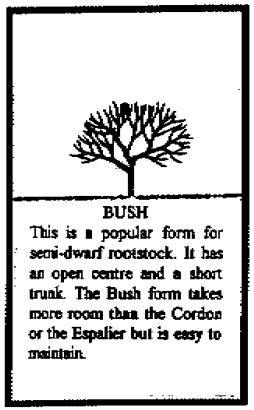
PURPOSES OF B.C.F.T.A.

- To bring together people with an interest in the science and cultivation of fruit bearing trees, shrubs, vines and plants.
- To further the knowledge of its members in the fruit growing and related subjects by collecting, arranging and disseminating useful information through newsletters, meetings, workshops, tours and any other means deemed desirable.
- To explore methods of growing a wider diversity of fruits under local soil and climate conditions.
- To preserve old varieties for future generations.
- To test and evaluate new species and cultivars.
- To inform the public, where possible, about the wide diversity of fruit grown locally through fruit shows, fact sheets and media publicity.



Member Interests

While the main focus is fruit, the many individual interests of members makes this organization unique. These include:

- testing of new varieties
- propagation of new cultivars
- heritage variety study & preservation
- commercial orchards
- cider varieties
- semi-tropical fruit growing
- nuts
- vineyards
- history of fruit growing
- fruit products

Membership Application

($20 per year, per household)

Name _____

Address _____

City/ Prov._____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

And Mail to:

B.C. FRUIT TESTERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 48123, 3575 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC, V8Z 7H5
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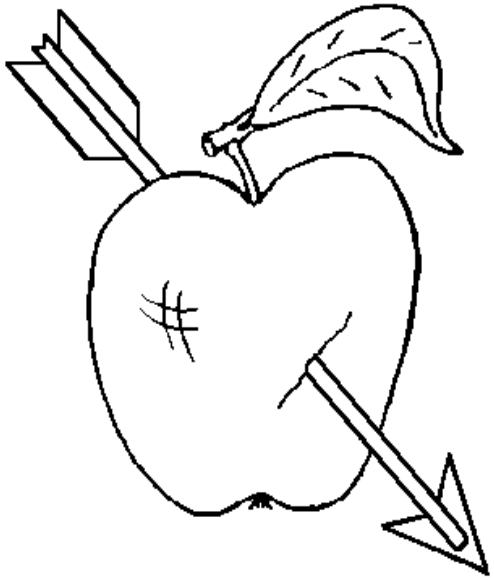


FRUIT TESTERS ASSOCIATION

For Hobby Growers, Orchardists, Professionals, and others interested in FRUIT growing

B.C. FRUIT TESTERS ASSOCIATION

An organization of people interested in the science and cultivation of all types of fruit

Members of this organization range from backyard hobbyists to professionals.

Through their organizations members can share information, participate in meetings and organized field trips, and keep abreast of association events and other fruit news through a regular newsletter.

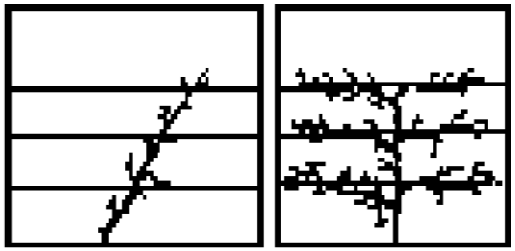
Membership is open to anyone, and includes the following:

PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

- usually held in February and August

GRAFTING WORKSHOPS

- usually held in March and August
- get hands on experience



Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. is held near the first of March each year. It features:

- guest speakers
- rootstock
- certified budwood sales
- heritage budwood sales
- plant sales
- grafting and other supplies sales
- educational videos
- grafting demonstrations
- pests and disease display
- bees and other interesting displays
- election of new directors

FRUIT TASTING FESTIVAL

Held in the fall, with the timing varying from year to year to allow for sampling different varieties of fruit. Some features:

- many varieties of fruit to sample
- sample home made preserves
- sample home made desserts
- structured taste testing
- cider pressing & sampling
- heritage fruit display
- fruit growing information
- other displays
- fruit tree sales (members only)

Reference Library

- Reference to subscriptions, books, and other print information resources on fruit growing

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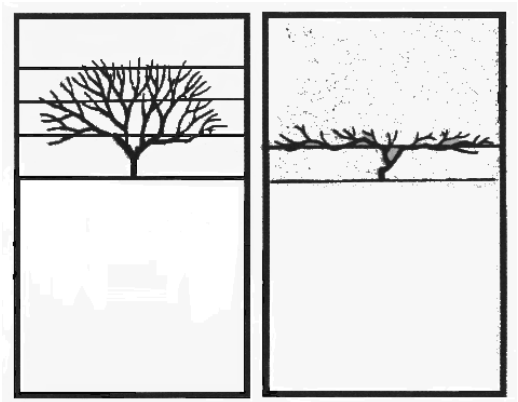
NEWSLETTER - THE "*CIDER PRESS*"

- four issues per year - February, May, August, November.
- notice of up-coming events
- reports on field trips
- timely fruit growing information
- detailed feature fruit & nut articles
- bees & other pollinators
- recipes
- local fruit growing articles
- montly reminders
- fruit growing in other countries
- other fruit growing information

FIELD TRIPS

- **Spring** - usually a day trip on lower Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands.
- **Fall** - usually a weekend trip to the B.C. interior, Washington or Oregon State.