

# GRAY WOLF PLANTATION



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Tim Beard, of Gray Wolf Plantation, is seen with some heirloom apples from his orchard. Apples from his orchard were sent to Washington to be used as decorations and food for holiday parties at the Blair House, the president's guest house.

## Apples to the capital

### ■ Vintage apples go to Washington as decorations, appetizers.

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Dozens of "vintage" apples from a local producer are now part of the holiday decorations and appetizers at gala festivities being held in Washington, D.C. this year.

Tim Beard, who with his wife Mary co-owns Gray Wolf Plantation, said that he was contacted just a few days before Thanksgiving by Heidi Hunt, the associate

editor of the national magazine *Mother Earth News*.

Hunt told Beard that her magazine — combined with representatives from "This Old House," "Martha Stewart" and "Better Homes and Gardens" — had been commissioned to decorate and supply specialty food for holiday events at the Blair House and the Senate building in Washington, D.C.

Built in 1824, the Blair House is the president's guest house and faces the White House.

Beard said Hunt asked if he would be willing to donate and deliver several bushels of his "antique-type" apples for the festivities.

Gray Wolf Plantations, which is near New Oxford, is a major producer nationwide of 200 types of heirloom variety apples that were developed before the Civil War, said Beard, and his "vintage" apples would be in keeping with the group's 18th and 19th century preparations.

Beard said he delivered seven bushels of seven different varieties of apples, and a Vintage Apple Gift

Pack to Washington last week and all were used as planned.

"They used the apples for display and for appetizers and samples," Beard said. "We were really honored and excited to be asked to be part of something so special."

Gray Wolf Plantation markets gift packs of the vintage apples in 48 states via the internet, Beard said.

Gray Wolf Plantation is located at 350 Forest Drive, New Oxford. For more information or to order apple gift packs call 624-7204 or visit [graywolfplantation@yahoo.com](http://graywolfplantation@yahoo.com).