



Women's Agricultural Network

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Growing Places Registration: Fall 2009-Winter 2010

Growing Places is designed for individuals:

- who are considering starting an agriculture or natural resource based business, but
- who aren't sure where to start.

Growing Places is designed to help participants:

- develop a comprehensive goal statement which will help in the business planning process;
- explore and evaluate opportunities and resources;
- become familiar with state and federal agriculture programs.

Whether in-person or on-line, the Growing Places curriculum is the same, and is open to everyone. The on-line class is designed to help serve people for whom travel time, family and work commitments make participation in an in-person class difficult, and to serve individuals from a broader geographical area. People with slower Internet connections, or who are less comfortable with written communication, may prefer the classroom setting.

To register, fill it out this form and return it to WAgN with your registration fee by the deadline listed below. The more specific your answers are, the more we will be able to meet your individual needs. Save by registering early! **Registration deadlines and fees are as follows:**

Session	Time	Class Days	Early Bird Deadline (Postmarked)	Early Bird Fee	Registration Deadline	Fee
St. Johnsbury	9:30 am - 3:00 pm Fridays	Sept. 25, Oct. 2 & Oct. 9	Sept. 4	\$100	Postmarked by Sept. 16	\$135
Burlington	5:30-8:30 pm Thursdays	Oct. 15, 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 12, & 19	Sept. 19	\$100	Postmarked by October 5	\$135
Fall 2009 On-Line	Flexible	Starts Nov. 16; ends Dec. 21	Oct. 17	\$100	Postmarked by Nov. 2	\$135
Winter 2010 On-Line	Flexible	Starts Jan. 11; Ends Feb. 22	Dec. 15	\$100	Postmarked by Dec. 31	\$135

Make check or money order payable to WAgN/UVM Extension and mail to:

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You will receive confirmation of your registration along with some pre-class information.

Individuals requiring special accommodations or financial assistance to participate in this program should contact the Women's Agricultural Network office at (802) 223-2389 x 15, or (toll-free) 1-866-860-1382, x15.

Questions? Call Beth Holtzman at 802-223-2389 x15 or email wagn@uvm.edu

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1. Today's date: ___/___/___ 2. Date of birth: ___/___/___
3. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
4. Mailing Address: _____
5. County of Residence: _____
6. Phone Number(s): _____ (day) _____ (evening)
7. E-mail: _____

8. Please indicate the session you wish to register for:

- ___ Burlington, VT, 5:30-8:30 pm, six consecutive Thursday evenings starting October 15;
 ___ Fall 2009 ONLINE session, starting Nov. 16 (ending Dec. 21)
 ___ Winter 2010 ONLINE session, starting Jan. 11 (ending Feb. 22)

9. I am: ___Female ___Male

10. I am (check all that apply):

- ___ African American ___ Native American ___ Asian ___ Hispanic
 ___ Alaskan Native ___ Pacific Islander ___ Other _____

11. Please check one of the following:

- (a) ___ I have started an agriculture-related business already
- (b) ___ I have an idea for an agriculture-related business.
 Please describe _____
- c) ___ I want to start a business dealing with _____ but I don't have a specific idea yet.

Fill in number 12-14 only if you have started an ag-related business:

12. Business Name: _____

13. Business Address: _____

14. Business Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

15. I have business experience: ___yes ___no If yes, please explain:

16 If you have business knowledge or training, land, available savings, favorable loan status with a lender, and/or one or more advisor/mentor(s), you have valuable resources. Please describe your available resources:

17. What is/are the greatest barrier(s) you face in starting or maintaining your business? (These barriers could be loans and lenders; being outside information loops for programs or assistance; lack of information regarding ag policy and policy-making; or any number of other obstacles in your way) Please think carefully about the barriers in your own situation and comment briefly.

18. How did you hear about Growing Places? Please be as specific as possible.



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