

Grandpa loved to experiment in the kitchen. Early one spring he decided to make syrup. Trouble was, there was a silver maple in the back yard, not a sugar maple. It takes 40 gallons of boiled-down sap from a sugar maple to make one gallon of syrup. It takes 60 gallons from a silver maple. Undaunted, he tapped the fat tree and collected the sap. The sharp cold nights followed by warming days were perfect for raising sap, so he probably got 30 gallons out of that tree. He boiled it in a turkey roaster spread over two burners. He boiled and boiled, and pretty soon he had two quart jars of good-tasting syrup. He then went out and bought new wallpaper for the entire first floor of his house, the old having peeled to the ground, loosened by the sweet-smelling steam.



What do you think would happen if you stuck a maple syrup tap into a potato? Would you get potato sap?

Find the answer to this and other questions at

The Really, Really Big, Litt/Lang End-of-Year Workshop Bash.

Friday, April 15th, from 4:30 to about 6:00, in the Townsend Residential Life Center. There will be food (compliments of faculty and friends), there will be music (complementing the tasteful treats of the day), there will be readings of creative fiction and poetry, and there will be prizes.

Please try to join us on this festive occasion!