

# BYFG Winter Workshops

**Saturday February 17, 2018**

BYFGs will hold Workshops Saturday February 17, 2018. Payment in advance is not required.

Doors Open @ 9:30 AM. Sign in and Pay in the lobby of the Farm & Home Center Lancaster PA

Contact: Dan Matesic @ camer00@atlanticbb.net or 724-503-2954

BYFG members and Public \$5.00 per workshop. Bring your lunch

🕒 **10:00 AM – Noon**



• **Planning an apple orchard** with Chris Manning, Alan Browne, and Chris Patterson. The tri will walk you through the planning of an orchard. With rising food and gas prices, more and more gardeners are looking for ways to reduce household costs and grow more of their own food. Site selection is first. Then take a honest look at your property. Soil test and Tree Selection determine the hardiness zone for your area and select fruit trees that will grow well there. Variety selection: it's important to grow fruit-tree varieties that taste great and are

productive, but you also have to know a little about pollination. Planting time: buy trees locally that are already potted in a container You can get these at the May Sale at Landis Museum BYFG booth or order them bare root from White Oak Nursery.

🕒 **10:00 AM – Noon**



• **Pawpaws America's Forgotten Fruit.** From seed to fruit 'Mr. Pawpaw', Ted Weeden, shares his knowledge of this well-adapted and under-appreciated native fruit. Pawpaws, America's largest native tree fruit, aren't easy to grow from seed and get established. Ted will demonstrate the art of grafting. Ted knows how, growing dozens of varieties. He is well known at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival and the Kentucky State University Pawpaw Research Station and has discovered many local native pawpaw stands. Come September you can join Ted on his Pawpaw tours.

🕒 **Noon – 1:00 PM**

**Buy your replacement (empty) bee tubes from Pete Fisher. Trade in filled tubes for empty ones.**

🕒 **1:00 – 3:00 PM**



• **Growing hardy kiwis** with Les Beachy. Have you tasted these remarkable miniature kiwis yet? Every bit as delicious as the more familiar larger fuzzy kiwi, the smooth-skinned hardy kiwi is much easier to eat and skin and all. The fruits of these vigorous-growing natives of China come in a variety of flavors, colors and sizes, and are ideal for fresh eating, as well as jams, pies, etc. And just about every home gardener in North America can grow them. Subjects covered will be selecting varieties, siting, spacing, trellising, training and pruning. Don't miss a golden opportunity to learn from the mistakes of someone who has grown them over 25 years! An added benefit you can contact Les and stop by his farm for hands-on pruning experience.

🕒 **1:00 – 4:45 PM**



• **Apple Tree Pruning Basics** – Taught by Master Gardener Steve Shambada and Ken Kuzdro. The presentation begins indoors with a thorough handout and discussion of pruning principles- 1 hour and 45 minutes in the classroom. Participants then carpool to receive hands-on training pruning apples trees in Ken's nearby orchard 2 hours. This session packs in a lot of useful information-. Dress warmly and bring hand pruners, if you have them Rain or shine.

The Pruning Workshop has extra time allotted. After the classroom session, participants carpool to 3YFG supporter Ken Kuzdro's nearby orchard for lots of hands on pruning training and practice. Steve will stay as long as required for participants to master the basics (or until it gets dark) !!