



Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers

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Winter Hort, Cherry Day industry meetings arrive

Two popular agricultural industry meetings, the Hood River Hort Meeting and The Dalles Cherry Days, return with full programs the first week of February.

The 2020 Winter Hort Meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Best Western Hood River Inn, continuing until 3 p.m.

The following day, the 2020 Cherry Day will be presented at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, with an 8 a.m. start Wednesday, Feb. 5, and a 2:45 p.m. conclusion.

Both events are organized by Ashley Thompson, OSU Extension Faculty for Wasco and Hood River counties. Agendas are included inside this newsletter and at cgfg.org.

An Oregon Department of Agriculture Produce Safety Update will be presented both days. Mid-Columbia Agricultural Research and Extension Center's new entomologist Chris Adams will be introduced at the two meetings, too.

The Winter Hort Meeting will feature morning segments from Pear Bureau Northwest and CGFG Marketing Committee regarding pear ripening and promotion efforts. The afternoon includes reviews of pear psylla and brown marmorated stink bug research.

Cherry research focusing on X Disease will garner most attention at the Cherry Day's morning sessions, with a cherry variety review scheduled in the afternoon.

Pear survey seeks grower input

The Fresh and Processed Pear Committees' Pear Research Committee is seeking feedback from pear industry stakeholders regarding the opportunity to support a new pear scion breeding program.

The proposed program would focus on developing new varieties designed specifically for Pacific Northwest conditions and potentially introduce cultivars that are better adapted to heat stress, more resistant to disease and insect pressure, and that feature improved storability and ripening traits that could ultimately deliver a superior eating experience to the consumer.

Pear producers are encouraged to take a short online survey to express their thoughts regarding potential support for a scion breeding program. This survey may be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/GBtwAzK6wLayKkfA7>.

First Aid/CPR classes begin in February

Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers is scheduling Spanish and English First Aid/CPR classes, which will begin in February.

Wy'east Fire District staff will continue to offer the training to CGFG members for a \$50 fee. Certification cards will be available for those successfully completing the day-long class, but attendee sponsors (orchard operators) must provide a valid email address to download cards.

First Aid/CPR training dates will be announced to members by email – be sure to email cgfg2@hrecn.net to be placed on the email announcement list.

CGFG also will coordinate Global Gap orchard orientation training classes. Email cgfg2@hrecn.net if interested.

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2020 WINTER HORT MEETING



February 4, 2020
Hood River Inn Best Western
Columbia Room



8:00 AM- 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Ashley Thompson
8:15 AM- 9:00 AM	ODA Produce Safety Update	Susanna Pearlstein
9:00 AM- 9:45 AM	Pear Bureau Marketing and Promotion	Kathy Stephenson
9:45AM- 10:00 AM	Soil Water Conservation District Updates	Kris Schaedel
10:00 AM- 10:30 AM	50 Years of WTFRC	Bob Gix
10:30AM- 11:00 AM	Anjou Ripening	Mike Parrish Kevin Moffitt
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Ripening Q & A + Taste Test	Mike Parrish Kevin Moffitt Bob Gix
11:30 AM- 12:00 PM	CGFG Grower Panel	Mike Doke
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM- 1:45 PM	Pear Psylla	Louis Nottingham
1:45 PM- 2:00 PM	BMSB in Oregon Pears (near and far)	Rick Hilton
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM	BMSB	Nik Wiman
2:30-3:00 PM	New MCAREC Entomologist	Chris Adams



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2020 CHERRY DAY

February 5, 2020

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center

8:00 AM- 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Ashley Thompson
8:15 AM- 9:00 AM	An Overview of X Disease and Mid-Columbia Results	Jay Pscheidt
9:00 AM- 9:45 AM	X Disease: A Grower's Perspective	
9:45 AM- 10:30 AM	G.S. Long X Disease talk	Garrett Bishop
10:30 AM- 11:15 AM	Vicious Viruses and Freaky Phytoplasmas in Your Orchard	Ashley Thompson
11:15 AM- 11:30 AM	TAP Funds	Lissa Biehn
11:30 AM- 11:45 AM	NRCS/SWCD Funds	Garrett Duyck
11:45 AM- 12:00 PM	CGFG	Mike Doke
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM- 1:30 PM	New MCAREC Entomologist	Chris Adams
1:30 PM- 2:15 PM	Cherry Varieties	Lynn Long
2:15 PM- 2:45 PM	ODA Produce Safety Updates	Susanna Pearlstein

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If you'd like to schedule a time to review your current situation or if you would like to be introduced to Shalisa, please contact us today.



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