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Fruits of the Heartland Conference 2018

Danville Area Community College, Danville Illinois

The North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX), the Savanna Institute
and Mid America Fruit Explorers (MidFEX) proudly present the 2018 "Fuits of the Heartland Conference"
Thursday, July 26 thru Saturday, July 28

Featured banquet speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Wahle
Illustrated presentation, "Adventures in Growing Less Common Fruit"

Saturday Tour: Focused on hazelnut, currants, apple, aronia, pawpaw,
blueberries, other fruits and intercropping of chestnuts.

Presentation titles (more are being added):

What eating autumn berries taught me, Growing Hass Caps
Potential for dwarfing pears in the Midwest, Other less common fruit bearing plants
The role of agroforestry in urban areas, Grape origins and "Possum Grapes"
Perennial woody polyculture, Cultivating elderberry as a cash crop
Uncommon fruits, Biological insect controls, Growing urban orchards
Advancing agroforestry in the heartland, Thirty years of fruit breeding research and development,
Stone fruit cultivar development, Currents (including variety tastings)
Growing figs in northern Illinois, Asian pear varieties & operating small farm market
Commercial prospects for persimmon and pawpaw, Considerations for operating a Farm
Demonstrations of grafting and budding techniques

This meeting is open to the public and will have the interest of fruit growers of all levels.
Local fruit growers are encouraged to register and enjoy the opportunity to network with other growers.

Registration Information & Conference Fees:

Event Fee per participant: \$85, companion \$45, Friday banquet \$40
Saturday buss tour \$41 or car caravan \$20
All fees include lunches

For further details: www.NAFEX.org

About NAFEX

The North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX) is a network of individuals throughout the US and Canada devoted to the discovery, cultivation and appreciation of superior varieties of fruits and nuts. Founded in 1967, our membership consists primarily of backyard orchardists but also includes professional fruit scientists, nurserymen, and commercial orchardists. NAFEX members are all AMATEURS in the truest sense of the word; they are motivated by their LOVE of fir fruit. Additional information on the NAFEX Annual Meeting is available online at: <https://nafex.org/index.php/nafex-annual-###>