



**PRUNING AND MANAGING APPLE TREES** - Cornell Orchard manager Rick Reisinger describes rootstocks and grafting to seminar participants at Cooperative Extension's 3-hour course at Ray Reynolds' *One Of A Kind Orchard* on Buck Road last Saturday afternoon.

## Extension Apple-Pruning Seminar Draws 50+ To Lansing Orchard

Home orchardists from Pennsylvania to Cayuga County came to Lansing's *One-Of-A-Kind Orchard* last Saturday for a Cornell Cooperative Extension seminar about pruning and managing apple trees in a mixed age planting.

"We chose the (Buck Road) orchard because it has a mix of newly planted to 15 year old trees," said Cooperative Extension agent Monika Roth. "It let us show the backyard hobbyist what needs to be done at different stages to shape the trees to determine their future growth habit."

"Trees take a lot of work," added Roth. "It's not just a matter of plopping them into the ground."

Cornell Orchards' manager Rick Reisinger discussed the importance of selecting rootstocks adapted to weather and soil conditions, described choices when

grafting varieties to rootstocks and went into Ray Reynolds' orchard to demonstrate pruning techniques for training and shaping trees of different ages to maximize their productivity.

At the end of the afternoon, Extension went to Laurie Todd's new orchard with several growers to observe how Laurie's been training her young peach and cherry trees.

On Thursday, March 27, Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold a special seminar called *Pomona's Secrets* about growing exotic fruits such as paw-paw, medlar, Nanking cherry and persimmons. These plants are cold-hardy, pest-resistant and require little or no pruning. The seminar will be at Extension's Willow Avenue headquarters in Ithaca at 7:00 pm. Enrollment is \$5 and pre-registration is recommended. Contact Connie Strang at 272-2292.

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