

Disseminating information for the Washington Red Raspberry Commission, Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission, Oregon Strawberry Commission

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These are some of the small fruit meetings/conferences happening over the next few months. If you've got others that I've not mentioned, let me know for the next update.

## **Schedule of Winter Meetings**

Nov 12-13 — Enhancing Microbial Safety of Fresh and Processed Berries at the Food Innovation Center in Portland, OR

A two-day short course being put on by the OSU Dept. of Food Science and Technology. For information call 1-800-823-2357

Dec 4 — <u>Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research Annual Conference</u> at the Red Lion Hotel Columbia Center Kennewick, WA.

The Center is a three-state effort (Washington, Idaho and Oregon) and funds a lot of research. Call 541-758-4043 or email berries@oregon-berries.com for details.

**Dec 8-10 — Western Washington Small Fruit Workshop** and **Washington Red Raspberry Commission Meeting** in Lynden, WA.

The Washington Red Raspberry Commission is also going to be having their annual meeting. For details call the Commission at 360-354-8767.

**Dec 11** — <u>Oregon Strawberry Commission meeting at Mt. Angel Brewery, Mt. Angel, OR.</u> at 11:30Call 541-758-4043 or e-mail for information.

**Dec 16** — <u>Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission meeting</u> at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, OR. at 1 pm Call 541-758-4043 or e-mail for information.

**Jan 5 — Washington Blueberry Commission meeting** Tacoma Room, WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Station

at 10 AM Call Dorothy Anderson at 360-766-6150 for more information.

**Jan 7-9** — Western Washington Horticultural Association and Northwest Bulb Growers Association Convention and Trade Show ~Radisson Hotel at Seatac, WA.

Some small fruit sessions in addition to Information on bulbs, vegetables, potatoes and labor/trade issues. You can see their agenda and register online at <a href="http://www.wwha.wsu.edu">http://www.wwha.wsu.edu</a>.

Jan 15 — North Willamette Horticultural Society meeting (berry day) ~ Airport Ramada Inn, Portland, OR. This meeting is well attended by Oregon and Southwest Washington growers and has some very good updates for the upcoming season. Vegetable day is the day before (Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>). Contact the North Willamette Station for more information 503-678-1264.

Jan 28-30 — Northwest Agriculture Show ~ Portland Expo Center

Giant trade show. Lots of agricultural equipment and information.

Jan 28-30 — <u>Oregon Horticultural Society meeting</u> at the Red Lion Columbia River Hotel, Portland, OR. This meeting is in conjunction with the Ag Show at the Expo Center. The <u>Oregon Strawberry</u> and <u>Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commissions</u> will be holding joint research progress report sessions and their annual meetings (Lunch on 1/28/03). Blueberry research/information sessions will also be held.

Feb 19-21 — Lower Mainland Horticultural meetings ~ Abbottsford, B.C.

Good time to get an idea of what's going on in Washington and Canada.

Mid March — Extension Workshop for Berry Growers ~ Vancouver, WA campus of WSU

This has been a well run and well attended meeting since its inception five years ago. It hasn't been finalized

for this coming year due primarily to the reduced personnel and resources available to the WSU Research and Extension Station in Vancouver. Hopefully it will continue. Call 360-576-6030 for Information.
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