



Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture  
**Society Notes**  
**November 2018**

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**“The Roughwood Seed Archive for Food Studies: Seed to Table, the Future of Regional Cuisine” presentation at December 6th Luncheon**

William Woys Weaver, PhD. Director, Keystone Center for the Study of Regional Foods and Food Tourism is internationally known food historian and author of sixteen books.

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**Lancaster Farming: Strength in Numbers for Preserved Farms**

Tom Daniels, one of our members, brought a wealth of knowledge about land-use planning and land conservation to our November meeting..

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**RECENT NEWS**



**Future Challenges: Farming Notes – November 2018**



**Bloomberg: America Isn't Ready for the Lanternfly Invasion**

Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture thanks society member Duncan Allison for this monthly updates and incite. [MORE>](#)



### **The Delmarva Farmer: DSU School Helping Farmers Fill in Knowledge Gaps**

University launched the Farm School Program two years ago with a \$250,000 grant from a USDA program for socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers. [MORE>](#)

The Lanternfly is becoming a scourge in our region and PSPA will likely focus one of our meetings next year on this subject. Understand the magnitude of this emerging problem. [MORE>](#)



### **NY Times: Rooftop Gardens Are Turning the Urban Shopping Scene Green**

This concept of organic retail farming is cropping up in many major cities around the world. [MORE>](#)

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## **MEMBER UPDATES**

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### **PSPA Member Database Updated**

The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture's Memoirs VI, printed in 1939, contains a consolidated list of PSPA members from 1785 to 1939. In it, the Committee on Activities details the sources from which the names were gathered, notably the Germantown Telegraph, which provided "a number of names elected" in the second half of the nineteenth century.

One of the current projects of the Historical and Library Committee has been to list names of members elected since 1939. An initial start was made by simply typing a list, but Lynne Farrington, who curates the Society's collections at the University of Pennsylvania, saw the limits of such activity. Instead, Lynne designed a spread sheet that would list name, city, date of election, type of membership, and office held. Then she assigned the project to a student, Ryan Morgan, who in a short period of time completed a consolidated list of all PSPA members since 1785.

The Society expresses its appreciation to Lynne and Ryan for a project that will be of great use in the years to come.

[Click here for Historical Membership List](#)

### **How to Use the PSPA Library Online**

Last year the Historical and Library Committee worked on some reorganization of the online access to the PSPA Library and set-up some clear directions for use. On [www.pspaonline.com](http://www.pspaonline.com)'s website, click "Resources," then "[\*\*Library and Archive\*\*](#)." You will see a collection of options. Click "[\*\*How to Search the Penn Libraries Online Catalog\*\*](#)" and the instructions for use will come up. If you wish to learn more about the collections, on the website, click "Resources," then "Library and Archive," then "[\*\*Introduction\*\*](#)."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**December 6, 2018**

“The Roughwood Seed Archive for Food Studies: Seed to Table,  
the Future of Regional Cuisine”

**January 3, 2019**

Big Data and the Agriculture Industry