

Grafting Fruit Trees

A Beginner's Workshop Being Held in Conjunction with the Fallen Fruit Project

Grafting is an art that becomes more successful with practice. This workshop will give hands-on instruction on grafting an apple tree that is yours to take home.

You may bring your own grafting, utility or Xacto knife with you to the workshop, if you want.

Propagation methods such as grafting, cuttings, seed and plant selection will also be discussed.



Participants will be provided one apple rootstock, a scion to graft, one roll of grafting tape and handouts with each paid registration. Instructions are listed on the back of this flier if you want to bring your own scion.

Saturday
April 22, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Noon
Reeb Avenue Center
280 Reeb Ave, Columbus, OH 43207

Workshop is free!

Registration deadline: April 1
so that rootstocks may be ordered.

To register, call **614-866-6900 ext. 206** or
email **hogan.1@osu.edu**.



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Grafting Program Directions (read before registering or attending)

Grafting — Grafting is an art which will be more successful with practice. Beginners may want to graft an extra to increase the likelihood of success.

Grafting techniques vary considerably. The method being used is “low-cost,” but relatively effective procedure.

Rootstock will be provided with paid registration of the class. We will use an apple semi-dwarf rootstock.

Scion Wood—The tree being grafted to the rootstock is called the scion wood. The fruit will be determined by this “piece of wood.” The scion can be purchased from some nurseries or it can be collected. If your friend has an apple that you particularly like, see if they will allow you to collect some wood for grafting. If you do not have a source, scion wood will be provided the day of the class.

For our class: the Scion Wood needs to be:

1. Last year’s growth (the “sucker” growth which grows straight up on the inside of the tree is a great possibility)
2. About the diameter of a wooden pencil — about **1/4 to 3/8 inch in diameter & 4-6 inches in length.**
3. Collected while the tree is still dormant (before buds begin to swell).
4. Place scion in a “ziplock” type bag with a little water added, and keep in a refrigerator until the day of class.

The collected wood needs some prominent buds visible. I suggest that you collect more than needed; you may want to trade a scion with a friend. If you do not have a source, scion wood will be provided the day of the class.



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