

CONSERVATION NEWS

Portage Soil & Water Conservation District

Winter 2012

Volume 52



Tree Pick Up:

April 18, 19 & 20
(Wednesday - Friday)

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SWCD Office
6970 SR 88, Ravenna

Fish Sale Pick Up:

Tuesday, April 24
10:00 a.m. SHARP

Randolph
Fairgrounds

Pond Lily Pick Up:

May 16, 2012

**WE ARE IN THE
PROCESS OF
UPDATING OUR
WEBSITE**

www.portageswcd.org

Visit the Portage SWCD
online at

www.portageswcd.org

Where **SOON**
you will find

- Tree Descriptions
- New Programs
- Stormwater Info
- Contact Information

It's Tree Sale Time!

A good solution to winter weather blues is to stay inside where it's warm and plan your spring garden and landscape! Our 2012 Tree Order Form is enclosed and we encourage you to order early because we have very limited stock on many of the plants offered.

Thank you for sending in your plant requests last fall. Although many of the items requested were unavailable to us as bare root seedlings, we still managed to add many of your requests to our sale. There were several requests for a crabapple with larger fruits for preserves. The 'Dolgo' Crabapple has one of the largest fruits and is among the first edible crabapples to ripen in Ohio, usually in August. 'Dolgo' crabapples, about the size of small plums, are a tasty addition to apple ciders and make delicious crabapple butter and pickled crabapple treats. 'Dolgo' also has blood-red flesh that makes an attractive sauce. And if that's not enough, this crabapple still offers a showy, white flower in spring. (Continued on page 2)

Portage County Storm Water Credit Program

Congratulations to Waterloo School District for being the first Portage County School District to receive project funding from the Portage County Storm Water District! The proposal submitted by Waterloo superintendent, Dr. Andrew Hill and educator, Mr. Ken Riley, included a teacher education program, a community education outreach, and an expansion of their current land lab. Waterloo School District received a total of \$26,628.00 for curriculum, analytical equipment, signage, bird houses and feeding stations! Additionally the school district receives a 75% annual reduction of their storm water fee for participating in the Storm Water Credit Program. For more information about the Portage County Storm Water Credit program for schools and churches, please contact Lynn Vogel at (330) 297-7633x111.

Conservation Initiatives

Here are three conservation initiatives that we are highlighting to offer technical and financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program:

Organic Initiative: NRCS helps certified organic growers and producers working to achieve organic certification to install conservation practices for organic production.

Seasonal High Tunnel Pilot Initiative: NRCS helps producers plan and implement high tunnel steel-framed, polyethylene-covered structures that extend growing seasons in an environmentally safe manner.

Air Quality Initiative: NRCS helps producers address air quality concerns on their operations. Assistance includes establishing cover crops, implementing nutrient management practices and applying other conservation measures that address air quality problems.

Applications must be submitted for ranking to our office no later than

2/3, 3/30, 6/1/2012.

It's Tree Sale Time! (continued)

Persimmons, Pawpaws, and Blueberries are back due to many patron requests. Additional plants with edible fruit include Elderberry, American Plum, and Purple Raspberry. **We have very limited stock on 'Royalty' Purple Raspberry** and purple raspberries are not easily found at nursery retailers. 'Royalty' typically produces high yields of large berries and is very cold tolerant. As with any hybrid raspberry, it is best to plant 'Royalty' at least 300 feet from wild blackberries or wild raspberries. Both our raspberries and blueberries will be sold in packs of three. The blueberries will have one each of an early, mid and late season plant to promote good cross pollination and bigger berries. Other plant requests that we were able to add to our sale are:

Kentucky Coffeetree, which has the largest bi-pinnately compound leaves of any North American tree (how cool is that?), Black Gum Tupelo (fantastic, show-stopping fall color), Thornless Honeylocust (well suited for tough sites and offers easy to no fall cleanup), Mountain Ash (beautiful flower and fruit), Canaan Fir, and American Larch (most requested deciduous conifer).

