

Vermont Vegetable and Berry Grower News

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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**

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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** for pre-registration rates.

VVBGA member dues for 2020 are \$60 per farm (\$70 if paid after January 31.) [Click here to 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 pay dues, and request an exhibitor table at the annual meeting (a few spaces are left) by [clicking here](#).

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 on the registration fee for the VVBGA Annual Meeting and [on-farm workshops](#).
- Camaraderie, enhanced communication and fellowship among commercial growers.

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.

Questions? Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, or vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

Pesticide applicator credit will be available for this meeting in categories 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in these events, please contact Virginia Jaquish at (802)323-2138 or e-mail yvbg@uvm.edu by January 2, 2020, so that we may assist you.

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