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"President's Patch"

NEWS FLASH

The Kentucky State University Pawpaw Program Needs Your Support!

Last week, I (Blake Cothron) got a dire phone call from Dr. Kirk Pomper who works for Kentucky State University (KSU). As many of you know, Kentucky State University is behind the only real pawpaw breeding program in the

USA. KSU Atwood, KSU Benson and KSU Chapel are all Kentucky Sate releases.

Peaceful Heritage Nursery has been working with KSU for many years now and they have been big supporters of our work with sustainable farming and pawpaws.

Also, KSU does a lot to support sustainable and small scale agriculture throughout the state of Kentucky, holds free classes once a month, creates free educational videos and publications, sterilizes honeybee equipment, and provides valuable grants to support the work of small growers.

Furthermore, KSU has been a very long time champion in civil rights issues and supporting black students at a time when that was very controversial.

Unfortunately due to some serious leadership blunders of the (now) past president, KSU is in a major debt problem and needs assis-



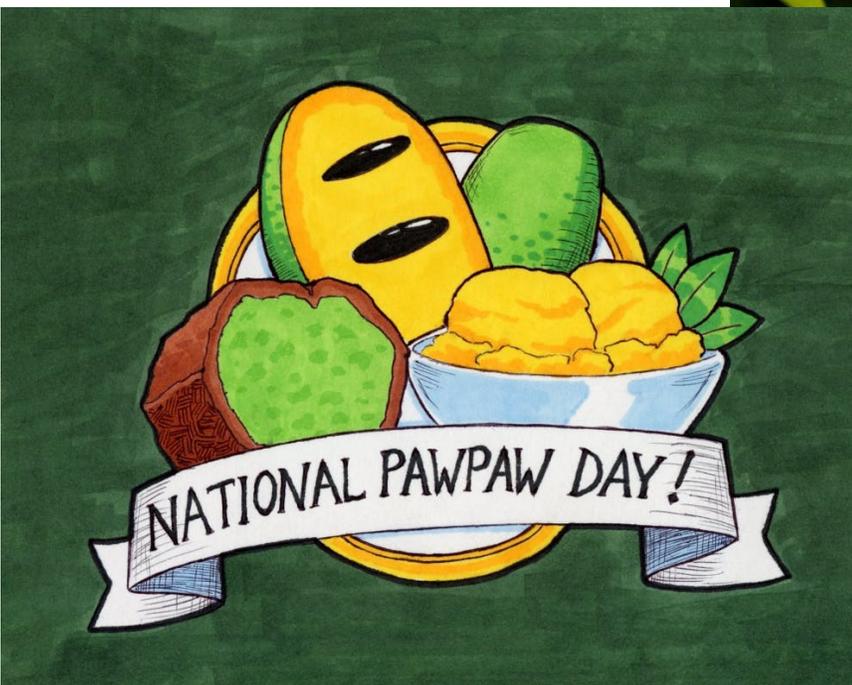
Contact the KY House of Representatives NOW! HB 250: YES
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tance from the Commonwealth of Kentucky in order to pay off the debt and continue to operate.

If you value the work KSU does in any of these fields and want to help out, contact the Kentucky House of Representatives and tell them to support House Bill 250 Each county in KY has a different representative. Even if you're out of state, give them a call!

If KSU goes under that means: no more KSU pawpaw releases, no more pawpaw Germplasm repository, and so many other major benefits KSU provides to small and organic growers.

by Blake Cothron, Peaceful Heritage Nursery



Remember that National Pawpaw Day was an idea suggested and promoted by KSU

Cincinnati Nature Center



Last year, Cincinnati Nature Center (Goshen, OH) hosted a number of pawpaw events for the public led by NAPGA Board Member Jason Neumann. This included a webinar on harvesting fruit and processing pulp, pawpaw hunting at Long Branch Farm, and a pawpaw ice cream day for families.



pawpaw hunting at

Keep an eye out for events in 2022! You can sign up for the newsletter through the website :<https://www.cincynature.org> . Members receive special access and discounts.



Cincinnati Nature Center is a 1,700-acre preserve with 20 miles of trails that offers a variety of wildlife, native plants, and educational programs. There are two main locations: Rowe Woods in Milford, OH and Long Branch Farm in Goshen, OH, which includes a pawpaw grove.



You can purchase our NAPGA “Edible Pawpaw” cookbook at The Nature Shop – while copies last!

<https://www.cincynature.org/>

By Valerie Libbey

I was excited early in the week to see my Winter Aconite in full bloom. This is almost 2 1/2 weeks earlier than last year. I don't know if this means that spring will be here early but whatever, I enjoy seeing the little yellow flower in bloom in my garden.



Ohio University seeks your help in helping to name their new pawpaw cookbook.

I have attached the comments from Dr. Brannan regarding the new cookbook that OU has produced. "Some news and notes about the pawpaw cookbook. We have 105 recipes, fewer than in the original but we tested each one. We have also included many of the "award winners" from the festival and noted them. A large percentage of the recipes also have a modification to make them vegetarian, gluten-free, etc."

"We do not have a name in mind other than we are planning for this to be "Part 1" and get it done and dusted by April. The plan is to omit much of the front matter from the original book about how to process pawpaw (and similar) and include that in Part 2."

Send in your suggestions to Rob Brannan at Botrytis@fuse.net and I'll see that he receives your suggestions for a title of the cook book.

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Please check with Ron (Botrytis@fuse.net) regarding your dues status or be sure to read the reminder in your E-News correspondence. Your membership dues are now collected on your anniversary date.

Please renew your membership in NAPGA/OPGA to show your support. Your continued support is needed to further the education and the promotion of North American pawpaws.

Go to www.Ohiopawpaw.com, for a membership form.

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 \$300.00 __ life membership

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