



## 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
- 2:20 **Growing Leafy Greens Off-the-Grid in the Northeast Kingdom.** Evan Perkins, Small Axe Farm
- 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**

## VVBGA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 27, 2020

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<http://vvbga2020.eventbrite.com>

**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](mailto: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 [vzbga@uvm.edu](mailto:vvbga@uvm.edu) by January 2, 2020, so that we may assist you.

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