

Fruit Trees and Shrubs for Cold Climates – March 7, 2013



Doug King, owner of “Make it Green” nursery provided an informative talk about fruit trees and shrubs that are suitable for growing in the Ottawa area. He particularly noted the hardy cherry trees that have been introduced by the University of Saskatchewan. For example “Carmine Jewel” grows as a six foot tall shrub and is a great producer of cherries and the “Romance” series all grow as trees, each with a unique characteristic.

Doug introduced a relatively new berry to many of the Greely Gardeners Group members called a Haskap or Honeyberry. It is a shrub that that is easy to grow in most soils it has no pests and it bears great tasting fruit. It has been grown in Russia and Japan for many years and is only now becoming more well known in Canada. For

more information on the cherry trees and the Haskap, see: www.fruit.usask.ca.

Doug also talked about new blueberry cultivars that can handle a higher pH value as well as cranberries that do not require the moisture that is usually needed to produce cranberries. He also noted varieties of apricot and peaches that can be grown in this area and that provide an abundance of fruit. He noted that he is currently testing Casino Apricot (reportedly hardy to zone 3). Doug provided a hand out which looks at selecting, planting, and pruning fruit trees and after care of your trees. The handout has been scanned and it available on the GGG website.



See also Doug King’s website at www.makeitgreen.ca.