

# New Jersey News

## NJAES and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Hosts a Sustainable Winegrape Twilight Meeting at Unionville Vineyards in Ringoes, New Jersey on May 18, 2010



We were hosted by my manager Cameron Stark. He took the group on a tour of their extensive wine grape plantings and training systems producing over 30 cultivars. *Photo Credit: Win Cowgill*

Unionville Vineyards ([unionvillevineyards.com](http://unionvillevineyards.com)) is located in the heart of America's Colonial Crescent. Unionville Vineyards offers breathtaking natural beauty, historic significance, and award-winning artisanal wines. The property was purchased in 1980 with the goal of saving the farm, returning the land to its fruit-growing tradition, and starting the Unionville Vineyards. The first Unionville vines were planted in 1982 and winemaking commenced in 1987. Unionville

ology and epidemiology, was the featured speaker. Dr Gadoury's research has been to identify those areas of pathogen biology, ecology, and epidemiology that are poorly understood, and which severely constrain our ability to improve disease management programs.



is currently operated by a group of local landowners, deeply committed to growing the finest grape stock, preserving the pristine rural landscape, the tradition of sustainable land use, the local community, and the craft of artisan winemaking.

Thirty-Five growers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania attended. Seven speakers from Rutgers Cooperative Extension participated, including Dean Polk, Gary Pavlis, Brad Majec, Dan Ward, Pat Hastings, Peter Oudemans, and Laura Gladney from Garden State Crop Insurance Education Initiative, Rutgers NJAES. The featured guest speaker was Dr. Gadoury.

Dr David Gadoury, Cornell University, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, NY, specializing in downy and powdery mildew bi-

## OBITUARIES

### William Howard Heritage Jr.

William Howard Heritage Jr., age 72, of Richwood, NJ, passed away peacefully Sunday May 16 at the Friends Village, Woodstown, New Jersey. He was a past president and active member of the New Jersey State Horticultural Society. Howard, as he was known by his many friends, was born February 12, 1938 to Caroline Helene Roth and William Howard Heritage Sr. For forty years he owned and operated W.W. Heritage Sons, Inc. in Richwood, New Jersey, the farm started by his grandfather and father. In 1999, he married Natalie Price Sandell, formerly of Richwood, and the couple resided in West Virginia where he planted a small orchard. The Richwood farm passed to the next generation under son William Howard III and wife Penni, who with their three sons, William Richard, Bryan Wade, and Erik Eli survive him. Howard is also survived by two daughters, Sharon Heritage Tischner of Richwood,

Elli Heritage Mench and husband Gunther of Kamuela, Hawaii. He is survived by one brother, Walter Wade of Pilesgrove and is predeceased by a sister, Katherine Roth Heritage. Howard was a star football player and 1956 graduate of Glassboro High School. He was a lifetime member of the Richwood United Methodist Church. He held offices and was active in the New Jersey Peach Tree Council, New Jersey Horticultural Society, Jersey Fruit Cooperative, Richwood Academy Association, Lewis Reuter Deer Club, National Peach Council and the Greenville, WV Ruritan. Howard's seven-year battle with multiple myeloma was an inspiration to all who knew and loved him. Full of life and always helping others, he had such courage and optimism toward his condition that his quality of life was rich until the last few months. The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions of sympathy be sent to the Richwood United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 7, Richwood, NJ 08074.

### Henry J. Reuter Jr.

Henry Reuter, long time peach grower of Richwood, NJ, died at 83 on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at home. Henry and his son Donald were the discoverers of Lauro peach found in a seedling of Jerseyqueen in their Richwood orchard. A lifelong resident of Richwood, he served in the Army Air Corp during WWII in the occupation of Japan. He was a retired fruit grower and a member of Richwood U.M. Church and Richwood Odd Fellows for over 50 years. Henry was a member and chairman for the Harrison Township Planning Board for 25 years, served over 8 years on the Township Committee, Harrison Township School Board, and also served many years on the Community Dispute Committee. He was a former member of the Louis Reuter Deer Club, Atlantic Co. Game Preserve, Gloucester County & Harrison Township Historical Society, Golden Age Club & Elk Seniors. Husband of Doris M. (nee Walters), he is also survived by two sons Don (Carol) Reuter of Richwood, David (John) of Lindenwold, 2 grandchildren, Lauren & Kari, his caregivers, Manetta Mason and Kisha Spence. Henry was predeceased by a sister Eileen Parker.



## Harry B. Schnieber

Harry Schnieber, 96, of Belvidere, NJ, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 29, 2010 at home with family by his side. He was the husband of the late Margaret Schnieber who died February 3, 2006. He was a dedicated teacher and retired in 1978 from Belvidere High School after 42 years of teaching. He won numerous local and national awards for his dedication as a teacher and promoter of agricultural education. He received his BS and Masters of Education Degrees from Rutgers University.

Harry was active in many educational and community organizations. He served on the White Township Board of Education for many years and was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Belvidere, the NJ State Horticultural Society, and active in the Boy Scouts of America and the NJ FAA Foundation.

Harry was a regular at the North Jersey Fruit Meeting conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Ext. for the past 50 years. He attending the last meeting when he was 95! The farming community and FFA students alike have lost a true and dear friend, supporter of agriculture, teacher and fruit exhibitor at the Warren County Farmers' Fair for over 55 years. He was active member of the Warren County Farmers Fair, the link following details the legacy he left to the farming community in Warren County NJ ([www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org/harry\\_schnieber.html](http://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org/harry_schnieber.html)).

