

# Organic Methods: Orchard Tour & Discussion

**July 31, 2008**  
3:30 – 5:30 pm

**Pietree Orchard**  
803 Waterford Road  
Sweden, Maine



Pietree Orchard is a transitional organic orchard

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**Come join us to discuss the challenges and opportunities of organic apple production and visit an orchard in transition !**

Orchardist **Scott Miller** will give a history of the orchard and describe the transition of the orchard to organic production followed by a tour of the orchard.

**Dr. Renae Moran** from the University of Maine and **Dr. Lorraine Berkett** from the University of Vermont will present horticultural practices, insect & disease management in organic orchards, and insights gained from the OrganicA Project.

We will have an open discussion throughout the tour among participants -- learning from each other's experiences and insights.

### ***Brief Description of Pietree Orchard***

*The orchard was planted by Tom McSherry about 73 years ago. McIntosh and Cortland are the primary varieties with small amounts of other varieties. Wholesale was the primary market in the beginning, and was augmented by pick your own (one of the first in the area) and a farm stand on Rt 16 in Conway, New Hampshire. John sold the orchard last November to owners who are determined to see it remain farmland. Approximately half the orchard is being transitioned to organic.*

**Please come prepared for the weather conditions of the day. See you there !**

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## **Directions to Pietree Orchard:**

### **From St. Johnsbury, VT**

1. Take I-93 South to exit 40 for Route 302 east
2. Follow Route 302 through North Conway NH
3. In Fryeburg ME bear left onto Lovell Rd/ Route 5
4. In Lovell Turn right on rt 93/Lovell Road (there is a garage with old tractors and farm equipment on the right just before the turn).
5. Go straight onto Waterford Road where 93 makes a right hand turn towards Bridgton at the four corners just past the Sweden fire barn (on the left).
6. The orchard is on both sides of the road at the top of a steep hill.

### **From Lebanon, NH**

1. Take I-89 S to exit 17 (NH) for Route 4 east
2. In Danbury turn onto Ragged Mountain Hwy/Route 104
3. Follow RT-104 towards Merideth NH
4. Merge a slight left onto US-3
5. Turn a slight right onto RT-25
6. Follow Route 25 to Tamworth NH
7. Turn left at Old Route 25/Route 113/Whittier Rd
8. Turn left at Route 113/Tamworth Rd
9. Follow Route 113 through Conway NH to Route 302 east
10. In Fryeburg ME bear left onto Lovell Rd/ Route 5
11. In Lovell Turn right on Rt 93/Lovell Road (there is a garage with old tractors and farm equipment on the right just before the turn).
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### **From Concord, NH**

1. Take I-93 N to exit 23 for Route 104 east
2. continue using directions above from Lebanon, NH, step 3

### **From I-95 N (Portland area)**

1. Take exit 48
2. Turn right onto Riverside St
3. Turn left onto Route 302/Forest Ave/10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Hwy
4. Follow Route 302 through Bridgton ME
5. Turn slight right at ME-93 W/Sweden Rd
6. Turn right onto Waterford Rd
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*Questions ? Please contact Scott Miller at 207-415-9025*