We also took the liberty to add some new and/or seldom offered flowering trees. Sweetbay Magnolia makes its debut with **very limited quantities available**. Sweetbay Magnolia typically blooms a little later than other magnolias, which allows us northern dwellers a greater chance of actually seeing a magnolia bloom in our landscape. Sweetbay magnolia has a small, white, showy bloom with a nice fragrance, and this magnolia can take the cold, the heat, the wet, heavy and poor quality soils many of us have to offer! The open growth habit of Sweetbay magnolia also lends interesting form to your landscape. Come early autumn, you'll love the large, clustered, orange fruits and so will the birds – this featured tree has four season interest! Meadowsweet is also featured for the first time in our sale. Meadowsweet is very difficult to find in production and it is included in our 2012 sale because it was specified by the Army Corps of Engineers as a reclamation plant for the Burton Morgan Preserve in Freedom Township. This upright, native shrub has white, cone-shaped flowers and is the perfect addition to wet sites. We **only have twenty packets** of Meadowsweet available, so please order early. Cornelian cherry is another flowering tree worth considering. Cornelian cherry is in the dogwood family, and like Flowering White Dogwood, it blooms prior to leafing, thus offering a better floral display. The small, yellow, clustered flowers appear early in spring with timing close to that of forsythia. But since, Cornelian cherry is a small tree, it has greater ornamental landscape uses than forsythia, and birds love the red, late summer berries. Lastly we are offering Sweet Shrub, a native shrub with striking, long lasting 2 inch fragrant, maroon flowers in spring, drooping fruit in summer and nice, yellow fall foliage making this plant another winner for any landscape.

For a list of plant descriptions, please visit our website www.portageswcd.org or call our office (330) 297-7633

2012 Spring Fish Sale

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 (pick up)

Time: 10:00 a.m. SHARP!! (first come, first served)

Place: Randolph Fairgrounds (St. Rte. 44 in Randolph)

- Bring a covered container recently filled with your own pond water
- Arrive promptly – the fish truck will only be there for a short time
- Due to the tree sale, pick-up reminders will **NOT** be sent out prior to pick up date.
- Please mark pick up date and the location on your calendar!

For more information call: 330-297-7633 x101

Order Deadline: Friday April 20, at 3:00 p.m.

Did You Know..... that increases in the temperature of storm water is considered pollution? It's easy to think of heavy metals or petroleum by-products as pollutants, but thermal pollution is often overlooked. Storm water runoff from impervious surfaces such as parking lots has a higher temperature than storm water runoff from a field or a forest. When the warmer water reaches a stream it has an overall effect on the temperature of the stream, and negatively impacts the ecology of the stream. Thermal pollution is a particular concern in streams that have freshwater trout because they are very sensitive to water temperature changes. Research is still being conducted on the best ways to reduce thermal pollution, but so far it seems that storm water controls that promote ground water infiltration, such as bioretention and rain gardens, are the most effective methods. For more info visit:

<http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/topic/bmp-temperature/>



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2012 TREE ORDER FORM

Preorder Deadline is Friday, April 6, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

****Office Use Only****

Check # _____ M.O# _____

Cash _____ Certificate _____

SWCD Employee Initials _____

Date _____ Receipt # _____

___ Check here only if you are a new customer or an update to our mailing list.

Tree Pick-Up

April 18, 19, 20, 2012 (Wednesday-Friday)

9:00am - 6:00pm

Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Ordering Information:

Packets are reserved on a first come, first served basis - ORDER EARLY!!

We order from nurseries in the fall, so we may "sell out" of popular species.

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Please enclose completed order form and check made payable to *Portage SWCD*.

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Please mark pick-up dates on your calendar

Reminders will not be sent out!

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Orders must be picked up April 18-20; otherwise refunds will not be guaranteed.

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Please note the number of trees per packet - packets cannot be split.

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Plants are bare-rooted and packed in a moisturizing gel.

They should be planted as soon as possible after pick-up.

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For copy of tree descriptions please call the office and we will mail you a copy.

