



Shiawassee Conservation District

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Fall 2009

Shiawassee Conservation District and the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau present

2009 Annual Ag Day

Date: Friday September 18, 2009

Time: 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration 11:00 AM

Lunch begins at 11:30 AM

Cost: Free!

Location: Venice Township Hall
906 S New Lothrop Road; Lennon

CCA and RUP Credits Pending

Guest speakers, staff and local producers will present on important topics such as:

- The Practice of No-Till with Manure Management
- No-Till Roundtable
- Pesticide Handling, Storage & Disposal
- Update on Available Farm Bill Programs
- Animal Welfare Legislative Update

Wise stewardship of natural resources benefits each us through a healthy environment and productive lands.



For more information
and to RSVP by
September 14th contact:
Shiawassee CD
(989) 723-8263, ext 3



Owosso-Corunna Meijer store supports the Shiawassee Conservation District

With the generous support of the Owosso-Corunna Meijer store, the Shiawassee Conservation District was able to purchase an Enviroscape model to aid in environmental education and community outreach on environmental issues.

The Enviroscape is an interactive, three dimensional landscape model that dramatically demonstrates sources of pollution and its prevention. Onlookers will see first hand what happens when it rains, illustrating pollution and stormwater runoff in their watershed and demonstrating management practices that prevent pollution.

The District holds many workshops and presentations throughout the year including classroom presentations to kids of all ages. This educational tool will greatly assist in achieving the District's mission of creating awareness of conservation issues.

Jason Briskey from the Owosso-Corunna Meijer store and Kaylee Dumond from the YMCA had the opportunity to interact first hand with students at the YMCA camp in Bancroft while the Enviroscape was being demonstrated by the Shiawassee Conservation District.



The YMCA campers paused for a picture with Jason Briskey, Owosso-Corunna Meijer; Donna Flagg, Shiawassee Conservation District Technician and Melissa Higbee, Shiawassee Conservation District Executive Director.

Shiawassee Conservation District Awarded Planning Grant

The Shiawassee Conservation District was recently awarded a two year grant from the Department of Environmental Quality, Nonpoint Source Program to fund the \$100,000 Mid-Shiawassee River Watershed Restoration Project.

Since 2000, the Shiawassee Conservation District has worked toward the improvement of impairments in the Mid-Shiawassee River Watershed by developing an approved watershed management plan, implementing an information and education component and adopting Best Management Practices in areas of concern.

The main objective of this project is to update the current Mid-Shiawassee River Watershed Management Plan to prepare for implementation of long-term, physical changes to problem areas in an effort to improve water quality by reducing or eliminating nonpoint sources of pollution. Planned education and information activities include workshops, brochures, and articles to promote responsible use and appreciation of the watershed. This will have a lasting effect by developing the tools for individuals and local governments to make responsible decisions in the watershed.

The Mid-Shiawassee River Watershed Restoration Project area will covers three sub-watersheds of the Shiawassee River Watershed which include the State Road Drain, Middle Branch of the Shiawassee River and the Holly Drain.

The Shiawassee Conservation District's mission is to provide for the care, informed usage, and protection of natural resources by creating awareness of conservation issues and by being the leader in providing innovative assistance. For more information please contact the Shiawassee Conservation District at 989-723-8263 ex. 3.

Hello, my name is Toni Miskovich and I am a Student Trainee Soil Conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. I will be training in Shiawassee County for the summer. As a Student Trainee Soil Conservationist, I assist the District Conservationist and Soil Conservationist Technician in developing conservation plans, surveying for practice designs, as well as check to see that the practices are being implemented.

I grew up in Ewen, MI, a small town in Ontonagon County in the Upper Peninsula. I am a senior at Michigan State University (Go Green!) majoring in Environmental Soil Science. I have worked as a Laboratory Attendant in the Soils Testing lab on campus. I am enjoying my time here in Owosso and Shiawassee County.

