VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2020
Lake Morey Resort, 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045  800-423-1211

8:00  Registration, Refreshments, Visit Trade Show
9:30  President’s Remarks. Lisa MacDougall, Mighty Food Farm
9:50  30 Years of Working with and Learning from Growers. Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension
10:10 3 Seasons of Blueberry Production and Marketing. Kevin and Sue Haynie, Sweet Seasons Farm
10:30 Taking Over an Established Fruit and Vegetable Farm. Stephen and Sarah Park, Full Belly Farm
10:50 Starting up a Diversified Farm from Scratch. Taylor Mendell, Footprint Farm
11:10 40 Years Growing and Marketing Vegetable and Flowers. Tim Taylor, Crossroad Farm
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 and Board Members
2:00 Vegetable and Berry Pests to Watch Out For in 2020. Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Extension
2:50 30 Years of CSA Farming. Dan Kaplan, Brookfield Farm, Amherst MA
3:10 A Tour of the New VVBGA Web site. Hans Estrin and Becky Maden, UVM Extension
3:30 Scaling Up from 5 to 50 Acres over 15 Years. Jon Cohen, Deep Meadow Farm
3:50 Fill out Evaluations, get a 2020 New England Small Fruit or Vegetable Management Guide
4:00 Adjourn
Sponsored by: High Mowing Seeds, Johnny’s Selected Seeds, Vermont Compost Company, University of Vermont Extension, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets, Vitalis Seeds, and the VVBGA.

Pre-registration is $40 per person, for VVBGA members; $60 per person for non-members. Add $10 per person, for late or walk-in registrations. Payment must be made by January 24, 2020 for pre-registration rates.

VVBGA member dues for 2020 are $60 per farm ($70 if paid after January 31.) Register on-line for the meeting, and/or pay membership dues, and/or donate to the VVBGA’s research and education fund.

Commercial membership in the VVBGA is $75 per company or organization, per year. Membership includes a ¼ page ad in the Annual Meeting booklet if submitted by Dec. 30. Commercial members may join here, and request an exhibitor table at the annual meeting, but space is limited.

VVBGA Member Benefits include:
• Access to the VVBGA listserv, to buy/sell plants and equipment and share farming information.
• Email subscription to the Vermont Vegetable and Berry News.
• Discount on the registration fee for the VVBGA Annual Meeting and on-farm workshops.
• 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 credit may be available for this meeting in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

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 $115/night for single or double occupancy, plus tax.

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 January 2, 2020, so that we may assist you.

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