Mail order form & payment to:

Portage SWCD, 6970 SR 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Phone: 330-297-7633 x101 Fax: 330-296-5917

Species		Age	Size	Packet Price	# Packets
Features					
Blueberries (3 pk)	EC	1 yr	4.5" pots	3 for \$18	
'Dolgo' Crabapple <i>Malus x dolgo</i>	BCEF	2 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$10	
Meadowsweet <i>Spiraea alba</i> (3 pks)	BFNW	1 yr	12 - 24"	3 for \$8	
'Royalty' Purple Raspberry (3 pk)	E	1 yr	12 - 18"	3 for \$14	
Sweetbay Mangolia <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	BFW	1 yr	4 - 8"	3 for \$12	
Sweet Shrub <i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	FN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8	
Evergreens					
American Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	G	3 yr	4 - 8"	10 for \$9	
Canadian Hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	G	3 yr	7 - 14"	5 for \$9	
Canaan Fir <i>Abies balsamea</i> var. <i>phanerolepis</i>	G	3 yr	7 - 14"	5 for \$9	
Eastern White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	G	3 yr	7 - 14"	10 for \$9	
Norway Spruce <i>Picea abies</i>	G	4 yr	15 - 30"	10 for \$9	
Meyer's Spruce <i>Picea meyeri</i>	G	4 yr	7 - 14"	5 for \$9	
Red Pine <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	G	3 yr	12 - 24"	5 for \$9	
Deciduous					
American Larch <i>Larix laricina</i>	CNW	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9	
Black Walnut <i>Juglans nigra</i>	BEN	1 yr	10 - 20"	5 for \$9	
Black Gum Tupelo <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	BCNW	1 yr	18 - 24"	5 for \$8	
Gobbler Oak <i>Quercus acutissima</i>	BC	2 yr	12 - 24"	5 for \$8	
KY Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	CN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9	
Mountain Ash <i>Sorbus americana</i>	BCF	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$8	
Pin Oak <i>Quercus palustris</i>	BNW	2 yr	12 - 24"	5 for \$8	
Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	CEN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$7	
River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i>	CNW	3 yr	24 - 36"	5 for \$8	
Sugar Maple <i>Acer saccharum</i>	CEN	2 yr	12 - 24"	5 for \$8	
Thornless Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i>	BCF	1 yr	12 - 24"	5 for \$8	
White Oak <i>Quercus alba</i>	BCN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$7	
Shrubs					
American Elderberry <i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	BENW	2 yr	24 - 48"	5 for \$7	
Black Chokeberry <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	BCENW	2 yr	18 - 24"	5 for \$8	
Buttonbush <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	FNW	1 yr	18 - 24"	5 for \$7	
Red Osier Dogwood <i>Cornus sericea</i>	BFNW	2 yr	15 - 30"	5 for \$7	
Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	BCNW	3 yr	10 - 20"	5 for \$9	
Witchhazel <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	CFN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9	
Flowering & Fruiting Trees					
Cornelian Cherry <i>Cornus mas</i>	BF	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9	
Japanese Tree Lilac <i>Syringa reticulata</i>	F	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9	
Paw Paw <i>Asimina triloba</i>	BEN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$12	
Persimmon <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	BEFN	1 yr	12 - 18"	5 for \$9	
Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	EFN	2 yr	24 - 36"	5 for \$8	
American Plum <i>Prunus americana</i>	BEFN	2 yr	24 - 48"	5 for \$8	
Other Items					
Pond Lilies				\$15.00 each	
_____Red _____Pink _____White _____Yellow					
B-bird/wildlife value C-fall color E-edible F-flowering G-evergreen N-native W-tolerates wet soils					

SPRING FISH SALE ORDER FORM

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 10:00 am SHARP!!
Randolph Fairgrounds—4215 Fairgrounds Road, Randolph 44265

Please fill out form & send it with your check payable to
Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

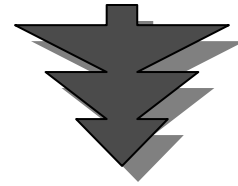
White Amur Carp @ \$12.00 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Largemouth Bass (2-3") @ \$0.85 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Bluegill (2-4") @ \$0.70 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Yellow Perch (2-4") @ \$0.75each	X _____ = \$ _____
Channel Catfish (4-5") @ \$0.75 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Shellcrackers (2-4") @ \$0.90 each	X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Office Use Only	
Check # _____	M.O# _____
Cash _____	Certificate _____
SWCD Employee Initials _____	
Date _____	Receipt # _____

Order Deadline: Friday, April 20, 2012

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