



## VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

[Capital Plaza](#), Montpelier, Vermont. 800-274-5252

- 8:00 **Registration**, Refreshments, Visit Trade Show
- 9:30 **President's Remarks**. Lisa MacDougall, [Mighty Food Farm](#), Shaftsbury
- 9:50 **Reflections on Our "Industry."** Vern Grubinger, [Vegetable & Berry Specialist](#), UVM Extension
- 10:10 **Vegetable and Berry Pest Updates**. Ann Hazelrigg, [Plant Diagnostic Clinic](#), UVM Extension
- 10:30 **Pollinators on Produce Farms**. Laura Johnson, [Pollinator Support Specialist](#), UVM Extension
- 10:50 **Developing Our On-Farm Market**. Jane MacLean, [Sweet Roots Farm](#), Charlotte
- 11:10 **Stress Management for Farmers**. Alicia Jenks, Green Dragon Farm & Leanne Porter, [Farm First](#)
- 11:30 **1-Minute Introductions - Trade Show Exhibitors** summarize their products and services
- 12:00 **Hot Lunch Buffet** and Visit Trade Show
- 1:40 **Business Meeting**: Election of directors and officers, budget review, suggestions from members
- 2:00 **New Product Development and Marketing**. Kyle Doda, [1000 Stone Farm](#), Brookfield
- 2:20 **Creating a Healthy Workplace**. Missy Bahrett & Casey Steinberg, [Old Friends Farm](#), Amherst MA
- 2:50 **Monitoring and Managing Irrigation Water**. Becky Maden and Joshua Faulkner, UVM Extension  
and Rachel Schattman, University of Maine
- 3:10 **Starting Our Urban Vegetable Farm**. Abdoulaye Niane & Marja Makinen, [Khelcom Farm](#), Berlin
- 3:30 **Four Decades of Diversified Farming**. Gail MacArthur. [Whetstone Ledges Farm](#), Marlboro
- 3:50 **Fill out an evaluation form**, get a free publication in exchange
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION - VVBGA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 24, 2023

*Sponsors: Johnny's Selected Seeds, the Real Organic Project, Reliable Labor Services, Rimol Greenhouse System, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets, Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation, Vermont Compost Company, University of Vermont Extension, Vitalis Seeds. Thanks!*

Go to <https://vvbga.org/user/register> to login to your VVBGA account or to create an account. Renew your membership and then pre-register for the Annual Meeting. The fee is \$50 per day, per person, for VVBGA members. The non-member fee is \$60 per day, please contact [vvbga@uvm.edu](mailto:vvbga@uvm.edu) to pre-register as a non-member. **Pre-registration closes on January 20, 2023.** Add \$10 per day, per person, for walk-in registrations. All registrations include morning coffee with snacks and a hot buffet lunch.

**If you need overnight lodging**, please make your own room reservations by contacting the Capital Plaza or other nearby lodging options.

**Parking is tight in Montpelier.** Please arrive early because hotel parking is limited, if necessary here is information about [public parking lots](#).

**VVBGA member dues for 2023** are \$70 per farm (\$80 if paid after January 31.) Go to [vvbga.org](http://vvbga.org) to pay membership dues, register for the annual meeting, sign up for CAPS produce safety program, and/or donate to the VVBGA's research and education fund.

**Commercial membership in the VVBGA** is \$80 per company or organization, per year. Membership includes a ¼ page ad in the Annual Meeting booklet if submitted by Dec. 22. Commercial members may [register](#) on-line for meetings, 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 Vermont Vegetable and Berry News.
- Discount of \$10 on the registration fee for events like the VVBGA Annual Meeting.
- Camaraderie, enhanced communication and fellowship among commercial growers.

**One pesticide applicator recertification** credit will be available in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

**To request a disability-related accommodation** to participate in these events, please contact Virginia Jaquish at [vvbga@uvm.edu](mailto:vvbga@uvm.edu) by January 3, 2023, so that we may assist you.

**Questions?** Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, or [vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu](mailto:vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu).

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**VVBGA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS**

(Also listed on the VVBGA [commercial member directory](#))

American Farmland Trust  
Applied Agricultural Technologies, LLC. / Monosem Inc.  
AutoBeGreen  
Bejo Seeds  
Brookdale Fruit Farm  
Community Accreditation for Produce Safety (CAPS)  
Farm First  
Frazer Insurance Agency  
Johnny's Selected Seeds  
Harris Seeds  
High Mowing Seeds  
NOFA Vermont  
OESCO, Inc.  
Real Organic Project  
Reliable Labor Services  
Rimol Greenhouse Systems  
Rural Vermont  
Salvation Farms  
Smart Farm Innovations  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Vermont  
UVM Extension Agricultural Engineering  
Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets  
Vermont Compost Company  
Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA)  
Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association (VNLA)  
Vitalis Organic Seeds