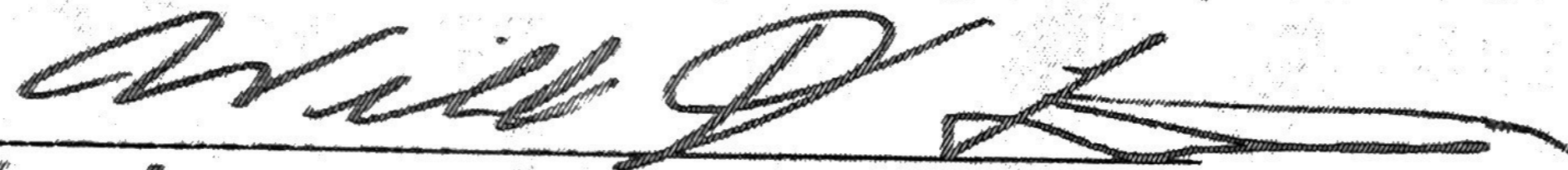


Bill Lauris has been growing fig trees in Lancaster County, Pa for over 20 years. Bill encountered his first fig while at a local nursery. He was in the herb section and noticed an interesting coconut smell coming from a black mission fig tree. It was the eventual death of that tree that took Bill down a path of no return. Bill now operates his nursery, Off the Beaten Path Nursery on Rohrerstown road in Lancaster pa, growing well over 300 varieties of figs. Bill specializes in figs but also produces other unique fruits and edibles like paw paws, cold hardy pomegranates, persimmons, Julube's and Szechuan pepper. Bill calls the fig the plant that keeps giving. There are so many avenues of revenue; cuttings, plants, trees, fruit, and even leaves for tea. Trained as Chemist, Bill is always experimenting with some new fruit or tree, pushing the limits of what's possible in Lancaster county.

<https://www.offthebeatenpathnursery.com/>

I, William Lauris, am committed to be the technical advisor to Craig Boyer's project *Techniques for Growing and Overwintering Japanese Stepmover Fig Tree Espalier in the NE.*

William Lauris



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