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Scion Swap Meeting

—Indianapolis Farm Bureau—March 28th

Speaker: Justin Schmal: “Fertilizing Trees”

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

* ‘10 FLOWER & PATIO SHOW March 13th – 21st *

* Indiana State Fair Grounds: INGA Booth should be in the Garden Section. Volunteers will be on hand and all members are welcome to stop by. *

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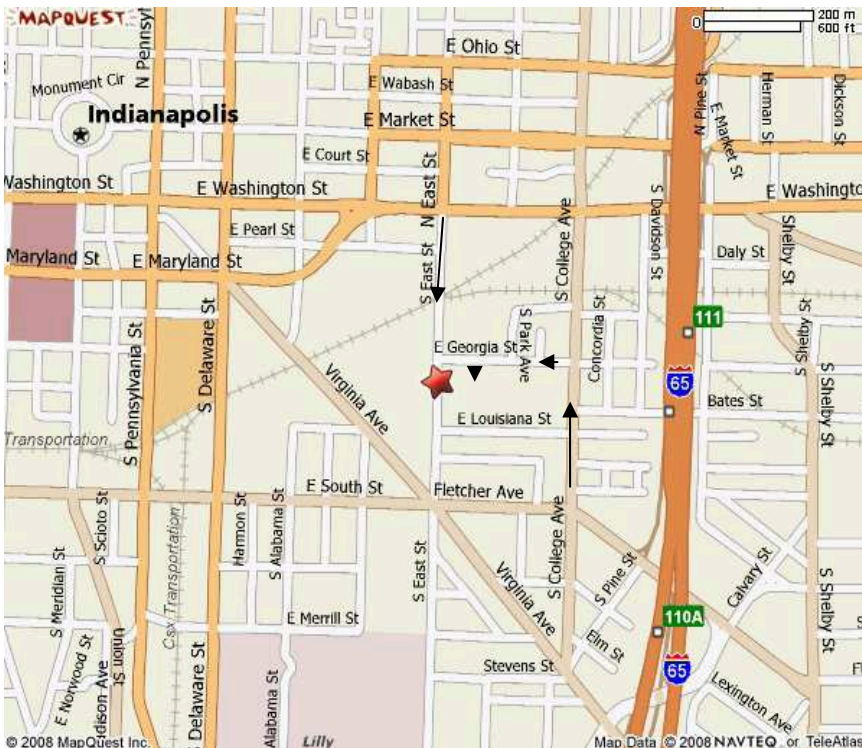
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***Make Sure and Bring good scion wood & records
along with auction items***

SCION SWAP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Scion Swap Meeting—March 28th - Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau Office - Indianapolis
 225 S East St
 Indianapolis, IN 46202



Directions to the Indianapolis Farm Bureau Insurance Office

See the map on the left. Note that you will want to enter the parking garage from Georgia Street. The arrows indicate one-way streets. Don't get confused or in a collision!



2010 INGA Meeting Dates & Places

- March 28 Scion Swap at Farm Bureau Insurance
- May 16, or 23 Grafting at Arbor America, West Point, IN
- Sept 12 Chris Johnston, Johnson County Park
- Dec 5 Business meeting & Elections at Marion County Extension Center

July 19th –22 NNGA 101st National Meeting - Wooster, Ohio

On the Stump

by Jerry Lehman



My Dear Fellow Nut and Fruit Growers,

We have good news for those of you that haven't heard. Ken Dooley's property was purchased by a couple who wish to maintain the trees and do organic gardening as well (*see their letter in this Kernel p. 13*). They also hope to augment their income with the sale of fresh garden produce, nuts, and fruit. We welcome Cindy & Jon McCoy into the Indiana family of nut and fruit growers. They are planning to attend the next meeting, please make them feel at home. They lived only a very short distance from Ken and Helen's acreage but never knew them. Cindy wrote they will need advice as they have little experience with tree crops. Being self-sufficient has always been a dream of the theirs and this is the first step in bringing that dream to fruition. The Dooley family had requested, rather than flowers, send donations in his name to the Indiana Nut Growers. Those who loved Ken and appreciated his work can still do this. Send your memorial to our Treasurer.

Donations from past memorials have been considered as donations to the research fund but have been kept separate. The total of both is in the vicinity of \$4000. The research fund was begun about 18 years ago. Although the motion stated that the amount available should be advertised annually, it never has been. One of the reasons is because the total was insufficient considering the cost of most projects.

This time of year we should be beginning to do early spring pruning, when not looking at the new seed catalogs. But as I write this the outdoor temperature is about 10° and we have about 5 inches of snow on the ground. Our local TV weather personality tells us that we are experiencing the coldest winter in 30 years and the fourth coldest in recorded weather history. Here in Terre Haute we've experienced only about one or two days at or slightly below zero, but the night temperatures have been constantly running less than 20°F. I read a report that states the sunspot activity is the lowest that it has been in many years speculating that we are receiving a little less energy

from the sun.

I did notice on a few of my plum trees with severe cracking of the bark on the south side, sometimes called South West Disease. I certainly hope, and I doubt, if this cold weather will diminish our tree crops due to freezing of the flower buds. Let us hope these cooler temperatures don't bring us late killing frosts. Cracking of the bark in the Prunus family may well be severe this year. Hopefully, unlike I, you remembered to paint the south side of your trees with white paint.

Our Treasurer Sam Dodd is working on the annual financial report. I can tell you INGA is in very good financial condition. Our auctions of material donated by members is a large contributing factor. Permanent investment of the lifetime membership, \$100, in a good mutual fund has contributed well to our financial strength. Also the last few years we've had a good return from the flower and patio show, thanks to the many volunteers who represent you and I at that annual event. Mark Hildebrand and Doug Fell will again be making the trip to the Vallonia nursery to pick up trees in addition to working the show. Now let us hope that Vallonia can get the trees out of the ground in time, considering our daily below freezing temperatures.

A volunteer group headed by Jim Weaver and John Harrell examined the Treasurer's books at the last meeting and reported there were no irregularities and approved Sam's Treasurer books. I'm sure we all thank Sam for all his hard work. He and Jerry Zimmerman also have organized our auctions very well.

I look forward to a good attendance of the scion swap meeting and would like to remind all of you to bring material for the swap even if it is only one variety of one species. Also bring something for the auction.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lehman