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Dr. Kirk Pomper, University of Kentucky and Dr. Essie Fallahi University of Idaho





Kirk Pomper, Sheri Crabtree, Patrick Byers, Michele Warmund and John Clark set up an interesting fruit tasting event from local products: Northern pecans, black walnuts, chocolate covered black walnuts, and blackberries.



Black Walnut cookies and samples



Blackberries from the Arkansas breeding program.



Pawpaw ice cream was served up.



Black walnut samples courtesy of Hammons Products Company, Stockton, Missouri



Meeting attendees enjoy the fruit and nut taste testing.



President Des Layne opens the business meeting.



Secretary Kirk Pomper presents the minutes from last year's meeting.

#### **Shepard Award for 2008**

 Dr. Michele Warmund, Chair of the Shepard Award committee presented the best paper in 2008 volume of *J. Amer. Pom. Soc.* to Dr. Kirk Pomper et al.

Winning title: **Pawpaw regional variety trial** by: Pomper, Crabtree, Layne, Peterson, Mesabni, and Wolfe.



Dr. Brent Black, Utah State University



#### **UP Hedrick Award Winners**

 1<sup>st</sup> place: Comparing strawberry salt tolerance using a low volume near continuous gradient dosing system. Hawks, Cardon and Black, Utah State University.

 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Inheritance of Cr gene in Ribes nigrum.
Dan Dalton, Oregon
State University and Kim
Hummer USDA ARS.





Congratulations to: Professor Dr. Paul Lyrene, blueberry breeder at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Winner of the Wilder Silver Medal for 2009.



President Des Layne with the taste testing coordinators: Dr. Michele Warmund, Dr. Kirk Pomper and Sheri Crabtree

# Pre-conference tour group at the University of Missouri's Center for Agroforestry in New Franklin, Missouri

