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Grafting Meeting Sunday

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Marc Mills Family Farm - Frankton, IN

Lunch 11:30 Business Meeting 12:30 Grafting Demonstration 1:30 Auction 2:30-3:00

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In addition to your table service, please remember to bring a table and chairs.



**Directions to Marc Mills Family Farm:
5608 West 1100 North, Frankton, IN 46044**

From Indianapolis:

Drive North on State Road 37 to Elwood
Go through on stoplight and then the next light will be a flashing red light
Turn right or East on 1100 North or P Street
Go 2-3 miles East on that road and the Farm is on the North side of the Road
In between County Roads 600 and 550 West

From Lafayette:

Take I-65 South to State Road 28
Go East all the way to Elwood to State Road 37
Go South on State Road 37
Turn right or East on 1100 North or P Street
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On the Stump

by Jerry Lehman



Dear Fellow Members,

This was a very successful year for our organization in our mission at the Indianapolis Flower & Patio Show. We distributed the most seedling trees ever, signed up many new members and answered many questions from attendees. Our booth was at the front door entrance where we were seen. Last year they put us in the very rear of the pavilion where I estimate only about 25% of the attendees saw us. This year we were along side the Marion Purdue Extension, Master Gardeners. One of the Master Gardeners became a member. We thank all the volunteers for their contribution of time and travel expenses.

Barbara Lehman who has managed our booth for the last about 15 years has said next year will be her last. After that we need to find a replacement. Before Barbara, Kathy Harrell managed the booth. The next F&P Chair can be a man, that position isn't limited to ladies. Barbara will assist the volunteer and if you step forward before next spring you can observe her making the schedule. It is time for someone to step up and volunteer.

Reference changing our name from Indiana Nut Growers to Indiana Nut and Fruit Growers:

At the annual meeting our board of directors discussed what can be done to increase our ability to attract new members. That part of our name, Nut Growers, is limiting. There are many potential Hoosiers that could benefit from membership but aren't particularly attracted to nut growing. The board believes changing the name would increase membership by attracting fruit growers. Most nut growers also grow fruit. Likewise fruit growers would become interested in growing nuts if they became members of our association? They could share their expertise with us and we with them. This would further our mission of increasing the number of nut growers in Indiana. It is intended we consider this all year and vote upon this at the next annual meeting.

Two members addressed the group, one pro and one con at the scion swap meeting. I invite you to write a short letter for publication or speak at any of the next three meetings either way, in favor of a name change or against it. This should truly be a membership decision.

Jerry