

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of a plant. It features several green, oval-shaped leaves with prominent veins. In the upper left corner, there is a bright yellow flower with many small petals. Below the leaves, there are clusters of small, round, blue berries, likely blueberries, some of which are still attached to the stems. The overall scene is vibrant and natural.

Think Spring

the Urban Scion Post

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a chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society

President's Letter

On behalf of the entire organization, I'd like to thank Paul Mallary for his presentation (via zoom) of Paw Paw culture a few weeks ago. It was well received by those in attendance, including some non-members, who hopefully will become members. This month, we will present a zoom grafting workshop with Greg Giuliani on March 20th. Since we apparently have now mastered this technology, we will be scheduling zoom presentations (and meetings) during April, May and June. We've been working with some new presenters with new topics. We'll provide more information as soon as all details are confirmed.

Our next scheduled event will be the Virtual Grafting Event "pickup" on March 13th (10:00 to noon) at Magnuson Park. This will be followed by a second pickup date (April 10th). This process was outlined in the February Urban Scion Post. A reminder to get your orders in as soon as you can.

As promised, we will be receiving bare-root plants to be sold at (wholesale) cost to STFS members. The first delivery is scheduled for the week of March 8th, and the plants should be available at our March 13th event at Magnuson Park. Members will be sent an order form shortly. As soon as additional plants become available, members will be notified. At this time, we have four varieties of strawberries scheduled to arrive: 'Albion,' 'Seascape,' 'Sweet Ann,' and 'Puget Crimson.' The first three are day-neutral varieties. 'Puget Crimson' is a June-bearer. All do well in this area, and have been very popular with our membership and others.

***IMPORTANT: All payments are to "Mike Ewanciw". No payments to "STFS" will be accepted. Contact me (206.683.9665 or mikewan@aol.com) directly for prices and order forms which include info on hazelnut plants available from Laure Jansen (seattleorchardist@gmail.com). Info will also be on the website.**

In addition to bare-root plants, we have a small inventory of potted plants that will be available on March 13th. A complete list will be sent out early in the week of March 8th. Contact me directly to reserve what you would like, then pick them up at Magnuson Park. Some of the varieties that will become available include: 'Sweetheart' and 'Hannah's Choice' blueberries (both are said to be earlier than 'Duke'). We'll have several other varieties of highbush blueberries, and a few Rabbit-eye varieties. We also have some *Vaccinium angustifolium* strains from the Midwest (formerly known as *Vaccinium pennsylvanicum*). We have several varieties of Lingonberries, kiwi, and gooseberries. Finally, we have ordered bare-root raspberries. As soon as any of these varieties are confirmed and received in good condition, we will let the membership know. There is a good possibility that not all varieties will be available by March 13th, but all should arrive before the second distribution date of April 10th, and can even be picked up beforehand, by special arrangement.

We have done distribution of wholesale plant orders in the past. Sometimes, the process went well. Sometimes it didn't. We are hoping that it becomes an annual feature and membership benefit. We'll see how it goes this year.

We are still looking for folks to help plan and manage our Demonstration Orchard. Please step up if you would like to help out in this project.

Has anyone noticed the outrageous prices charges by (some) retail nurseries this year?

Regards, Mike Ewanciw

Urban Scion Post

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Photo of frog and blueberries in an editor's yard summer, 2019. Frogs began peeping around neighbors' pond end of Feb, 2021. Here comes spring. Hurray!

March 2021, I'd Be Wary of ... by Marilyn Tilbury

The kids enjoyed the Valentine weekend snow last month, and the adults appreciated the Monday melt which allowed for resumption of hiway travel. However, our Oregon friends endured a Texas type ice storm; some folks were without power and water for 10 days. Hazelnut trees were tipped over or just shattered from the ice load. The Columbia River gorge is the culprit; arctic air funneled from EWA and mixed with wet air from the Pacific Ocean. NOAA predicts that here we'll have a cool, wet start to March.

One chore for blueberry growers this month is to thoroughly rake the soil around each bush and then apply 2" of mulch to prevent mummyberry. Blues have shallow roots so don't rake too deeply. Timing is everything: do this each spring between bud swell and bloom to keep this disease at bay. Fungicides are generally ineffective.

