

# Topsham Garden Club

Wednesday September 14, 2016

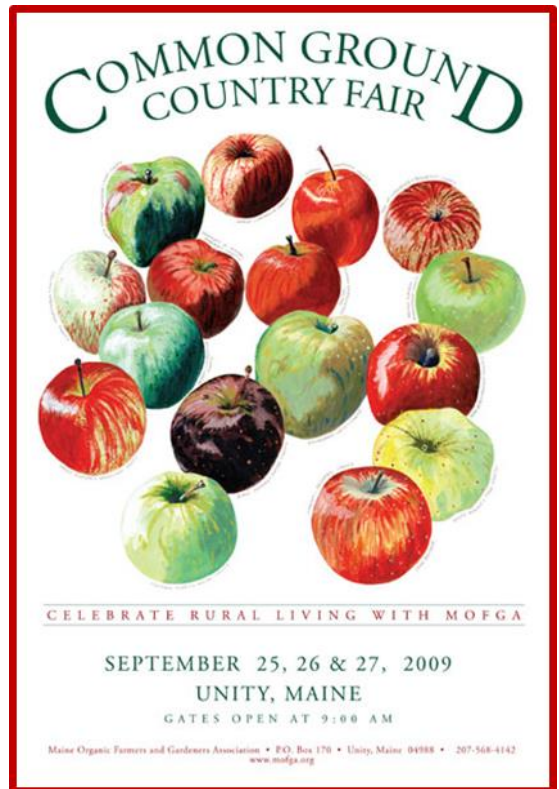
Topsham Public Library,  
25 Foreside Road, Topsham, Me

12:00 to 12:30 brown bag lunch  
12:30 TO 1:15 business meeting  
beverage and dessert are provided.

## 1:30 P.M. Program

**Long ago the Givens apple originated in Topsham. Where is it now? Is it gone forever?**

An image of the apple appeared on the 2009 MOFGA fair poster but the Givens itself has not been seen in the flesh for over 100 years. Join John Bunker to find out the latest on the incredible search to find one of Topsham's own. John will also fill us in on the history of apple throughout Maine.



**Bring your apples and John will attempt to identify them.**

John Bunker grew up in Massachusetts and California, moving to Maine in 1968. He has lived in Palermo on Super Chilly Farm for the past 44 years, where he and Cammy Watts grow vegetables, woody and herbaceous ornamentals, small fruits and tree fruits.

He coordinates nursery sales for Fedco, the co-op seed and Nursery Company in Clinton. His passion is tracking down heirloom fruit varieties, particularly those originating in Maine.



He has established the Maine Heritage Orchard at the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association –MOFGA's- Common Ground in Unity. Eventually the orchard will be home to 500 or more historic pears and apples. 170 have been planted so far.

He coordinates an annual series of organic orchard classes at MOFGA, the spring "Seed Swap and Scion Exchange" and the October "Great Maine Apple Day." He speaks and teaches in the New England area regularly year round.

In 2007 he self-published

"Not Far From the Tree: A Brief History of the Apples and the Orchards of Palermo, Maine."