



Vermont Vegetable and Berry News – December 12, 2016
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It's time to renew your Vermont Vegetable and Berry Growers Assn. membership for 2017, and to register for the information-packed Annual Meeting and/or Cover Crop Conference next month!

All the info below is also posted on-line at:

<http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/meetings/AnnualMeeting2017.pdf>

Register for meetings and/or join the VVBGA at:

<https://2017vvbga.eventbrite.com>

VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2017

Lake Morey Resort, 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045

Sponsored by: USDA, Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency; Frazer Insurance Group; Vermont Compost Company; Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation; University of Vermont Extension; Vitalis Seeds; and the VVBGA.

- 8:00 Registration, Refreshments, Visit Trade Show.
- 9:30 President's Remarks. Christa Alexander, Jericho Settlers' Farm
- 9:45 A Tour of Growers in their Fields, 2016. Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension
- 10:00 Nutrient Management at Cedar Circle Farm. Nic Cook and Luke Joanis
- 10:15 Record Keeping and Tracking Tools. Chris Callahan, UVM Extension
- 10:30 Strawberry Production at Joe's Brook Farm. Eric Skovsted
- 10:45 Pollinators in Vermont Blueberries. Taylor Ricketts, UVM Gund Institute
- 11:00 'Three-Season' Tunnels at Lewis Creek Farm. Hank Bissell
- 11:15 The Vermont Produce Safety Continuum: Where Does Your Farm Fit?
Hans Estrin, UVM Extension; Kristina Sweet, Vermont Agency of Agriculture
- 11:35 1-Minute Pitches from Trade Show Folks on their Products and Services.

- 12:00 Luncheon and Visit Trade Show.
- 1:30 Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.
- 1:45 Reflections on My 42 Years of Farming. Jake Guest, Killdeer Farm
- 2:00 Swede Midge Management at Intervale Community Farm. Andy Jones
- 2:15 Alternatives to Insecticides for Swede Midge Management. Yolanda Chen, UVM
- 2:30 Powdery Mildew Biocontrol Research. Abha Gupta, UVM Extension
- 2:45 Pest Problems to Watch for in 2017. Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic
- 3:00 Release of Nitrogen from Organic Fertilizers. Heather Darby, UVM Extension
- 3:15 The Illula Orphan Program's Farm in Tanzania. Ginger Nickerson, Agro-Ecologist
- 3:30 Adjourn.

VVBGA COVER CROP CONFERENCE

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Lake Morey Resort, 1 Clubhouse Road, Fairlee, VT 05045

(800) 423-1211 or info@lakemoreyresort.com

- 8:00 Registration and refreshments.
- 9:00 Seeding Mixes for Late Fall Plantings of Cover Crops. Kirsten Workman, UVM Extension
- 9:20 Five-way Mixes of Cover Crops for August Plantings. Justin Rich, Burnt Rock Farm
- 9:40 Discussion.
- 10:00 Sun Hemp as a Cover Crop at Roxbury Farm. Jody Bolluyt
- 10:20 Forage Radish as a Cover Crop. Becky Sideman, UNH Extension
- 10:40 Discussion.
- 11:00 Growing Mustard as a Bio-fumigant. Katie Campbell-Nelson, UMass Extension
- 11:20 Using Different Grass Covers Between Rows. Lisa McDougall, Mighty Food Farm
- 11:40 Discussion.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 Hairy Vetch: Growing it and Saving Seed at River Berry Farm. David Marchant
- 1:20 Soil Nitrate Levels after Legume Cover Crops. Becky Maden, UVM Extension
- 1:40 Discussion.
- 2:00 Baling and Chopping Cover Crops for Strawberry Mulch. Jon Satz, Woods' Mkt. Garden
- 2:20 Baling and Chopping Cover Crops for Vegetable Mulch. Pete Johnson, Pete's Greens
- 2:40 Discussion.
- 3:00 Cover Cropping Through the Years at Edgewater Farm. Pooh Sprague
- 3:20 Estimating Costs and Returns from Cover Crops. Richard Wiswall, Cate Farm
- 3:40 Discussion.
- 4:00 Adjourn.

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. Pre-registration ends Jan. 20th.

2017 VVBGA member dues for 2017 are \$35 per farm (\$45 if received after January 31.)

Register and/or join on-line at <https://2017vvbga.eventbrite.com>

Or: print, fill out, and mail the membership and meeting registration form with your check to: VVBGA, PO Box 2091, South Burlington, VT 05407.

<http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/VV&BGA/2017MembershipPlusMeetings.pdf>

Lodging is \$95 per room at the Lake Morey Resort; please make your own arrangements.

Attendance at either of these events will be worth pesticide re-certification credit for applicators certified in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

Questions? Contact: Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, or vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in these events, please contact Vern by January 4, 2017 so we may assist you.

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