If your stone fruit exhibited brown rot last year, our La Niña winter will almost guarantee a repeat this spring. This disease can be controlled by a fungicide spray applied at popcorn, full bloom and petal fall. Getting that first spray on is most important. Go to WSU Hortsense, Tree Fruits, for recommended sprays.

Remember our virtual scionwood and rootstock sale has an email order deadline of March 6 for pickup on March 13. You might wish to plan ahead—a tree grafted up this spring will make a thoughtful gift by Christmas, especially if you help the recipient to plant it. Our thanks to the hard workers making this event possible in Covid times.

As Mike wrote in last month's President's Letter, **Dr. Robert Norton has passed at age 95.** An Extension bulletin he initiated at the WSU Mt. Vernon Extension station which has been retained and updated is [Fruit Handbook for WWA](#). It contains more succinct information in one place about tree fruit for our maritime climate than any other publication. The 40 page 2008 edition may be downloaded for free by googling "wsu eb 0937". We also have Dr. Bob to thank for the

introduction of the Shuksan strawberry, perhaps still the best here for freezing.

Our state is now the **second in the nation for wine production**, and there are a lot of scared grape growers out there now. The reason is that the **invasive spotted lanternfly, SLF**, has established itself in the NE and *really* likes to feed on grapes as well as a lot of other crops. Folks with a vineyard near a railroad or major hiway are especially worried because this insect will lay its eggs on any solid surface such as a SUV or rail car. SLF is spreading rapidly along transportation corridors in NE, and it's just a matter of time before it is detected here.

Since SLF is so newly established, it is way ahead of its natural enemies back in Asia. One defensive tactic is to remove *Ailanthus altissima* or **tree of heaven, a favorite food source**. These trees, invades themselves, often grow in riparian areas in EWA. Their name, both common and botanical, refers to their rapid growth, reaching for the sky. Scientists have travelled to China to look for natural enemies. Some insects were found but the release of any of these would be preceded by years of research to assure their presence wouldn't cause bigger problems.

Are you a subscriber to Discovery+ ? An informative 90 minute video titled **Attack of the Murder Hornets** is now available for streaming; it covers our state's experience with this insect. And speaking of the Asian giant hornet or AGH, here's some good news: researchers found **two species of parasitoid wasps of the spotted wing drosophila, SWD**, in bait traps for the AGH both in BC and in Whatcom County in WA.

The traps were baited with a mix of cooking rice wine and orange juice which turned out to be very attractive to both AGH and SWD. These tiny, tiny wasps insert an egg into a SWD larva in an infested fruit, and an adult wasp eventually emerges. **And one species, *Leptopilina japonica*, also may parasitize adult SWD.** There are other species of drosophila here but these wasps seem to prefer SWD, the most populous species by far. Isn't it nice to find something that will finally shrink the SWD population? It's been a pest here ever since 2009. Of course it will take a few years for these parasitoids' populations to build up.



Robert Norton, Ph.D.



Frame: Storey Publishing
Photo: WWFRF taken in 2013

After the past 4 years of hyberbole and hollow superlatives, the realist in us all should question all claims just too good to be true. That said, the body of work left by Bob Norton for us is HUGE(!) and stands as overwhelming evidence that Bob was a great individual.

Robert Norton, Ph.D. passed recently age 95. The Skagit Valley Herald thoroughly documents Bob's interesting life of meaningful accomplishments.

See (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/skagitvalleyherald/obituary.aspx?pid=197880930>)

Bob's physical presence is missed. Thankfully, Bob did so much; We are constantly reminded of Bob by the places (especially in the Puget Sound region) and knowledge he left us to pursue the happiness of growing our own fruit in Western Washington.

STFS members probably didn't know Bob because he advised global commercial fruit growers seeking his expertise or led pomological tours of far-flung locales; More likely, STFS members knew Bob because he took the time and effort to teach us through in-person hands-on demonstrations and presentations at WCFS chapter orchards or fruit shows.

