

# Michigan Nut Grower Association Special Event!

**What:** English Walnut Grafting Presentation/Demonstration  
**When:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** MSU AgBioResearch Station, 9302 Portland Road,  
Clarksville, MI 48815, Exit 59 from I-96  
**Who:** **Burak Akyuz**, Graduate Student  
**Why:** Free, Enjoyable Learning Experience

The Michigan Nut Grower Association (MNGA) Walnut Special Interest Group (SIG) is having an English walnut grafting presentation and demonstration. The presenter is Burak Akyuz. Burak is a graduate student in Turkey...yes...Turkey, the Middle Eastern country, 3<sup>rd</sup> largest English walnut producing country in the world.

Dr. Dennis Fulbright knows Burak and notes that Burak speaks good English and is highly knowledgeable about grafting and growing English walnuts.

We will start chatting and setting up at 5:30 p.m. for a light supper, snacks and a presentation. We will begin Burak's presentation at 6:30, while still snacking, of course. ☺ Our main focus will be Burak's presentation (computer slide show) on grafting English walnuts and questions and answers. Burak will demonstrate his grafting techniques on some scions in the conference room. Time, interest and weather permitting, we will tour the walnut orchard at the station. There will also be discussion about an MNGA member who has received a grant to research black walnut processing, and the future events he is planning. He may bring some new equipment to this meeting, if it arrives in time.

This event is free to all. We will be highly appreciative if you can bring a snack to share with the group: something nutty and/or fruity, of course! I will bring a large crock pot of beef/venison sloppy Joes, buns, cooler of lemonade (from frozen concentrate), cooler of ice water, plates, plastic-ware, cups and napkins. If you need other beverages, please bring them along with your snack.

MNGA is grateful to Dr. Fulbright for the opportunity and the Clarksville MSU AgBioResearch Station for allowing us to meet there! Learn more about the Station at <http://agbioresearch.msu.edu/centers/clarksville>

*As an FYI, Burak is in town because of the Chestnut Rooted Cuttings Workshop, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015: The Midwest Nut Producers Council will host **Dr. Beatriz Cuenca Valera**, a researcher from Spain, who works on rooted cuttings of chestnut. You can learn more at [www.chestnuts.msu.edu](http://www.chestnuts.msu.edu) (click on the lower left side of the webpage). Dr. Cuenca Valera will describe the rationale behind using rooted cuttings, the characteristics and selection methods used and how to root the cuttings. Part of this meeting will be subsidized by the Michigan State University Rogers Reserve, which is funded by the Ernie and Mabel Rogers Research Endowment. The June 20<sup>th</sup> event is open to all, but registration **and** a fee are required.*

If you have any questions about the walnut grafting event, please contact me: Dennis Strahle, Walnut SIG Leader, MNGA, 12833 W. Clark Road, Eagle, MI 48822, 517-626-2303, or cell (and text) 517-204-8600, or by e-mail at [Dennis.w.strahle@delphi.com](mailto:Dennis.w.strahle@delphi.com). I hope you can attend! It will be great to have people provide an e-mail address to save paper, time and postage for future special events.