

Peerbolt Crop Management News & Opinions

Seasonal updates sent out weekly during the growing season, and sporadically when we have news & opinions to share during the off-season. ~ *Tom & Anna Peerbolt*

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These are the major small fruit meetings/conferences happening this season. I'll send out an update as I get solid dates for things happening in 2002. If you are interested in attending any of these and want more information, give me a call.

Schedule of Winter Meetings

- Nov 27 **Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research Doubletree Hotel, Boise, Idaho**
The Center is a three-state effort (Washington, Idaho and Oregon) and funds a lot of research. This year they again funded our leafroller control project and we're hoping they also fund one on weevil control for next year. I'll be reporting on the leafroller work.
- Dec 3-6 **Western Washington Small Fruit Workshop and Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting** ~ Lynden, Washington
Reports covering a lot of the present research on small fruits going on in the Northwest. This year offering eight recertification credits. The Washington Red Raspberry Commission is also going to be having their annual meeting right after this workshop along with a dinner for growers. It's a once a year opportunity to pick up some credits, visit with the northern area growers and hear what's going on with the commission.
- Dec 4 **Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting** ~ North Willamette Station, Aurora, OR
- Dec 5 **Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting** ~ North Willamette Station, Aurora, OR
- Jan 8-10 **Western Washington Horticultural Association Conference** ~ Seatac Marriott, Seattle
They're combining with the Washington State Farmers Market Association this year. The 9th and 10th will have the berry seminars and are concentrating on alternative small fruit crops. You can see their agenda and register online at <http://www.wwha.wsu.edu>
- Jan 17 **North Willamette Horticultural Society meeting (berry day)** ~ Airport Ramada Inn, Portland
This meeting is local and usually has some very good seminars.
- End of Jan **Northwest Agriculture Show** ~ Portland Expo Center
Giant trade show. Lots of equipment and information.
- Jan 28-30 **Oregon Horticultural Society meeting** ~ Doubletree Hotel at Columbia River, Portland.
This meeting is in conjunction with the Ag Show at the Expo Center. The **Oregon Strawberry and Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commissions** will be holding joint research progress report sessions on January 30th at this meeting.
- Mid Feb **Lower Mainland Horticultural meetings** ~ Abbotsford, B.C.
This always seems to be a good show. Good time to get an idea of what's going on in Northern Washington and Canada.
- Mid March **Extension Workshop for Berry Growers** ~ Vancouver campus of WSU
A full day of grower information organized by the WSU Vancouver Research and Extension Unit.

To my contract clients: I will be getting together with each of you sometime this winter to review this past season and do some planning for the coming season.

To all my clients: Thanks for working with me.