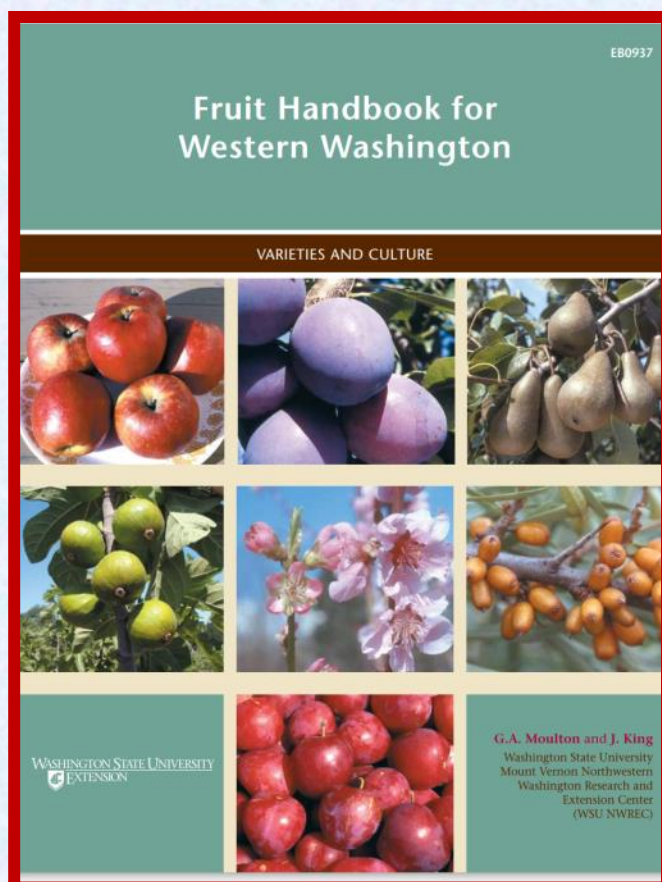
Before "retiring" in 1991, Bob spent 29 years nurturing and growing WSU's Mt. Vernon NWREC station as its Director. Bob started up the Tree Fruit Horticulture program at Mt. Vernon in 1965 evaluating tree fruit varieties for our maritime climate while continuing his

trials with berry fruit. As mentioned by Marilyn in her column above, we can thank Bob for the Shuksan strawberry.

Somewhere out there on the internet is a WWFRF (<http://nwfruit.org/>) report written in August, 2012 by Sam Benowitz. Exhaustive in WWFRF activities, it contains glimpses of the remarkable breadth of Bob's research while at Mt. Vernon. Searching the report for "Norton" reveals Bob conducting research on numerous fruit plants including apple varieties, wine & fresh eating grapes, cherry rootstock, and Italian prune plums.

From this WWFRF report: WWFRF was formed in the early nineties to continue fruit research and outreach begun at least two decades prior and flourishing up to WWFRF's creation. As Sam writes, "Dr. Norton was the director of the station and his work on tree fruit was only a small part of his duties, but the work was highly valued by small scale commercial and home growers and landscapers and garden centers throughout the region." ... "Dr. Norton pioneered ways of getting fruit growing enthusiasts in Western Washington involved. He held fruit tastings, scionwood exchanges, grafting lessons and other activities not only at the station but throughout the region. Over time WWFRF took over the staffing of the events."

Please review the Skagit Valley Herald post for a summary of all the other fascinating stuff Bob did but wasn't mentioned here. Also, we welcome any information, articles, photos or other materials covering Bob's accomplishments for a future USP edition.



Marilyn's right: Bing "wsu eb 0937" for free download

Basic Grafting Guide

Adapted from past presentation given by Greg Giuliani



Additional information from NC State Extension

[https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/](https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/grafting-and-budding-nursery-crop-plants)

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- * **Grafting, like budding, joins parts of similar plants to grow as one plant.**
- * **Generally, scion is the aboveground part attached to rootstock which becomes root system of graft.**
- * **Graft exhibits characteristics of both scion and rootstock.**
- * **Weather and physiological growth stage of both scion and rootstock heavily influence chance of a graft union "taking".**
- * **Grafting usually is performed during winter or early spring with both scion and rootstock dormant.**
- * **For successful grafting, at least a portion of vascular cambium of both scion and rootstock must line up at the graft union.**
- * **At the graft union, cambium cells of both scion and rootstock divide and grow together if held firmly together.**
- * **Vascular cambium is one-way conduit; scion must be attached to rootstock with scion wood's buds pointing up and away from rootstock.**