NRCS Introduces New Student Trainee Toni Miskovich



Shiawassee Conservation District Partners with the Shiawassee YMCA Day Camp



The campers at the YMCA planted wildflowers to take home with them while learning the importance of pollination.

The Shiawassee Conservation District and the Shiawassee County YMCA have partnered together this summer to educate kids in our natural resources. Each week the District joins the campers at the YMCA camp in Bancroft and engages them in educational games, activities and crafts. Together they have covered topics such as the water cycle, groundwater, pollution, pollination and the importance of conserving our natural resources.

CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION

Dispose of Unused, Unusable & Unwanted Pesticides

The Shiawassee Conservation District will be hosting a Clean Sweep Collection on Friday September 18, 2009 at the Venice Township Hall located at 906 S. New Lothrop Road, Lennon from 9 am to 12 pm. Only pesticides and mercury will be accepted at this collection, other hazardous materials are not eligible. ***This event will be followed by the Shiawassee Conservation District and Shiawassee County Farm Bureau Annual Ag Day!***

Clean Sweep is a voluntary program designed to dispose of unused and unwanted pesticides properly by helping to collect, package and dispose of these materials properly and safely. This service is **free** to farmers and individuals. Pesticide dealers and sellers may also dispose of pesticides at this collection, call the Shiawassee Conservation District for additional information. The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, Environmental Protection Agency and local agencies pay for the disposal of these pesticides. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality provides support that allows mercury disposal at a collection.

Storing unusable pesticides represents an unnecessary risk to many, including firefighters, children, pets and the environment. Soil and groundwater can become contaminated, and you or future owners of the property may have an unnecessary problem to deal with in the future. Cleanup costs are expensive and not likely to decrease. Clean Sweep can help to avoid liability, expense and heartache.

You will need to schedule an appointment to participate in Clean Sweep. You will need to know the types and amounts of pesticides you have for disposal as well as the condition of the containers. If the containers are ripped or open and not safe to handle, arrangements can be made to have them picked up at your location. Safety is extremely important to you and the program.

To schedule an appointment or for more information on the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship program please contact Tom Wert at the Shiawassee Conservation District; 989-723-8263 ext 3.

Announcing *Select Michigan's* New Website


www.SelectMichigan.org

Select Michigan is a program set up by the Michigan Department of Agriculture to promote the sale of Michigan grown, processed and manufactured food and agriculture products. The recently launched website has been designed for YOU! - the grower, the farmer's market, the retailers and consumers of Michigan products. It provides a gateway to find your favorite Michigan products as well grower profiles, events calendar, articles and links. Buy locally grown and processed Michigan food and agriculture products at a farmer's market or retail grocery store near you. Buying locally is good for the Michigan economy. If every Michigan family would buy just \$10 a week of local Michigan fruits and vegetables it would keep over \$37 million new dollars each week working for you right here at home.

Select Michigan. It's good for you, our growers, and our local economy!



Berry Bush & Tree Descriptions

Transplant	Variety	Height	Light Tolerance	Soils	Notes
	Douglas Fir	40-65 ft	Full sun-part shade	Grows well on most upland soils	Needles can be bluish green; popular Christmas tree
	White Pine  Native to Michigan	65-95 ft	Moderately shade tolerant	Grows well on a wide variety of soils	A preferred deer food; great for windbreaks
	Colorado Blue Spruce	30-50 ft	Shade tolerant	Grows well on most upland soils	Drought resistant; excellent wildlife cover and for windbreaks
	Norway Spruce	50-80 ft	Shade tolerant	Prefers moist soils; does not thrive on dry soils	Winter cover for wildlife

