

Diverse, Vigorous, and Hardy Fruits and Nuts: Native and Beyond



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This session will bring together three presenters with decades of experience with native, non-native and exotic fruits and nuts. Ken Asmus of Oikos Tree Crops will present his experience in non-cultivar based plant breeding. First he will share techniques and tips for propagation of woody perennials and continue with how to establish and maintain these plants in an open field/permaculture situation. The principles Ken has learned over several years of experience can also be applied in orchard plantings and conservation or ecology situations. Scott Serrano and Allyson Levy, co-authors of Cold-Hardy Fruits and Nuts: 50 Easy-to-Grow Plants for the Organic Home Garden or Landscape, garden all year long at Hortus Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. The gardens have an extensive collection of unusual edible and decorative plantings. By trialing both native and exotic plants, their goal is to push the limits of what can be successfully grown in Zone 6, and help fellow gardeners expand their knowledge base and incorporate some of these garden-worthy plants at home. For the Organic Intensives they will present on Resilient Native Fruiting Plants and Low Maintenance Fruiting Plants from around the World.

Time	Topics	Time	Topics
9:00	Welcome & Introductions	1:30	Low Maintenance Fruiting Plants from Around the World Allyson Levy & Scott Serrano
9:10	Resilient Native Fruiting Plants Allyson Levy & Scott Serrano	2:45	Break
10:30	Break	3:30	Establishing and maintaining a permaculture of woody perennials Ken Asmus
10:45	Techniques and tips for propagation of woody perennials Ken Asmus	4:45	Wrap-up and Evaluation
12:15	Lunch	5:00	Adjourn to Reception in Head House

The MOFFA Organic Intensives is a day long workshop including an organic lunch, breaks, a few booths to browse (including the MOFFA book table), and time to meet up with old friends and make new ones. Find more information about Organic Intensives, scholarships, and how to register at

<http://moffa.net/oi-2023.html>.