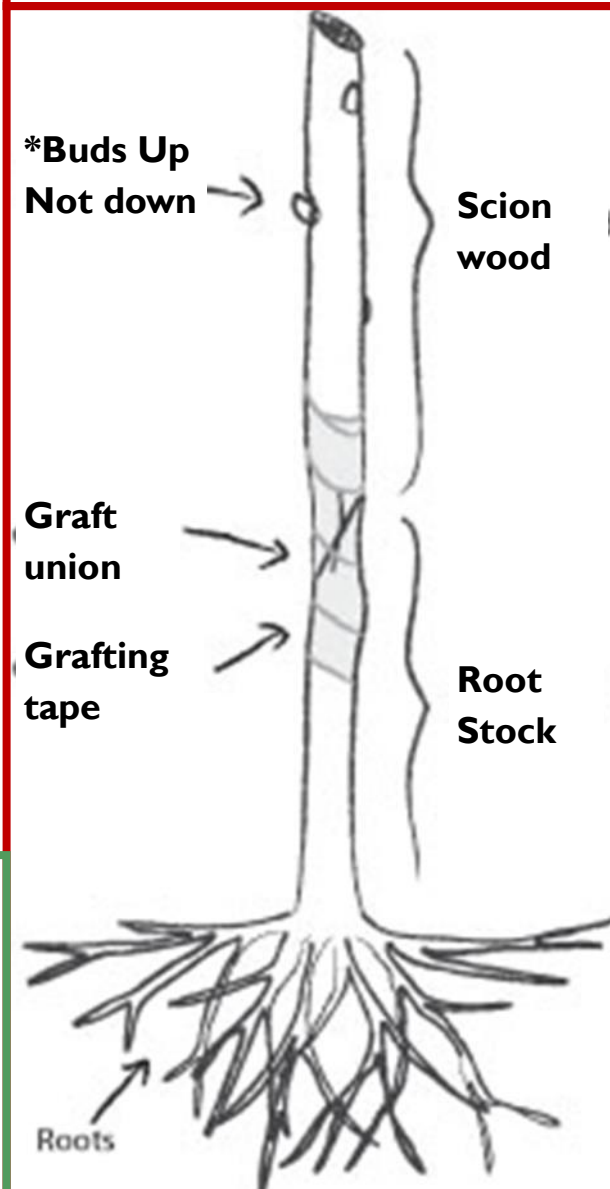
More on grafting treefruit: Laure Jansen's grafting article in USP April 2020 P 5-6

Grafting knives?

- are specifically designed for grafting
- come in lefthanded or righthanded versions
- have a blade beveled on only one side
- must be maintained very sharp to ensure clean cuts for graft union

ANSWER: All of the upside down

Graft - Finished plant comprised of scion wood and root stock joined together.



Basic Grafting Guide

Tools and Materials of the Grafter



- A - Grafting knife for splice, whip & tongue grafts OR ...**
B - Omega tool for omega grafts
C - Banding or grafting strip to stretch around graft union; if thick rubberbands substituted, protect from sun degradation by shielding with tape or latex paint.
D - Grafting seal or wax to cover exposed cut surfaces. Latex paint works as a substitute.
E - Painter's tape or similar tape to cover graft union
F - Small wood planer for whip & tongue grafts
G - Aluminum tags to label planted graft
H - Sharp bypass pruner

I - Exam gloves - Sweat/skin oils kill cambium cells of scion and rootstock at cuts for graft union and this contamination can cause graft failure. If U R sweaty, glove up.

Assess Scionwood Viability

Dead scionwood cannot be revived by grafting onto living rootstock. To assess viability, with a sharp bypass pruner, cut the bottom of the scionwood stick. (Hint: buds are oriented to point towards the stick's top) Healthy woody scionwood has a vascular cambium layer just beneath the stick's bark that is green and hydrated. Ideally and usually, the cambium of viable scionwood forms a thin green ring.

