

Errata Sheet of Changes to Conference Program Booklet

Page 6 – Scott Brainard presentation moved to 2:00 Sunday in rm 163.

Page 6 -- Brian Caldwell presentation cancelled.
Speaker to be determined at the conference.

Page 9 – Auction has been moved to the auditorium

Page 12 – William Padilla Brown presentation at 2:00 cancelled

Page 12 – Forum C panelists are Nate Westrick and Amy Miller

Page 12 – Forum D panelists: Sara Tyler, Ben Chaprut, & Ron Revord

Page 20 – Additional poster presentations

Grafting butternut, hybrid butternut, and black and Persian walnut; J. McKenna, D. Tridal, and C. Kell

MJ said she had a poster from a scholarship recipient

Page 21 – Additional exhibitor:

American Farmland Trust, www.farmland.org/ Lou Judge

Page 29 – Add the following to abstract for Elodie Eid: temperate-tree-crop-guidebooks.kit.com/

Page 32 – Replace abstract for Harry Green with:

Abstract: As chestnut systems begin to bear and production increases, the challenge is not simply growing more chestnuts, but creating and retaining value as close to growers as possible. California almonds illustrate how value can be siphoned from rural communities when aggregators capture downstream margins, while pistachios suggest alternative models worth examining. This session explores how farmer-controlled markets, value-added processing, and grower-led marketing can strengthen farmer autonomy, ecological resilience, and local economic control. We will also discuss the financing of chestnut systems, drawing on Propagate's experience establishing and managing 500+ acres of chestnuts planted between 2021 and 2023 through working farms and landowner-investor partnerships. Across these funding models, the most consistent question from both farmers and funders is not how to plant chestnuts, but who will buy them and how markets will remain stable over time. Outside the unavoidable lag to

production, buyer certainty—and the predictable livelihoods it enables—remains the greatest constraint to seeing chestnuts to success. This presentation examines the common themes across successful financing models and discusses strategies for building grower-controlled markets that keep more value in rural communities.

Page 44 – Replace store.experimentalfarmnetwork.org in contact information for Dusty Hinz with efnseeds.com.

Page 48 – Add following abstract to Dan Lefever information:

Abstract: Observations of chestnut trees' ability to produce a primary, secondary and even tertiary burrs. Last fall I harvested a second crop on my few trees I manage. This year we are already on the secondary crop due to a freeze that destroyed the terminal growth and primary crop. Laterals pushed out and were blooming within 6 weeks. So I will still get a crop but reduced. Will they bloom again this year? Using this info for the increasing issue of freeze damage due to climate irregularities. Also, how can we drive this response with enhanced nutrition? Is it economically viable to harvest a secondary crop?

Page 49 – Replace abstract and bio for Diana Laurenitis with:

Abstract: Diana Laurenitis owns and operates Firefly Farm in Sunderland, MA, not far from fellow NNGA presenters Big River Chestnuts and Carr's Ciderhouse. She has implemented a food forest/ small scale agroforestry farm with nut trees and will be discussing the importance of a holistic approach, her integrative process and lessons learned along the way.

Bio: Diana started farming over twenty years ago on a small organic vegetable market farm. Since then, she has worked at farmers markets, CSAs, a goat farm, greenhouses, large vegetable operations, a native plant nursery, a fruit orchard and Big River Chestnuts in order to gather a wide range of farming knowledge. Her extensive travels in Latin America as well as studying indigenous knowledge, agroecology, permaculture and herbalism have also influenced her farming style. She received her M.S. in Geography at UMass Amherst with a focus on Regenerative Agriculture. She inherited land in Sunderland, MA and has incorporated her varied and unique perspectives on farming and ecosystems into her operation for the past 8 years.

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