

Unappreciated Fruits Seminar
USDA Genebank Open House, Visiting Authors
 sponsored by USDA Agricultural Research Service and OSU Horticulture
October 8-10

Several renowned pomology dignitaries will be in Corvallis to share their excitement about the history of fruit growing and the potential of some underutilized fruits that deserve more attention in the United States. The cultivation and use of quince, medlar, hardy kiwifruit, sorbopyrus, haskap, pawpaw and other oddities will be discussed by persons considered by some to be fruit specialists and by others to be fruit fanatics!

Thursday – Friday – Saturday Schedule

Thursday, October 8 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Simply Quince book signing hosted by Grassroots Books at Enoteca Wine Bar (136 SW Washington, Corvallis) featuring author Barbara Ghazarian.

Friday, October 9 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Unappreciated Fruits Seminars, Meet the Authors Table, Book Sale and Fruit Display in the Journey & Talisman Rooms at OSU Memorial Union.

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Author tables and book display and sale open. |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Dr. Jules Janick (Distinguished Professor, Purdue University)
<i>History of Fruit and Nut Iconography</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Barbara Ghazarian (The Queen of Quince, Monterey, California)
<i>Simply Quince, from breakfast to dinner for three thousand years.</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | David Karp (Pomologist, Writer for the Los Angeles Times)
<i>Quince cultivation in California.</i> |
| 12:15 – 1:00 | Susan Dolan (National Park Service, Seattle) – <i>A Fruitful Legacy – The evolution of American orchards from 1600 to the present.</i> |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Chad Finn, Kim Hummer & Joseph Postman (USDA ARS, Corvallis)
<i>Chinese hardy “baby” kiwi, Japanese Haskap, Sorbopyrus and other interesting, weird and deviant fruits.</i> |
| 2:00 – 2:30 | Reception with speakers. |



A quince themed meal will be offered at Big River Restaurant (101 NW Jackson Ave)
 Call 541 757-0694 for information and reservations.

Saturday, October 10

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fruit display at the Corvallis Farmers Market - Master Gardener booth.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Open house and fruit tasting in the USDA Agricultural Research Service quince and hardy kiwi germplasm collections, located east of Corvallis on Peoria Road.

The Speakers

Jules Janick is the James Troop Distinguished Professor at Purdue University, and the recipient of numerous other awards acknowledging his many accomplishments as researcher, teacher, author, and editor. He was recently inducted in the American Society for Horticultural Science Hall of Fame. Dr. Janick is an exceptionally intelligent, interesting and insightful speaker.

Barbara Ghazarian the “Queen of Quince” is passionate about cooking and about resurrecting the near-forgotten fruit of her ancestry to its rightful place on the table and in the garden. She is the author of an award winning cookbook, *Simply Armenian* (2004). Her most recent project, *Simply Quince*, was just published in August, 2009.

David Karp is a pomologist and fruit connoisseur who writes for the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Gourmet magazine and other well known publications.

Susan Dolan is a cultural resources specialist for the National Park Service who develops conservation plans for significant fruit trees in our National Parks. Her soon-to-be published book, *A Fruitful Legacy*, details the history of fruit growing in the United States and relates that history to remnant orchards and fruit trees our National Parks.

Chad Finn is the small fruit breeder for the USDA Agricultural Research Service. He is inovative in the use of crop wild-relatives for breeding new blackberry, strawberry, blueberry and raspberry cultivars, and in evaluating the potential of new and unusual small fruit crops.

Kim Hummer and Joseph Postman are curators at the USDA-ARS National Clonal Germplasm Repository, a genebank responsible for maintaining world collections of temperate fruit and nut crops. Kim is responsible for small fruit, mint and hop germplasm. Joseph curates the pear, quince, hazelnut and medlar collections.

For more info: 541-738-4200 or <http://www.ars.usda.gov/pwa/corvallis/ncgr>

Directions to OSU Memorial Union. From downtown Corvallis take Jefferson Street west to the main entrance to Oregon State University. Parking for the Memorial Union is on the right a short distance after entering the campus.

Directions to USDA Germplasm Farm: Take Hwy 34 east from Corvallis one mile to Peoria Road. Head south on Peoria Road and watch for the Open House sign.