Scionwood's buds should still be closed. Swollen and opening buds are a source of dehydration that may hamper healing of the graft union.

Cut your losses and don't pray for a miracle: Throw away dehydrated scionwood with dark cambium or open buds or both.



Basic Grafting Guide

Splice

Sweat/skin oils kill cambium. Don't touch cut. Wear gloves.



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Scion's buds point up & away from graft union cut



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For splice and whip & tongue grafts, diameter of scion and rootstock at union should be same ensuring alignment of vascular cambium. Splice cut should be ~ 1 inch long.



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Whip and Tongue begins with Splice (shown above) then ...



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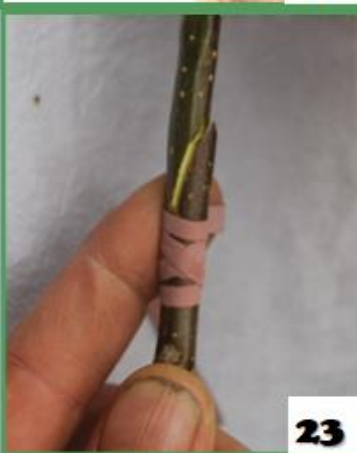
Omega cutter creates Saddle-like graft



Sweat/skin oils kill cambium. Don't touch cut. Wear gloves.



Graft secured same way for splice, whip&tongue, Ω /saddle

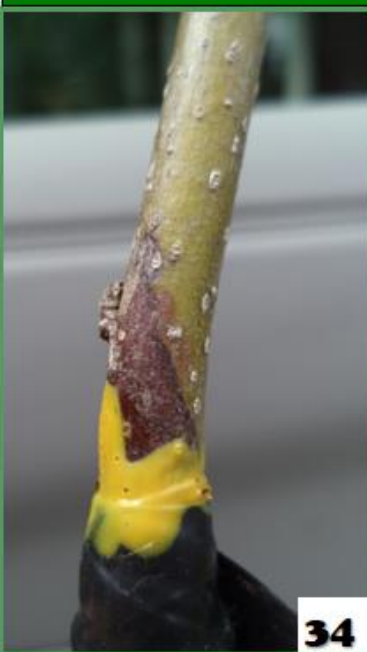


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Cover Banding Strip with painter's or other tape or paint



**Seal cut exposed cambium w/ grafting wax or latex paint.
Plant graft. Remove bandage ~4 months after grafting.**



Grow a Little Fruit Tree by Ann Ralph

As an urban or suburban gardener, growing an assortment of full-size fruit trees is clearly not an option. Dwarf trees sound great, but the term “dwarf” is slippery. Genetic and ultra-dwarf fruit trees stay short, but limit your choice of varieties. Their small root systems compromise a tree’s anchoring and health. In contrast, semi-dwarf rootstocks are the industry standard and excellent rootstocks for lots of reasons, but don’t control size the way people expect, often with shocking results. Grafted combination or family trees pose the challenge of keeping the most precocious variety from taking over. Instead, the author recommends that you choose your favorite variety first, grafted to rootstock that works well with your soil and climate. With the Short Fruit Tree Method, outlined in Chapter 2, she solves the height challenge with well-timed pruning.

The book spans many topics such as close-planting techniques, pruning styles and seasons (the advantages of winter and summer pruning), helpful rootstock, scion wood, and disease information — even citrus — and the bravest chapter of all, Chapter 6: *The Hardest Pruning Cut You’ll Ever Have to Make*.

I found Ann’s style of writing engaging and easy to translate into my mini- orchard setting. Her method saved me many hours of ‘out of reach pruning’ and saved me from being overwhelmed. Ann is exceptionally skilled at distilling and reformatting fruit

growing and pruning information, so an average home gardener can understand this complex topic and actually put it to practice. She sums this up beautifully on page 11: *Why Little? This book offers a revolutionary vision for backyard fruit trees: a simple and ingenious technique that uses timed pruning to keep fruit trees as short as six feet tall... ..they are easy to care for and produce fruit in quantities we’re likely to be able to use. Small trees create the opportunity to have more trees in the backyard and to plant different varieties of fruit to ripen all summer, through fall, and even into winter.*

In my opinion, this shift in mindset is at the essence of this book. It is written for us home growers. We are also the end consumer. The goal of an average family isn’t to grow the most fruit. In a way it’s similar to buying fruit at the market. The goal is to have access to a variety of beautiful, healthy fruit you can reach, and care for, with both feet on the ground. **Think about it!**

I’ve read this book for the third time now and it gets better each time, well no - not the book. I get better each time as my understanding and orchard practice deepens.

