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Maple Specialties to be Featured at Annual Meeting on December 7

Terry Deloughary to demonstrate making of maple cotton candy

Terry Deloughary of Bark River, Michigan will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Indiana Maple Syrup Association to be held at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana on Saturday, December 7.

Mr. Deloughary lives near Escanaba in the Upper Peninsula and he is an active member of the Michigan Maple Syrup Association. He taps about 5000 trees and he fires his evaporator with wood chips.

Mr. Deloughary will speak in the morning session about techniques for making quality syrup. In the afternoon ses-

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sion he will describe "Value Added Maple Products for the Hoosier Producer". Deloughary specializes in the production of value-added products from maple syrup such as maple cream, maple sugar, maple cotton candy, and maple pecan brittle.

Hoosier producers may think their sugaring operations are not large enough to warrant the expense and complication involved in making specialty items from syrup. Mr.

Deloughary challenges this assumption, and he is ready to make the case for providing specialty products to our customers even on a small scale.

The second afternoon session will feature candy making demonstrations. Mr. Deloughary will make maple cotton candy for us on his own machine. He will also demonstrate the making of maple cream and he will show videotape of his wood chip burner in operation.

Dale Forrester, a member of the IMSA from Colon, MI, will then demonstrate his approaches to candy making. Forrester taps several thousand trees just north of the IN-MI line and he markets maple candy as well as syrup through outlets in northern Indiana.



Members will have a chance to see the latest in equipment and visit with fellow sugar makers during IMSA's annual meeting to be held in Goshen on December 7. – photo L. Yoder

Your 2003 Membership is Due in December

Members are reminded that memberships in the Indiana Maple Syrup Association for 2003 are due by the time of our annual meeting in December.

This permits us to send a final list of members to the editor of the *Maple Syrup Digest* in a timely manner. It also assures that your subscription to the Digest is uninterrupted.

Your registration and payment of feesfor the meeting automatically renews your membership.

If you are not able to attend the meeting this year, renew your membership by filling out the registration blank and returning it with your check for \$15 (for IMSA membership) to Kenneth Shipley, Treasurer, 7700 McColm Rd, Gaston, IN 47342.

Hamilton to Report

During our annual meeting, David Hamilton, vice president and the IMSA's delegate to this year's meeting of the North American Maple Syrup Council, will report on activities and business at the meetings that were held October 20 – 23 in North Conway, New Hampshire. The meetings are held jointly with the International Maple Syrup Institute.

The Indiana Maple Syrup Association is an organization of producers interested in producing quality maple syrup in Indiana. The association provides opportunities, through its annual meetings, for members to meet together and discuss the production and marketing of Hoosier maple syrup. Membership (\$15/yr) includes subscriptions to the *Tapline*, the IMSA newsletter and the *Maple Syrup Digest*, a quarterly publication of the North American Maple Syrup Council.

Important News for IMSA Members

Highlights of the September Board Meeting

The board reviewed the association's activity at the state fair including the introduction of our new private label jugs.

Treasurer Kenny Shipley reported that we netted \$1900 from sales at the state fair.

Plans were finalized for the annual meeting to be held December 7.

Phil Hanner, Steve Deatline and Garry Sink were named to the committee to nominate candidates for directors. They will report to the membership at the annual meeting.

The board considered the proposal to establish a scholarship sponsored by the IMSA. After deliberation about what such an undertaking would entail, the board voted to donate \$250 to the North American Maple Syrup Council's research committee. It is the judgement of the board that direct support of maple research through the research committee will more directly benefit maple producers.

Call for Nominations

Following our rotation schedule, one director each for the northern, central and southern districts will be elected at the annual meeting in Goshen on December 7. The terms of Chris Leedy and Dave Hamilton, (Central District) and Chris Rahe (Southern District) are up this year.

The nominating committee will accept suggestions as well as nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Members present will elect three directors whose terms will run to 2005.

Current IMSA members may make nominations. Send your nomination along with a brief statement about the nominee's qualifications to Phil Hanner, President of IMSA.

Maple in Indianapolis

Bob Proctor, a representative from the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Association in Indianapolis will speak to the group about joining with the Indiana Maple Syrup Association to promote the maple connections of in his neighborhood. Many years ago 38th St. was named Maple Road and the city of Indianapolis is going to reinstate that name soon. There was a sugarhouse almost where our sugar shack is in Pioneer village. In addition, the area north of Fall Creek was known as Sugar Flats.

Ohio Meeting Nearby

The Ohio Maple Producers' Association will hold their District 1 tour and annual meeting November 8 & 9 in Montpelier, Ohio at the Ramada Inn. The program includes a syrup judging contest, a banquet, and tours of nearby sugar camps.

Contact Paul Snavely, 9735 E Twp Rd 138, Republic, OH 44867. (419) 639 2049.

Our Thanks Go To....

The many members who volunteered their time to greet and tell the story of Indiana maple to those who visited the sugar shack at the Indiana State Fair.

Contact for Sale of Syrup

If members find that during the year you have any extra syrup to sell, either wholesale or retail, get in touch with our Public Relations Director, Steve Deatline. Steve will be happy to connect you with any buyers from your area that have contacted him. Quality, locally produced syrup continues to be in demand.

You may reach Steve at 7773 S 100 East, Lynn, IN 47355 (765) 874-2170

Board of Directors, Indiana Maple Syrup Association Directors are elected for 3 yr terms at the annual meeting of the IMSA held the first week of December. Directors elect the officers of the board.

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