12th Annual Grain Growers Conference
“From the Soil Up”

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS
We are excited to welcome this year’s keynote speaker author and environmentalist Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement. In 2014, Bill was awarded the Right Livelihood Prize, sometimes called the ‘alternative Nobel.’ Bill will address climate change and the role of farmers sequestering CO2.

Farmer and processor Greg Johnsman from Geechee Boy Mills in Edisto Island, South Carolina will be joining us to discuss heirloom corn and the secrets to milling corn into grits, meal and flour. Andrew Heyn and Blair Marvin from Elmore Mountain Bread will share their experiences constructing a custom built stone mill used for milling all the grains in their breads. Brook Brouwer from the Organic Seed Alliance will be here to discuss growing barley for craft malt industry and on-farm seed production of dry beans and barley. Come learn about grain disease from Cornell Plant Pathologist Jaime Cummings. Local farmers Sean O’Donnell and Thor Oeschner will share their Northeast grain growing experiences as well.

There will also be sessions on soil health, dry bean production, grain research, production, marketing, hands-on baking, and so much more! Guest bakers this year will be from King Arthur Flour and the VT Bean Crafters.

CONFERENCE DETAILS
Thursday, March 17, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Social hour from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Conference starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION
The Essex Resort and Spa, Essex, Vt.
70 Essex Way, Essex, VT 05452

The Essex Resort is holding a block of rooms at $139/night until February 16, 2016. Call 1-800-727-4295 for reservations.

CONFERENCE FEE
NGGA Members: $50.00
Non-members: $55.00
Includes lunch

Please register online by March 11, 2016 at: www.regonline.com/grainconference

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