Ann’s website: www.littlefruittree.com -Goodie U (STFS mbr)

Buy the book: <https://www.indiebound.org/book/9781612120546>

SPL: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/item/show/3079251030>

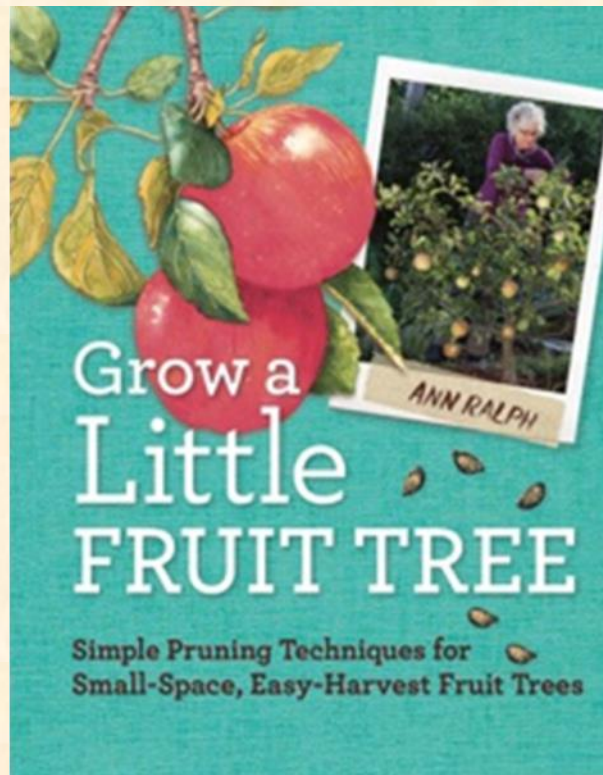
This Old House:

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Mason Bee Cocoon Swap

Saturday 13 March 2021 @ STFS Demo Orchard



**Mason Bee
Cocoons ~**

Mason bees are native solitary pollinators which can be managed as colonies living in structures placed near backyard orchards each spring. Installation of a mason bee colony may result in more pollinator visits to spring fruit plant blossoms and ultimately a larger quantity of higher quality fruit. Reference materials suggest that mason bees range at most approximately 100 yards from their nesting structure. Relocating mason bees is possible by collecting, cleaning and storing mason bee cocoons each winter before siting nesting structures stocked with cocoons the following spring.

To potentially insert some new genetics into your mason bee colony and help other STFS members increase pollination in their backyard orchard, please bring your mason bee cocoons and filled nesting structures to the Saturday 13 March 2021 STFS Grafting Event pickup. Other attendees will be available to help clean structures and to exchange cocoons. Any questions?

Contact Trent Elwing (email trelwing@gmail.com phone/text 206.517.3118)

Pickled Dried Italian Plums

Contributed by Tracey Bernal

I'm always on the hunt for something to make from a seemingly never-ending supply of dried prune plums. Here's one that I discovered this weekend, well-timed for blood oranges being still available in the stores. It's a bit like a prune chutney but with the plums left whole, and would be excellent as part of a cheese plate, or served with roast chicken or pork.

This is adapted from a recipe found at Serious Eats, one of my favorite cooking sites.

