VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, January 21, 2019
Lake Morey Resort, 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045  800-423-1211

8:00  Registration, Refreshments, Visit Trade Show
9:30  President’s Remarks. Mary Skovsted, Joe’s Brook Farm, St. Johnsbury
9:50  A Tour of Growers on their Farms, 2018. Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension
10:10  Blueberry and Raspberry Production at Sunshine Valley Berry Farm. Rob Meadows, Rochester
10:30  Powdery Mildew on Cucurbits and Tomatoes. Meg McGrath, Cornell University, Long Island
10:50  Our On-Farm Education and Event Kitchen. Gillian Files, The New Farm, Creemore, Ontario
11:10  Pros and Cons of Strawberry Varieties. Charlie Gray, Four Corners Farm, S. Newbury
11:30  1-Minute Pitches from Trade Show Exhibitors on their Products and Services
12:00  Lunch and Visit Trade Show
1:40  Business Meeting: Election of Officers, Vote on Revised By-Laws
2:00  Vegetable and Berry Disease Updates. Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Extension
2:20  Growing Leafy Greens at The New Farm. Brent Preston, Creemore, Ontario
2:50  farmOS for Nutrient Management and RAPS Compliance. Becky Maden, UVM Extension
3:10  Three Decades of Greenhouse Tomatoes at Longwind Farm. Dave Chapman, E. Thetford
3:30  A Tour of New and Upgraded Farm Pack Sheds. Hans Estrin, Andy Chamberlain, UVM Extension
3:50  Fill out evaluations, get a 2019 New England Vegetable Management Guide or Pest ID Booklet
4:00  Adjourn
VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
MULCHING AND TARPING CONFERENCE
Tuesday January 22, 2019
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8:30   Registration and refreshments.
9:00   Lessons Learned from 30 Years of Hay and Straw Mulching. Paul and Sandy Arnold, Argyle NY
9:20   Discussion.
9:30   Mulching and Soil Health. Brandon Smith, USDA-NRCS Soil Health Division
9:50   Discussion.
10:00  Crafting the Perfect Mulch on Elmer Farm. Spencer Blackwell, E. Middlebury
10:20  Discussion.
10:30  Tarps for Cover Crop Based No-Till. Natalie Lounsbury, University of New Hampshire
10:50  Discussion.
11:00  Tarps, Mulches, Reduced Tillage: Lessons from Many Trials. Brian Caldwell, Cornell University
11:20  Discussion.
11:30  On-Farm Research: Summer Tarping vs. Tilling. Gillian Files & Brent Preston, Creemore, Ontario
11:50  Discussion
12:00  Lunch.
1:00   Landscape Fabric, Weed Mat or Cover Crop Between Rows? Andrew Knafel, Shaftsbury
1:20   Discussion.
1:30   Clear Plastic Tarps for Weed Solarization. Sonja Birthsel, University of Maine
1:50   Discussion.
2:00   Used Tunnel Plastic to Solarize Small Areas of Cover Crops/Residues. Mari Omland, Northfield
2:20   Discussion
2:40   Getting Started with Tarps on our Farms. Ben Dana, Fairlee and Eric Skovsted, St. Johnsbury
3:00   Discussion.
3:20   Complete evaluations.
3:30   Adjourn
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

VVGBA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 21, 2019
and/or
TARPING AND MULCHING CONFERENCE - JANUARY 22, 2019

Sponsored by: Johnny’s Selected Seeds, Rimol Greenhouse System, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets, Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation, Vermont Compost Company, 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.

Payment for attending the meeting(s) must be made by January 18, 2019 for pre-registration rates.

If you need overnight lodging, please make your own room reservations by contacting the Lake Morey Resort at 800-423-1211. Ask for the VVBGA rate of $109/night for single or double occupancy, plus tax.

VVGBA member dues for 2019 are $45 per farm ($55 if paid after January 31.) Register on-line for the meeting(s), and/or pay membership dues, and/or donate to the VVBGA’s research and education fund.

VVGBA Member Benefits include:
• 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.
• Camaraderie, enhanced communication and fellowship among commercial growers.

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

Pesticide applicator recertification credits have been requested for these meetings in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in these events, please contact Virginia Jaquish at (802)323-2138 or e-mail vvbga@uvm.edu by December 31, 2018, so that we may assist you.

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