



THE STEW CREW NEWS

October 2017

Conservation Calendar

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Woodland Mound 10/4

Cut/Treat Tree of Heaven
and Honeysuckle at
Mitchell Memorial
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Invasive Control and
Prairie Management
at Farbach-Werner
Nature Preserve 10/24

Basal Treat Gallery
Pear Trees at
Miami Whitewater
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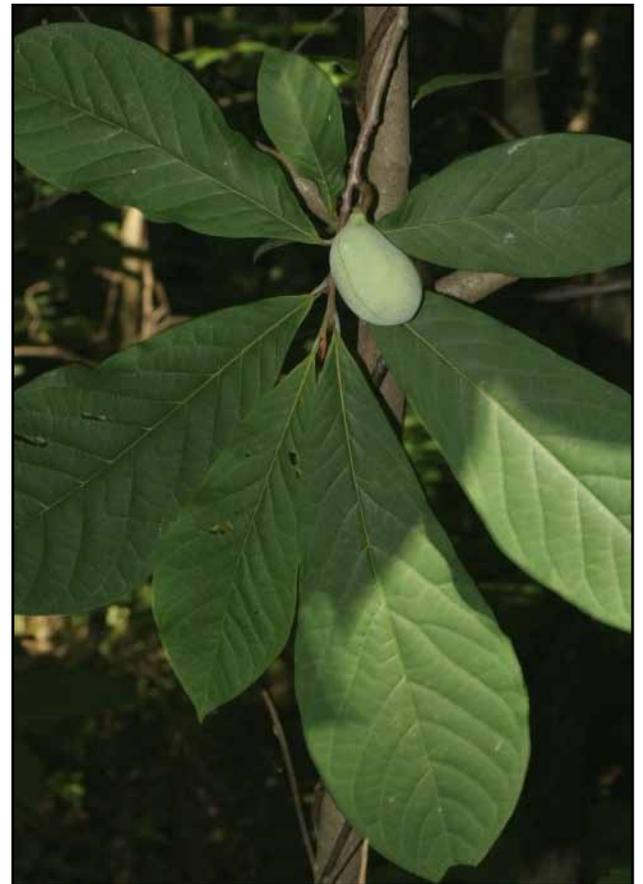
Shaker Trace
Nursery Work Varies

Reminders

- Bring something to drink
- Wear sturdy gloves
- Consider bug repellent
- We recommend long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes

Incredible Edible Pawpaw

Asimina triloba, or Pawpaw as it is commonly called, grows wild among the steep hills and moist creek bottoms of southwest Ohio. Native to 26 states, the pawpaw can be found from the Appalachians to the prairie states. In the fall, pawpaw bears large edible fruit and earned the designation as the state fruit of Ohio in 2009. The earliest documented pawpaw consumption in North America occurred in 1504 by Native Americans, and chilled pawpaw fruits were the favorite dessert of George Washington, giving this delicacy a long historic tradition.



Pawpaw trees are fairly common in Ohio. Being an understory tree, it prefers a shade over full sunlight and rarely grow to a height of over 30'. Its flowers bloom early in the spring, usually before it's leaves have emerged. These dark maroon flowers are about 1-2" across, and have the distinct, faint smell of rotting meat. This aroma attracts it's pollinators, usually blow flies or carion beetles to the blossom as cross pollination is necessary for fruit and seed production. Pawpaws grow in semi-dense thickets, clonally spreading by root suckers off a main tree. Fruit production begins during the summer and matures in mid-September. Their fruits are a light green color, usually about the size of a potato and contain numerous large seeds. These are often consumed by squirrels, raccoons, gray foxes and black bears. The zebra swallowtail butterfly's larvae feed exclusively on the young leaves of the pawpaw tree. Trace amount of toxins in the leaves consumed by the larvae remain with it throughout its life and offer protection from predation, making them unpalatable for birds and other predators.

October Stew Crew Projects

Invasive Control at Woodland Mound

What: Bush honeysuckle and invasive vines once dominated the landscape at Woodland Mound Park. Through intensive management we have restored it back into the wonderful forest that you see today. Join us as we keep up the maintenance of this area by cutting invasive vines and removing new growth honeysuckle. This area is the gem of the east side, so join us in making sure it stays that way!!

When: Thursday, October 5th from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: 8250 Old Kellogg Rd, Cincinnati, OH
Meet at the Leatherleaf shelter.

Register: RSVP by October 4th to Chris Glassmeyer at cglassmeyer@greatparks.org

Cut/Treat Tree of Heaven and Honeysuckle at Mitchell Memorial Forest

What: Join us as we hand remove Tree of Heaven and Honeysuckle around the Wood Duck Trail.

When: Saturday, October 7th from noon—3 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Wood Duck Trail parking lot in Mitchell Memorial Forest.

Register: RSVP by October 6th to Scott Peak at speak@greatparks.org



"All good things are wild, and free."
—Henry David Thoreau

Invasive Control and Prairie Management at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

What: FWNP is a stronghold for nature in the ever increasing urban sprawl of Colerain. Join us as we continue to restore the forests and prairies here by cutting and removing invasive plants that threaten this ecosystem.

When: Tuesday, October 24th from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: 3455 Poole Rd, Colerain Township, OH

Register: RSVP by October 23rd to Chris Glassmeyer at cglassmeyer@greatparks.org

Basal Treat Callery Pear Trees at Miami Whitewater Forest – Trained Pesticide Applicators only

What: Help keep the very invasive Callery Pear tree out of an adjacent prairie by spraying the base of the trunk with herbicide. Only trained pesticide applicator volunteers. If you would like to become a trained pesticide applicator before this event contact speak@greatparks.org

When: Wednesday, October 25th from 9 a.m.—noon

Where: Meet at the Shaker Trace Nursery, 8667 New Haven Rd. Harrison, OH

Register: RSVP by October 24th to Scott Peak at speak@greatparks.org

Shaker Trace Nursery Work

What: Join us as we work together to accomplish daily nursery tasks that will change with the seasons.

When: Every Thursday year-round any time between 8 a.m. and noon.

Also from April-October Thursday afternoon any time after 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 or 7:00, weather permitting.

Where: Miami Whitewater Forest, Shaker Trace Nursery

8667 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH 45030

Register: None required – just stop by!

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to record your service! This information is used when applying for grants and other sources of outside support. Please record your hours under **Stew Crew [NATURAL RESOURCE]** **All locations**].