Ingredients

1 pound pitted dried Italian plums, aka prunes
1 cup red wine vinegar
1 small blood orange, zest removed with peeler
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup honey
1/4 teaspoon Thai chili flakes or 1/8 teaspoon red chili flakes
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1/4 teaspoon black peppercorns
1/4 teaspoon whole cloves
4 green cardamom pods

Directions

- 1. Combine prunes and red wine vinegar in a medium saucepan.**
- 2. Add strips of blood orange zest and juice the fruit into the pan.**
- 3. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to a simmer.**
- 4. Cook for 15-20 minutes, until the prunes have plumped and the liquid has reduced to a thin syrup.**
- 5. Remove pan from heat and let prunes cool a little.**
- 6. Spoon into a jar and refrigerate.**

*******Pickled prunes will keep in the fridge for up to one month.*******

Calendar of fruit related events

Online: Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation (WWFRF or NWfruit) educational webinar series via zoom – Saturday 6 March 2021 10:00 AM – Selection and care of Fruit Trees for the Home Gardener. Annual Membership Meeting & Grafting presentation. Q & A session. Presentation by Bob Baines.

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QE43ZrKUToOJ_mg8VTJp8A

More details on all webinars and registering at: <https://nwfruit.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Educational-webinars.pdf>

Upcoming WWFRF webinars:

April 3rd The blueberry netting support structure in the Fruit Garden and how it is constructed. Blueberry culture and pruning. Q & A session

May 1st Fruit thinning and selecting rootstocks for controlling tree size. All about rootstocks. Q & A session

June 5th Bob Baines - Thin and Prune dwarf apple in Early June - Gravensteins Netting trees for insect management. Q & A session



In-person: STFS grafting event pickup – Saturday 13 March 2021 10:00 AM – noon – NE Seattle Magnuson Park demonstration orchard - pick up of orders emailed no later than Saturday 6 March 2021. See more details on pages 6&7 of Feb 2021 USP newsletter.

Online: STFS member meeting via zoom - Saturday 20 March 2021 10:00 AM - noon - Greg Giuliani demonstrates basic grafting techniques. Q & A session. See grafting primer on pages ? & ? of this USP newsletter for grafting primer. **Zoom invite will be emailed to STFS members 1 week prior to meeting.**

Online: Highline College Urban Ag week – Monday 29 March 2021 – Saturday 3 April 2021 – Free to all. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/highlineagriculture>

All live streaming events will take place this week including:

*FFA students presenting on raising goats and making soap from the milk

*STFS grafting demonstration

*Elk Run Farm tour

*Cooking demonstration

Links to urban ag webinars not livestreamed will be provided to view anytime.

In-person: STFS grafting event pickup – Saturday 10 April 2021 10:00 AM – noon – NE Seattle Magnuson Park demonstration orchard – pick up of orders emailed no later than Saturday 3 April 2021. See more details on pages 6&7 of Feb 2021 USP newsletter.



Online: STFS member meeting via zoom - Saturday 15 May 2021 10:00 AM - noon - Author Ann Ralph talks about her book *Grow a Little Fruit Tree* and related topics. See book review on P 10 of this USP newsletter. **Zoom invite will be emailed to STFS members 1 week prior to meeting.**

STFS: Who Are We & What We Do

Western Cascade Fruit Society (WCFS), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 1980 & is made up of nine Western Washington chapters, including STFS, full of helpful hobby orchardists & backyard fruit growers.

STFS members receive automatic membership in WCFS. WCFS publishes a quarterly BeeLine electronic newsletter to inform members of events, tours, articles & reports. WCFS provides other member services, including an online member forum, an online chapter-wide event calendar & an online home for chapter sites. See www.wcfs.org.

Seattle Tree Fruit Society (STFS) is a chapter of WCFS. The purposes of STFS are listed in Article II of STFS By-laws amended & restated as of 18 January 2014:

STFS will bring together people ...

- 1) to promote & stimulate interest in growing fruit bearing trees, shrubs & vines in urban areas,
- 2) to encourage propagation of desirable fruit varieties suited to the local climate,
- 3) to disseminate pertinent horticultural information to its members & the general public through the use of fruit shows, orchard tours, meetings, seminars, workshops, publications & other media,
- 4) to provide financial & other support to our area's fruit research and/or projects, &
- 5) to join with other organizations in promoting tree fruit in the Western Cascade region.

STFS members share an interest in growing fruit & nut trees, berries, kiwis, grapes & other fruit. We offer information on adapted varieties, current growing techniques & share our own experiences growing fruit.

