G	3 yr	10 - 14"	5 for \$7		
Western Arborvitae <i>Thuja plicata</i>	G	1 yr	6 - 12"	5 for \$10		
Deciduous						
Black Cherry <i>Prunus serotina</i>	BEN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Black Oak <i>Quercus velutina</i>	BCN	1 yr	10 - 24"	5 for \$8		
Bur Oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	BN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Butternut <i>Juglans cinera</i>	BEN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9		
Dawn Redwood <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	C	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9		
Gobbler Oak <i>Quercus acutissima</i>	B	3 yr	15 - 30"	5 for \$8		
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	BN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i>	CNW	2 yr	15 - 30"	5 for \$8		
Shagbark Hickory <i>Carya ovata</i>	BN	3 yr	10 - 18"	5 for \$9	LOW	
Sugar Maple <i>Acer saccharum</i>	CEN	2 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Sycamore <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	NW	2 yr	24 - 40"	5 for \$8	LOW	
Shrubs						
Crabapple <i>Malus sargentii 'Roselow'</i>	BF	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Northern Bayberry <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	BN	3 yr	2 - 4 ft	5 for \$9	LOW	
Silky Dogwood <i>Cornus amomum</i>	BCFNW	2 yr	15 - 30"	5 for \$7	LOW	
Flowering & Fruiting Trees						
Alleghany Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	BCEFN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	EFN	2 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Paw Paw <i>Asimina triloba</i>	BEN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$12	LOW	
Persimmon <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	BEFN	1 yr	5 - 9"	5 for \$9		
Red Mulberry <i>Morus rubra</i>	BEFN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
White Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i>	BFN	2 yr	10 - 24"	5 for \$8		
White Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	BFN	1 yr	4 - 8"	3 for \$9		
Yellowwood <i>Cledrastus kentuckea</i>	BFN	1 yr	8 - 12"	3 for \$12		
Other Items						
Pond Lilies \$15.00 each						
_____ Red _____ Pink _____ White _____ Yellow						
B-bird/wildlife value C-fall color E-edible F-flowering G-evergreen N-native W-tolerates wet soils						

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SPRING FISH SALE ORDER FORM

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 10:00 am SHARP!!
Randolph Fairgrounds—4215 Fairgrounds Road, Randolph 44265
Please fill out form & send it with your check payable to
Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

White Amur Carp @ \$12.00 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Largemouth Bass (2-3") @ \$0.85 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Bluegill (2-4") @ \$0.70 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Yellow Perch (4-5") @ \$2.00 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Channel Catfish (4-5") @ \$0.75 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Shellcrackers (2-4") @ \$0.90 each	X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Office Use Only	
Check #	_____
M.O#	_____
Cash	_____
Certificate	_____
SWCD Employee Initials	_____
Date	_____
Receipt #	_____

Order Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2013

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