

Fruit trees provide cultural value!

Fruit trees have many functions:

- ▶ habitat for numerous animal and plant species
- ▶ balancing impact on local climate, windshield
- ▶ enrichment of the landscape

What can you do?

- ▶ Reuse and take care of old orchards
- ▶ plant new orchards
- ▶ take over fruit tree sponsorships
- ▶ indicate heirloom varieties to Pomologen-Verein
- ▶ when planting trees ask for disease free varieties with a good adaptation to local climate
- ▶ rediscover the range of flavour of heirloom fruit varieties
- ▶ when buying fruit ask for heirloom fruit varieties (weekly market, trade)
- ▶ buy products from local orchards, e.g. apple juice, fruit brandy
- ▶ discover orchards and cider presses as a place of learning and adventure

Support the club! Become an active member!

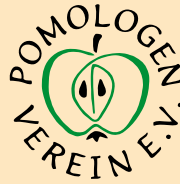
The Pomologen-Verein e. V. was founded in 1991, in the tradition of the »Deutscher Pomologenverein« (1860–1919).

Pomona is the Roman goddess of fruit and horticulture.

Pomology is the science of fruit species and varieties. It includes their identification, description, recommendation and preservation.



Photo: Floral splendour of a Grünmöstler tree on Lake Constance



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Preserve heirloom fruit varieties!



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Who still remembers the heirloom varieties?

- For decades standard fruit trees have been vanishing from gardens and orchards almost unnoticed. With their disappearance we lose many of the heirloom variety our ancestors once cherished, made use of and propagated. Who does still know "Prinzenapfel", the plum variety "Kirke's Blue", "Muskateller" pear or the cherry variety "Königin Hortensie"?
- Varieties we only remember from tales told by our grandparents. Many of them have disappeared silently. Each loss means an irretrievable loss of valuable properties like disease resistance.
- Specialization on few main varieties has caused a great loss of biodiversity. Market restrictions have led to cultivating short lived bushes or spindle trees that have supplanted long lived standard trees. At the same time home grown fruit does hardly contribute to our daily diet any more being replaced by standardized fruit from the supermarket.
- Fruit varieties are a living cultural heirloom we try to preserve for future generations. More than 30 years of activities in the field have paid off: Our members have been able to save numerous varieties from extinction.

»Prinzenapfel« and »Kirkes Pflaume« from: »Deutschlands Obstsorten« (1905)



What we do!

- We find, identify, preserve and propagate heirloom fruit varieties and plant conservation orchards.
- We campaign for the preservation of heirloom fruit varieties being seen as an important task in public.
- We hold lectures on identification of fruit varieties and care of fruit trees.
- We organize fruit exhibitions.
- We advise on new plantings, recommend varieties for different regions especially for private gardens, orchards and self sufficiency.
- We carry out trials with new varieties so as to evaluate their suitability for standard orchard planting.
- We maintain and develop the database of the preservation network of fruit varieties www.obstsortenerhalt.de.
- We offer selected specialist literature in our online shop www.pomologen-verein.de/shop.
- We publish a yearbook which is free for members and organize symposia and excursions.

Support our association! Enlist as an active member!

Membership application

Please complete the application form and send to: Pomologen-Verein e.V., Geschäftsstelle, Ulrich Kubina, Husumer Str. 16, 20251 Hamburg, Germany info@pomologen-verein.de

I would like to join!

I apply for membership of the Pomologen-Verein e.V. as

- individual or family 60,- €/year (concessions 36,- €)
- association, institution, company or similar 120,- €/year (concessions 90,- €)
- sponsoring membership 600,- €/year

Honorary members, children and adolescents are free of charge.

I consent / I do not consent to publication of my address (without date of birth) for internal communication.

..... first name surname

..... association, institution, company or similar

..... street postcode, city, country

..... phone

..... email, web page

..... date of birth

..... desired membership to state/district

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