

Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Newsletter, Dec. 16, 2014
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VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Lake Morey Inn. 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045. (800) 423-1211 or info@lakemoreyresort.com

: Risk Management Agency and Farm

Service Agency, and University of Vermont Extension.

8:00 Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments

Andy Jones, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington

9:50 Lessons from the Field in 2014
Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension

10:10 Interseeding a Cover Crop between Vegetable Rows
David Marchant, River Berry Farm, Faifax

10:30 SWD Exclusion Netting Research
Rachel Schattman, University of Vermont

10:50 Growing and Marketing Aronia, Elderberry and Currants
John Hayden, The Farm Between, Jeffersonville

11:10 Tile Drainage to Improve Soil Productivity
Joshua Faulker, UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture

11:30 Update from Trade Show Representatives on Products and Services

12:00 Luncheon and Trade Show

1:30 Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.

1:40 Tunnel Tomatoes at Crossroad Farm
Tim Taylor, Fairlee

Accreditation Program

Hans Estrin, UVM Extension

2:20 Update on Swede Midge Research
Yolanda Chen, University of Vermont

2:40 Innovative Weed Control Equipment at Roxbury Farm
Jody Bolluyt, Kinderhook NY

3:00 Pests to Keep an Eye Out For in 2015
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Lab

3:20 Intensive Strawberry Production at Darby Farm
Ron Hermann, Alburgh

Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Association
SPECIAL TOPICS CONFERENCE: POST-HARVEST HANDLING OF VEGETABLE CROPS
Tuesday January 20, 2015
Lake Morey Inn. 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045. (800) 423-1211 or info@lakemoreyresort.com

Attendance at this conference is limited to 100 people.
Presentations are 20 minutes each, followed by 10 minutes of discussion

9:00 Registration and refreshments.

9:30 Top Ten Things to Know about Storing Crops.
Chris Callahan, UVM Extension

10:00 A Small-Scale Washing and Cooling Unit.
Ansel Ploog and Justin Cote, Flywheel Farm

10:30 Cold Storage Upgrade in an Old Barn.
Tim Sanford and Suzanne Long, Luna Bleu Farm

11:00 A New Barn for Washing, Packing and Storing.

11:30 Curing and Storing Roots Crops.
Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm

12:00 Lunch (included)

1:00 Garlic Harvest, Handling and Storage.
Howard Prussack, High Meadows Farm

1:30 Vegetable Harvesting Systems at Roxbury Farm.
Jody Bolluyt, Kinderhook NY

2:00 Wash Water Collection and Recycling.
Mike Collins, Old Athens Farm

2:30 Leafy Greens On-Farm Wash Water Study 2014.
Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension

3:00 Rodent Control Tactics.
Hank Bissell, Lewis Creek Farm; Lisa McDougall, Mighty Food Farm

3:30 Common Diseases of Vegetables in Storage.
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Extension

Registration for either the Annual Meeting or the Post Harvest Conference is:
\$40 per VVBGA Member, \$50 per Non-Member, per meeting.

Add \$10 for walk-in registration, per person, per meeting.

The fee includes morning coffee break and a lunch buffet. Pre-registration payment must be received by January 17 at 5 pm, either on-line or by mail (see below).

2015 VVBGA annual membership dues for calendar year 2015 are \$35 per farm; \$45 after January 30.

Benefits include:

hare information

-mail newsletter subscription
-farm workshops

Register for the annual meeting and/or pay membership dues on-line at:

<http://2015vvbga.eventbrite.com>

On-line registration closes at 5 pm, January 17.

Or, print the membership form:

www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/VVBGA_membership_form.pdf

then mail it with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407

If you are also registering for either of the meetings by mail please include a note with the names of all registrants for each meeting, and the payment for each person: \$40 per VVBGA member, \$50 per non-member.

Questions? Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

If you require accommodations to participate in this program, please me know 10 days prior to the event.

Attendance at the Annual Meeting will be worth 3 pesticide recertification credits for applicators certified in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10. Attendance at the Post Harvest Conference will be worth 1 credit.

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