Milly Rice of Rutgers Cooperative Extension had the following to say about Harry: "I have had the privilege to work with Harry over the past 30 years not only with the Farmers' Fair and but through my employment with Rutgers University in the Horticulture Department. I know this year's fair will not be the same without Harry. He always came early

with lots of paper bags all marked with the variety of fruit inside, ready to fill out the entry tag and place it on the plate hoping to win the ultimate prize, a blue ribbon. Which would reflect a culmination of all his hard work and the blessings of good weather producing the optimum growing conditions for his fruit. If you ever visited his farmstand in White Township- Stoneyfield Orchard, you would see his ribbons and rosettes proudly displayed in the garage/farm stand. As we say farewell to a dear friend and true steward of the land, you can almost picture him on his tractor putting along in God's orchard from 'Sunrise' till 'Autumnglo'."



# NJAES and Rutgers Cooperative Extension Hosted a Twilight Fruit Meeting at Wightman's Farms, Morristown, NJ on May 18, 2010



Dr. Brad Majec discusses weed control options and rodent control with landscape cloth and sweet cherry.



Ken Wightman (President of the NJSHS) and Dr. Dan Ward discuss the pros and cons of using the landscape cloth on the new cherry planting.



The new Haygrove tunnel planting with sweet cherry at Wightman's Farms. Sweet Cherry on Gisela 5 was planted in April 2010. The stone is to protect against rodents.

Over 28 growers attended the May 18 twilight meeting at Wightman's Farms. Wightman Farms operation encompasses 125 acres within a 3-mile radius of the farm market. The primary crops are 20 acres of apples and peaches, 40 acres of sweet corn, 45 acres of pumpkins, and the remainder in mixed vegetables and flowers. Fruit marketing focuses on PYO as well as retail sales.

The twilight meeting's focus was to observe a new high-tunnel cherry production planting under a Haygrove Tunnel ([www.haygrove.co.uk](http://www.haygrove.co.uk)). This greenhouse was erected in April 2010, and a new high density planting of Gisela 5 cherries established under the tunnel.

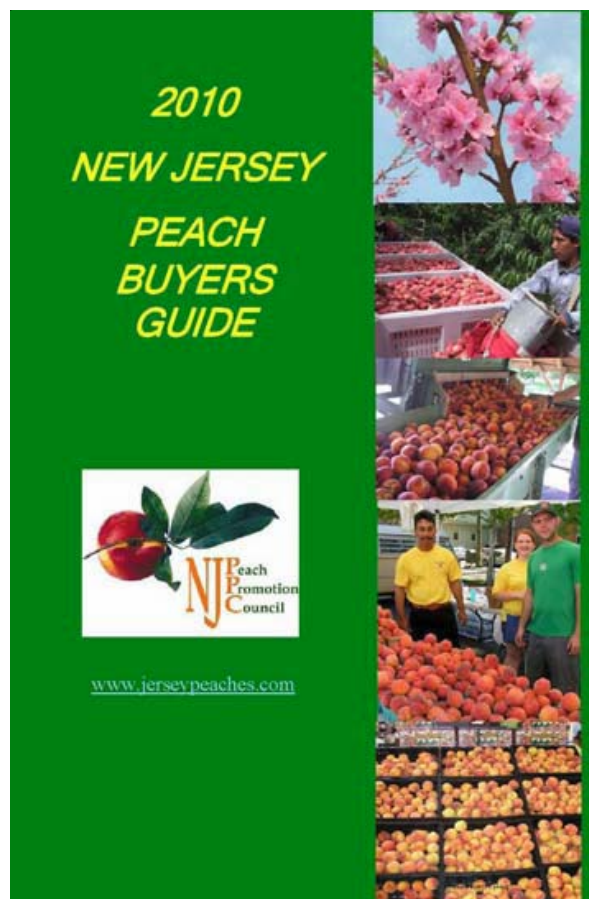
# 2010 Peach Buyers Guide Now Available

The 2010 edition of the Peach Buyers Guide is now available from the New Jersey Peach Promotion Council and the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. This year's guide is 72 pages with information for prospective wholesale buyers on where and how to buy and handle New Jersey peaches and nectarines. The guide lists in alphabetical order all "Peach Council" member growers and shippers of New Jersey peaches, including their brands and general information on what and how they ship. This section has been completely updated for easier use and placement on the regularly updated web site at [www.jerseypeaches.com](http://www.jerseypeaches.com). New pages list retailers & growers of New Jersey Peaches.

Over the years the guide has been an important source of information for the media because it provides details and statistics on the peach industry. Color pictures of some of the most important new varieties are highlighted along with details on when they are available for buyers. A multi-color availability chart explains this in detail.

Information is included on the Jersey Fresh Promotional program for peaches and the Quality-Grading program run by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Details on officers and directors of the New Jersey Peach Promotion Council are listed along with an outline of plans for the 2010 promotional program on peaches.

For merchandisers, the guide contains information on how to store and handle New Jersey peaches. The opening page of the guide explains why everyone should buy New Jersey Peaches. Buying New Jersey peaches helps to preserve peach



farms and open space in the Garden State.

The guide is available by contacting Jerry Frecon, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at [frecon@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:frecon@aesop.rutgers.edu) or by writing the New Jersey Peach Promotion Council at 1200 North Delsea Drive, Bldg A, Clayton, N.J. 08312. Major portions of the guide are also featured on the New Jersey Peach Promotion Council website at [www.jerseypeaches.com](http://www.jerseypeaches.com).

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