

New Jersey News

New Jersey Peach Council

The New Jersey Peach Council has been testing varieties of peaches from the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) for the past 90 years. Originally formed as a committee of the New Jersey State Horticultural Society in 1898 it was later incorporated as an independent organization. Advanced selections are propagated and tested by grower trustees of the Council and other organizations, and the best selections are propagated and named by the Council. The role of the Council has changed in recent years with the advent of plant protection, whereby Adams County Nursery (formerly the official propagator) now the exclusive licensee of all NJAES peach selections, and the New Jersey Peach Council is relegated to testing and variety information. The NJPC had been a long-term financial supporter of the NJAES breeding program and other peach testing programs in New Jersey.



Left to right: Joe Goffreda (Rutgers NJAES), Jerry Frecon (Adams County Nursery), Leonard Grasso (Trustee), Santo J. Maccherone (Trustee), Renee Jazwstrenski (Trustee), Milton "Bud" Reuter (Trustee and Secretary/Treasurer), H.Carl Heilig Jr. (Trustee and Chair), Charles Haines (Trustee), Russell Marino (Trustee and Vice Chair), Phil Baugher (Adams County Nursery), Keith Duffield (Trustee), and Lewis DeEugenio Jr. (Trustee). Trustees missing from the photo: Anthony Yula, Ronald Thomas, and Robert Fralinger Jr.

Win Cowgill Recognized by the Idaho State Hort Society

Win Cowgill was an invited speaker at the 119th Annual Conference for the Idaho State Horticultural Society. President Richard Bronson presented Cowgill with a plaque for his contributions to the science of Pomology and his outstanding presentations at the 119th Conference of the Society, Napa, Idaho, November 4-5, 2013.



Idaho State Horticultural Society president Richard Bronson (left) and Win Cowgill (right).



Pomologists from throughout North America gathered in November at the NC-140 Multi-State Project Meetings, this year in Boise, Idaho. This group organizes, discusses, and oversees much of the North American research of tree-fruit rootstocks.

Mervin C. Jetter, Sr. Passes

Mervin C. Jetter, Sr., 91, of Boynton Beach, FL, husband of the late Arlene D. Jetter (nee Miller), died August 23, 2013 in Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach. Born in Trenton, NJ, he was a resident of Glassboro from 1961 until 2006 when he moved to Florida. He served with the US Army in World War II and was the Owner/Operator of Mervin Jetter & Sons, wholesale apple dealers, for over 50 years. He enjoyed pinochle, gambling, horse and dog racing, sports, playing pool, traveling and especially being with family and grandchildren. Mervin was a former member of Glassboro Lions Club. Predeceased by his loving grandson, Keith Chamberlin, Mr. Jetter is survived by sons, Mervin C., Jr. (Jane) of Glassboro, Christian J. (Nancy) of Pitman, and daughter, Marlene B. Chamberlin of Lindenwold.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make donations in memory of Mervin Jetter, grandfather of Keith Chamberlin, should mail them to: Dr. David Andrews, Brain Tumor Research Fund, Jefferson Foundation, 925 Chestnut St., Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19107. See more at: <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/southjerseytimes/obituary.aspx?n=mervin-c-jetter&pid=167133108&fhid=27037#fbLoggedOut>.

John I. Rigolizzo, Sr. Passes

On December 17, 2013, John I Rigolizzo Sr., of Berlin, NJ died at age 81. He was a lifetime member of the NJ State Horticultural Society and was selected the Outstanding Fruit Grower in 1991. He also was a long time member of the New Jersey Peach Council, serving as a trustee for over 40 years.

John was the beloved husband of Helen for 61 years, devoted father of John and Marita Rigolizzo, Kathy and Pete Thomas, JoAnn and Tom Gurenlian, Donna Rigolizzo and Joe Conway, Michael Rigolizzo and Carole Vitiello, proud grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 4.

John was owner and operator of Johnny Boy Farms with his son John, Jr. He was former director of New Jersey Farm Bureau, President of Camden County Board of Agriculture, member of New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, State Director of ASCS now FSA, member of Camden County Soil Conservation District, Tansboro Fire Company, the Rutgers Board of Managers, and charter member of Never There Gun Club.

In lieu of flowers contributions to National Foundation for Transplants (www.transplants.org) in honor of John I Rigolizzo, Jr. 5350 Poplar Ave. Suite 430 Memphis, TN 38119 or Malvern Retreat House (www.malvernretreat.com) 315 S. Warren Ave. Malvern, PA 19355 would be appreciated.

For additional information or to email condolences, please visit CostantinoFH.com. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/courierpostonline/obituary.aspx?n=john-i-rigolizzo&pid=168613398&fhid=8161#sthash.IFUWluiW.dpuf>.



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