

# CONSERVATION NEWS

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## IT'S TREE SALE TIME

**Opportunity abounds with our Spring 2013 Plant Sale!** Our office consulted with local experts to try to seek out the best plants to offer our patrons. We followed the advice of ODNR Regional Forester, Mark Wilthew, to seek out persimmons grown from northern collected seed to increase the possibility of fruit in our area. We found such a grower and hope you will support our efforts by purchasing these plants that will be a little smaller than we typically offer. Mark also assisted us in determining the best oaks to include for wildlife. Well known Portage County naturalist, Emliss Ricks, looked at our list of considerations and informed us as to their current or past presence in Portage County. He was happy to see us adding plants like black huckleberry and bunchberry, which are both decreasing in number due to habitat loss. We also consulted area Christmas Tree grower, Bob Stehli, of Wintergreen Tree Farm about which evergreens to include in our sale. So, with patron requests, great advice and a lot of research we have what we think is an abundant offering of wonderful plants. Many of the plants included in our sale are very difficult to find in production and you can find out more about those under the heading of **“Get It While You Can”**. A few additional native plants are difficult to find anywhere and are listed as threatened, endangered, or extirpated in Ohio. We hope you will review our plant descriptions to determine if you have a suitable site for some of these threatened ‘gems’ and then try to add them to your landscape in an effort to preserve Ohio’s rich plant diversity. In addition to our goal of trying to make native plants available to our patrons, we also continue to search for our patron plant requests. We did not plan to offer blueberries again in 2013, but due to our many requests, we have included three wonderful selections, which are ‘Sierra’, ‘Rubel’ and ‘Draper’. Sierra is an early season variety that boasts large berries with excellent flavor and firmness. We are especially excited to include Rubel which is a wild cultivar. Since it is not a hybrid, the berries are smaller, with a very sweet yet wild flavor that is perfect for baking and preserving. The antioxidant levels in Rubel are some of the highest found in blueberries. And finally, Draper has a medium sized, bright blue berry recognized for maintaining its excellent flavor longer in storage. And as happy as we are about the 2013 blueberry collection, we are absolutely thrilled to offer black huckleberries for the first time. This Midwest native is extremely difficult to find in production, so **“Get It While You Can”!** In addition to the wonderful fruit, the huckleberry plant offers spectacular fall color. Other plants in the **“Get It While You Can”** category are Bunchberry, New Jersey Tea, Snowberry, White Fringe Tree (all Portage County natives decreasing in number). Others in this category are Sourwood, Umbrella Magnolia, Katsura, and Yellowhorn. Although these plants are not native to Portage County, sourwood and umbrella magnolia are Ohio natives that should do well in our area. Katsura and Yellowhorn are not North American natives, but both have been grown in the United States for more than one hundred years and to date have shown no invasive tendencies. Lastly, if you are looking for an evergreen that is showing wonderful potential in our area, please consider the fast-growing Western Arborvitae. Unlike the Ohio native, American Arborvitae, it has lustrous, dark green leaves and a beautiful pyramidal shape. The pendulous branches also give this plant a graceful form. Please see our plant descriptions to find out more about site requirements for these fabulous plants.

### REMINDERS

Visit the SWCD  
online at  
[www.portageswcd.org](http://www.portageswcd.org)

**April 5**  
Tree Order Deadline

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

**April 22**  
Hazelnut Tree Sale

**April 23**  
Fish Pick Up  
10:00am  
Randolph Fairgrounds

Lily Order Pick Up  
May 15, 2013

## Rain Barrels for Schools Fund Raiser

**Calling all Portage County Art and Environmental Teachers!!!** Portage SWCD would like to collaborate with Portage County art educators or outdoor environmental education committees in our efforts to provide community education as it relates to storm water. Portage SWCD will provide rain barrels, at no cost, to educators on a first come basis, per school district, while our supply lasts. Participants have artistic license to decorate their barrels however they choose. Painted barrels may be raffled or otherwise sold to raise money for art supplies or other items for your classroom. Each school district would need to gain administrative approval for how these funds could be raised and retained for their art or environmental education programs. Our hope would be that each district would retain \$75 from their earnings to purchase another rain barrel to be painted and raffled the following year. Many communities have found that selling painted rain barrels can be an excellent fund raiser. Deadline for requests is Friday, February 15, 2013. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Vogel at (330)297-7633 x 111 or e-mail [lvogel@portageswcd.org](mailto:lvogel@portageswcd.org)

## NRCS

**Costshare to implement conservation practices** to enhance your land and protect the environment on forests or farms.

EQIP provides financial assistance for a variety of conservation activities, such as: cover crops, nutrient management, reduced tillage, field buffers, rotational grazing systems, forestry improvement and much more. The deadline for the next signup period in Ohio is **January 18, 2013**. A second sign-up deadline will occur on February 15, 2013, if funding is available.

Additionally, NRCS offers special initiatives through EQIP, including:

- **On-Farm Energy Initiative:** helps producers conserve energy on their operations.
- **Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative:** helps producers install high tunnels.
- **Organic Initiative:** helps Organic farmers implement conservation practices
- **Air Quality Initiative:** helps producers address air quality by establishing conservation practices

Contact Scott or Dee for more information.

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### Attention Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers

If you, or someone you know, believe the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has improperly denied you farm loan benefits between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. **Claims MUST be filed between September 24, 2012 and March 25, 2013 to be considered for cash payment or loan forgiveness. If you think you might be eligible to file a claim, please contact 1-888-508-4429 or [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov)**

## Spring Fish sale

Our 2013 Spring Fish Sale pick up is going to be at the Randolph Fairgrounds off State Route 44 in Randolph.

Call 330-297-7633 x101 if you have any questions

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

Place: Randolph Fairgrounds

- \* Simply complete the order form on the last page of this newsletter and mail with payment **PRIOR** to April 19, 2013.
  - \* Arrive promptly – the fish truck will only be there for a short time
- \* Bring a covered container lined with a plastic bag and recently filled with your own pond water
  - \* Due to the tree sale, pick-up reminders will **NOT** be sent out prior to pick up date.
  - \* Please mark pick up date and the location on your calendar!
  - \* Deadline for fish sale orders is April 19, 2013.



# Newsletter Sponsors



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

Any of combination of this clip art will work



# 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
<b>Get It While You Can</b>						
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		
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		
<b>Evergreens</b>						
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		
<b>Deciduous</b>						
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		
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		
<b>Shrubs</b>						
Crabapple <i>Malus sargentii</i> 'Roselow'	BF	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8		
Northern Bayberry <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	BN	3 yr	2 - 4 ft	5 for \$9		
Silky Dogwood <i>Cornus amomum</i>	BCFNW	2 yr	15 - 30"	5 for \$7		
<b>Flowering &amp; Fruiting Trees</b>						
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		
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		
<b>Other Items</b>						
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						

**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 (2-4") @ \$0.75each	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

Sign Up Now for  
 USDA Conservation  
 Programs!



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