Berry Bush	Variety	Description
	Blue Crop Blueberry	Highbush type cultivar; Ripens in mid-July; Yield is consistent, ranging from 10-20 lbs per plant; Large fruit size with 65 berries per cup; Berry quality is firm, picking scar is small, and berries are bright blue; Hardy and drought resistant.
	Blue Ray Blueberry	Highbush type cultivar; Ripens in mid-July; Yield is consistent, ranging from 10-20 lbs per plant; Large fruit size with 60 berries per cup; Berry quality is firm, picking scar is small, and color is bright blue.
	Heritage Red Raspberry	Very vigorous, hardy, erect, sturdy and suckers prolifically. Fruit size is medium, red, attractive, very firm for good shipping, very good flavor and excellent quality. Matures late August, early September.
	Jewell Black Raspberry	Vigorous grower with high yield; Glossy black high quality, early ripening, large berries; sweet and flavorful; Resistant to most raspberry diseases.
	Triple Crown Blackberry	A trailing thornless blackberry; yields are consistently high and plants are vigorous; fruit size is medium and fruit quality is firm; foliage is dense so fruit does not suffer from sun scald

Fall 2009 Berry Bush & Tree Fundraiser Ordering Information & Guidelines

1. Return the completed order form with full payment to: **Shiawassee Conservation District
1900 S. Morrice Rd; Owosso, MI 48867**
2. The final date to order is Monday September 21, 2009.
3. Limited stock available. Orders will be honored in the order they are received.
4. All returned checks will be subject to a \$35 fee.
5. After orders are placed there will be a \$25 service charge for any substitutions or cancellations. There will be no charge when only additions are made to an existing order.
6. We do not guarantee survival. Our liability ceases when seedlings are picked up. It is unlawful for these trees, shrubs and other plants to be resold with the roots attached in accordance with the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act. PA 189 of 1931 as amended.
7. Orders not picked up will not be refunded.
8. No refunds on orders canceled after September 21, 2009.
9. The Shiawassee Conservation District reserves the right to cancel orders and refund payments due to reasons beyond their control.
10. Substitutions made by the nurseries are beyond the District's control.
11. Add orders carefully. Any errors \$10 and under will be considered a donation to the District.
12. All donations will be deposited into the Shiawassee Conservation District general fund.
13. Pictures and descriptions of all trees are available in the District office.
14. Orders can be picked up at the **Shiawassee Conservation District, 1900 S Morrice Road; Owosso**
15. Pick up dates and times are all follows: **Thursday, October 1, 2009 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Friday, October 2, 2009 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

FALL 2009 TREE & BERRY BUSH FUNDRAISER

SHIAWASSEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name _____

Address / City / Zip _____

Phone-Day _____ Evening _____

Email _____

Office Use Only	
Order Number	_____
Date	_____
Initials	_____

TRANSPLANTS	Size	1	5	10	25	50	100	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Douglas Fir	15 - 20"	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$150.00		
White Pine	8 - 14"	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$150.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	10 - 16"	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$150.00		
Norway Spruce	15 - 24"	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$150.00		
BERRY BUSH		1	5	10					
Heritage Red Raspberry	4" pot	\$4.50	\$16.50	\$30.00					
Jewell Black Raspberry	4" pot	\$4.50	\$16.50	\$30.00					
Triple Crown Blackberry	2.5" pot	\$4.50	\$16.50	\$30.00					
Blue Crop Blueberry	10" - 18"	\$6.50	\$27.00	\$50.00					
Blue Ray Blueberry	10" - 18"	\$6.50	\$27.00	\$50.00					
MISCELLANEOUS								Each	
Tree Collar								\$1.75	
Mesh Tree Guards								2/\$1.50	
Plantskydd 1 qt pre-mixed spray								\$22.00	
Plantskydd 1 lb Package								\$25.00	
Plantskydd 3 lb granular shaker bag								\$30.00	
Plantskydd 5 qt pre-mixed spray								\$55.00	
Tree flag								\$.20	
Blue Bird house								\$10.50	



 Check One Visa MC Cash Check # _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name how it appears on Card _____ Security Code _____

Address / City / Zip _____

Authorization Signature _____

Subtotal	
6% Sales Tax	
Handling Fee	\$1.50
Donation	
Total	

Deadline to Order
Monday September 21, 2009

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