

NYNGA Apprentice Grafting Program, 2015

Grafting may be a dying art. Nut tree grafting, in particular, requires some real skill. NYNGA hopes to perpetuate the required skills by continuing to support an “apprentice” grafting program. This year the program will take place April 30 and May 1 at Daring Drake Farm, operated by John Reynolds and his family just south of Ovid, N.Y. John is an experienced grafter of fruit trees and has worked with master nut-tree grafter and NYNGA member, Malcolm Olson, in the past.

NYNGA will sponsor the “apprentice.” They will be reimbursed for gas, and room and board for two nights and two days at a nearby bed and breakfast. Plant material and a basic grafting kit will be supplied.

Interested parties should read the eligibility rules on our application form, complete the form, and return it by April 15. “Apprenticeships” will be awarded by the NYNGA Executive Committee shortly after the closing application date.

Application forms are available from our Secretary, Robert Barton – P.O. Box 184 – Mecklenburg – NY 14863 – e-mail robarton@FLTG.net, phone 607-387-9224, and from the NYNGA Website www.NYNGA.org.

Application for NYNGA Grafting Apprenticeship

Eligibility: All members of NYNGA (except the Executive Committee) are eligible to apply. Non-members may apply if sponsored by a NYNGA member. Selection will be made by the NYNGA Executive Committee Applications must be received by April 15, 2015 to be considered.

Name _____ NYNGA Member? Yes No

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

(1) Prior Experience in Horticulture that has prepared you for this

“Apprenticeship“? _____

(2) Prior Grafting Experience _____

(3) Are you currently growing trees on property you own? Yes No

Acreage, if “yes” _____ Plans for your property and future

horticulture/agriculture? _____

(4) Would you be willing and able to share your Grafting Apprenticeship experience with NYNGA members in writing or oral delivery at a NYNGA meeting?

5) As you continue to develop grafting skills are you willing and able to work with other interested neophyte grafters in your geographic region...to pass on your skills?

(6) If you are not a NYNGA member, please indicate the name and contact information for the NYNGA member who has nominated you.

Be sure that the NYNGA member sends A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION to the address below by the April 15 deadline. Application can be forwarded by email in pdf format or jpg format only.

Return all Application material by April 15, 2015 to:

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