VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014
Capital Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier (802) 223-5252 www.capitolplaza.com

8:30  Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments

9:30  President’s Remarks
   Andy Jones, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington

9:40  Lessons and Ideas from the Field in 2013
   Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension

10:00  Production and Pest Management at Adam’s Berry Farm
   Adam Hausmann, Burlington/Charlotte

10:20  What Every Farmer Needs to Know About Labor Laws
   Kelley Connelly, U.S. Department of Labor, Hour and Wage Division

10:40  The Role of Wild Pollinators on Vermont’s Farms
   Taylor Ricketts, Gund Institute, University of Vermont

11:00  Nitrogen Availability from Different Organic Fertilizers
   Heather Darby, UVM Extension

11:20  Update from Trade Show Representatives on Products and Services

11:40  Luncheon and Trade Show

1:20  Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.

1:40  Update from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
   Chuck Ross, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture

2:00  Managing E. coli in Leafy Greens Wash Water: On Farm Research Results
   Lynn Blevins, UVM Extension

2:20  A Tour of Deep Meadow Farm
   Jon Cohen, Ascutney

2:40  Pest Updates: A Look at Potential Problems in 2014
   Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Lab

3:00  Adjourn - Trade Show
VVBGA ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION, Monday January 27, 2014

Payment must be received by January 23 at 5 pm, either on-line or by mail (see below).
The registration fee includes morning coffee break and a hot lunch buffet.

$40 VVBGA Members
$50 all others
Add $10 for walk-in registration – please pre-register by January 23!

New Farmer Coaching for farms in business less than 10 years. For information and to sign up for a free consult session at this meeting visit: http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/NewFarmerCoachingVVBGA.html

2014 VVBGA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual membership dues for calendar year 2014 are $25 per farm; $30 after January 23.
Benefits include:
• $10 discount for the Association's annual meeting registration
• Eligibility for the Association's research grants
• 10% discount on publications from UVM Extension's Vegetable and Berry publications list
• Access to the VVBGA listserv: buy/sell equipment, plants, etc. and share information
• Vermont vegetable and berry grower e-mail newsletter subscription
• Registration waiver for on-farm workshops

Register for the annual meeting and/or pay membership dues on-line, click here. (https://2014vvbga.eventbrite.com). On-line registration closes at 5 pm, January 23.

Or, print the membership form (www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/VVBGA_membership_form.pdf) and mail it with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407
If you are also registering for the annual meeting by mail please include a note saying so, with the names of all registrants and the additional payment for each: $40 per VVBGA member, $50 per non-member.

Questions? Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu. If you require accommodations to participate in this program, please me know 10 days prior to the event.

Attendance at this meeting will be worth 1 pesticide recertification credit for applicators certified in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

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