



## 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**



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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 Birthisel, 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

### VVBGA 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.

**VVBGA 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.

**VVBGA 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](mailto: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](mailto:vvbga@uvm.edu) by December 31, 2018, so that we may assist you.

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