VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
Lake Morey Resort, 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045

8:00  Registration, Refreshments, Visit Trade Show.

9:30  President’s Remarks. Christa Alexander, Jericho Settlers’ Farm

9:45  A Tour of Growers in their Fields, 2016. Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension

10:00 Nutrient Management at Cedar Circle Farm. Nic Cook and Luke Joanis

10:15 Record Keeping and Tracking Tools. Chris Callahan, UVM Extension

10:30 Strawberry Production at Joe’s Brook Farm. Eric Skovsted

10:45 Pollinators in Vermont Blueberries. Taylor Ricketts, UVM Gund Institute

11:00 Release of Nitrogen from Organic Fertilizers. Heather Darby, UVM Extension

11:15 The Vermont Produce Safety Continuum: Where Does Your Farm Fit? Hans Estrin, UVM Extension; Kristina Sweet, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

11:35 1-Minute Pitches from Trade Show Folks on their Products and Services.

12:00 Luncheon and Visit Trade Show.

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

1:45  Reflections on My 42 Years of Farming. Jake Guest, Killdeer Farm

2:00  Swede Midge Management at Intervale Community Farm. Andy Jones

2:15  Alternatives to Insecticides for Swede Midge Management. Elisabeth Hodgedon, UVM

2:30  Powdery Mildew Biocontrol Research. Abha Gupta, UVM Extension

2:45  Break.

3:00  Pest Problems to Watch for in 2017. Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic

3:15  ‘Three-Season’ Tunnels at Lewis Creek Farm. Hank Bissell

3:30  The Illula Orphan program’s farm in Tanzania. Ginger Nickerson, Agro-Ecologist

3:45  The Cost of Vegetable Production: Real Data from Growers. Richard Wiswall, Cate Farm
8:00  Registration and refreshments.

9:00  Seeding Mixes for Late Fall Plantings of Cover Crops. Kirsten Workman, UVM Extension

9:20  Five-way Mixes of Cover Crops for August Plantings. Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm

9:40  Discussion.

10:00  Sun Hemp as a Cover Crop at Roxbury Farm. Jody Bolluyt

10:20  Forage Radish as a Cover Crop. Becky Sideman, UNH Extension

10:40  Discussion.

11:00  Growing Mustard as a Bio-fumigant. Katie Campbell-Nelson, UMass Extension

11:20  Using Different Grass Covers Between Rows. Lisa McDougall, Mighty Food Farm

11:40  Discussion.

12:00  Lunch.

1:00  Hairy Vetch: Growing it and Saving Seed at River Berry Farm. David Marchant

1:20  Soil Nitrate Levels after Legume Cover Crops. Becky Maden, UVM Extension

1:40  Discussion.

2:00  Baling and Chopping Cover Crops for Strawberry Mulch. Jon Satz, Woods’ Market Garden

2:20  Baling and Chopping Cover Crops for Vegetable Mulch. Pete Johnson, Pete’s Greens

2:40  Discussion.

3:00  Cover Cropping Through the Years at Edgewater Farm. Pooh Sprague

3:20  Estimating Costs and Returns from Cover Crops. Richard Wiswall, Cate Farm

3:40  Discussion.

4:00  Adjourn.
Sponsored by: USDA, Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency; Frazer Insurance Group; Vermont Compost Company; Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation; University of Vermont Extension; Vitalis Seeds; and the VVBGA.

Pre-registration is $40 per day, per person, for VVBGA Members; $50 per day for Non-Members. Add $10 per day, per person, for walk-in registrations.

2017 VVBGA member dues for 2017 are $35 per farm ($45 if received after January 31.)

Register on-line for the annual meeting, cover crop conference, and/or pay membership dues (https://2017vvbga.eventbrite.com).

Or: print, fill out, and mail the membership and meeting registration form with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407. (http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/2017MembershipPlusMeetings.pdf)

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• Access to the VVBGA listserv, to buy/sell plants and equipment and share farming information.
• Email subscription to Vermont Vegetable and Berry News.
• Discount of $10 on the registration fee for events like the VVBGA Annual Meeting.
• Eligibility to apply for an annual research grant of up to $1,000.
• 10% discount on ag. publications from the Brattleboro UVM Extension office (supply is limited.)
• Camaraderie, enhanced communication and fellowship among commercial growers.

Questions? Contact: Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, or vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in these events, please contact Vern by January 4, 2017 so we may assist you.

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