STFS members meet monthly from Sept to May usually in-person on a Saturday morning in Seattle's Magnuson Park. In-person meetings typically include speakers presenting on topics such as grafting, pruning, pest control, plant health & fruit preservation tailored to Western Washington growers. STFS members receive both the STFS online monthly newsletter Urban Scion Post (USP) & the WCFS online quarterly BeeLine. STFS is online at www.seattletreefruitsociety.com and www.facebook.com/SeattleTreeFruitSociety/

The STFS membership is Seattle Tree Fruit Society. The goals of STFS are achieved by STFS members. Please contact STFS representatives listed in this newsletter and communicate what STFS can do for you and what you can do for STFS. When more STFS members get involved, STFS does more & attracts more STFS members who get involved.

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Programs - Vacant—please volunteer

NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

Seattle Tree Fruit Society

www.seattletreefruitsociety.com

A Chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society

www.wcfs.org

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Email address:

DUES (includes STFS and Western Cascade Fruit Society)

New Member – Regular Rate – \$25

New Member – Limited Income or Student Rate – \$15

Renewing – Regular Rate – \$25

Renewing – Limited Income or Student Rate – \$15

Optional: Donation to support fruit research (\$5 min)

Optional: Donation (other purpose) (\$5 min)

TOTAL

make checks payable to STFS., and mail with this form to:

STFS, c/o Trent Elwing,
1035 Alaska Ave E, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Our STFS club is run by and for our members - volunteers make things happen. If you would like to help, contact any Officer or Board member (see your newsletter) or email seattletreefruitsociety@gmail.com

How do I know when my annual STFS membership will expire?

Back in March 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, printed USP newsletters were USPS-mailed, and the STFS membership renewal date was printed above the mailing address of each member's hardcopy printed newsletter.

To minimize spread of the coronavirus causing COVID-19, USP newsletters are now electronic and emailed. A reminder to renew your STFS membership no longer is printed above the mailing address.

Depending upon when a STFS member joins, annual memberships expire at the end of March, June, September or December each year.

Trent Elwing, STFS membership coordinator, will email STFS members one month prior to an expiring STFS membership reminding of the need to renew shortly and how to renew.

Need to know now? Contact Trent
(phone/text: 206.517.3118 email: trelwing@gmail.com)

Protect your Fruit with *Apple Maggot Barriers*

Seattle Tree Fruit Society (STFS), a Chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society, offers Maggot Barriers (MBs) as part of our educational mission promoting interest in growing fruit bearing trees, shrubs & vines in urban areas & disseminating pertinent horticultural information to the public.

Past versions of MBs have proven effective against apple maggot damage to fruit.

New Extreme MBs with heaviest thread count & squared-off stitched ends are expected to continue preventing apple maggot damage & also greatly reduce codling moth damage in home orchards of the Puget Sound area when used according to package instructions.

To order Extreme MBs, complete this form. **Become a STFS member & save \$6/pk.**
Visit www.seattletreefruitociety.com for membership & other information.

APPLE MAGGOT BARRIER ORDER FORM

Name:	Phone:	Date Rec'd _____
Address:		Date Mailed _____
City, State, ZIP:		Processed by _____
Email address:		

100 Extreme MBs per package	Enter quantity of packages ordered: Qty _____
Are you a STFS member?	YES _____ or NO _____
YES: \$12.00 per package of 100 MBs for STFS members	Qty X \$12 \$ _____
NO: \$18.00 per package of 100 MBs for Nonmembers	Qty X \$18 \$ _____
Shipping & Handling for first 1 or 2 pkgs	\$ 8.00
Add \$8 S&H for each additional package after first 2 pkgs.	\$ _____
US FUNDS ONLY Please make checks payable to "STFS"	TOTAL \$ _____

Please US mail completed order form with payment to:
STFS c/o Linda Sartnurak, 17504 – 155th Ave SE, Renton WA 98058-9064

Please complete the Shipping Label below:

From: Maggot Barriers – STFS
c/o Linda Sartnurak
17504 – 155th Ave SE
Renton WA 98058-9064

To:

Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

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