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Summer 2017 Newsletter



New Raspberry Cultivars Preview

The Raspberry machine harvesting field day will be at Maberry Packing's Willey's Lake field, 7553 Torch Place, Ferndale on **July 19th from 3:00-5:00 pm**. We will harvest the 2014 planting at Maberry Packing and the 2015 planting at Randy Hocoop's planting earlier in the day and have flats of fruit of selections for evaluation. Fruit from the most promising selections from the Willey's Lake and Randy Honcoop's plantings will be displayed. The fruit samples will include Cascade Harvest and selections currently in grower trials - WSU 1980, WSU 2122, WSU 2166 and WSU 2188.

Fruit from the WSU program, the Oregon USDA program and the BC program will displayed.

I encourage growers and processors to attend the field day. Your input is essential in deciding which selections best meet your needs and have commercial potential.

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National Processed Raspberry Council Meets in Lynden

The National Processed Raspberry Council (NPRC) met in Lynden mid-May to review proposed research and marketing plans. NPRC also organized a Social Event held at Lynden's Jansen Art Center where growers, processors, and NPRC contractors were able to enjoy an evening together and learn more about the shared vision of promoting high quality frozen raspberries. This is becoming an enjoyable annual event for raspberry growers. Make sure you plan to attend in 2018!

NPRC plans a Fall Board meeting in Lynden in late November. For more information on the Council and its resources, visit www.redrazz.org.

Calendar

Contact the WRRRC office for information on each of these upcoming educational opportunities

June 28 - OR Caneberry Field Day - 1-5 p.m.- *North Willamette Research and Extension*

July 13 - WSU Mt Vernon Field Day - 3-6 pm - *Mt Vernon*

July 14-15 - NW Red Raspberry Festival - *Lynden*

July 19 - Machine Harvest Field Day - 3-5 pm -*Maberry Packing Farm,*
Willeys Lake Rd.

July 20 - BC Caneberry Field Day - 1-3 pm - *Clearbrook Station, Abbotsford*

July 31 - Soilborne disease management field day - 2 pm – *Lynden, site TBD*

September 6 - WRRRC Board Meeting - 1-5 pm - *Lynden*

October 25 - WRRRC Board Meeting - 1-5 pm - *Lynden*

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1 - WSU Small Fruit Workshop, Lynden Ag Show,
WRRRC Bd. Mtg. *Lynden*



Reports Due

Links to the Grower and Processor Report Forms are included with this newsletter. Please return your completed form prior to the due date to insure you are properly credited for your assessment dollars. We are not planning to mail forms as we have in the past although we will send copies to those without email addresses. Grower reports are due September 30th and First handler reports by October 15th. E-forms are available at

<https://www.red-raspberry.org/the-commission>

December Berry Meetings

Plans are underway for the seventh annual Lynden Ag Show and NW Berry Conference to be held November 29 - December 1 in Lynden. We are planning to

begin the conference on Wednesday again this year to allow more time to incorporate the WRRRC and WBC Annual Meetings and to present more opportunity for growers to access multiple workshops. Learn more about the Conference and Trade Show at <http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/edu/sfc/>

Exhibitors are encouraged to contact WRRRC, the WA Blueberry Commission, or the organizational team via the website. Vendors may want to be sure your email filter allows contact from:

<https://www.regonline.com/sfclas2017>.

Nominations for WRRRC Board Recruited

Nominations for upcoming board positions will be received by the WA Dept. of Agriculture via phone in early September. They will be contacting growers throughout western WA asking you to be thinking about who you want to represent you. Jon Cotton (District #2) and Jessy Ghuman (District #1) are completing their terms and are eligible to be re-nominated.

There is also an open at - large position that could be filled by a grower from anywhere in western Washington. We encourage you to be part of the nominating process so that you can keep your Raspberry Board responsive to your top priorities. The WRRRC will also be considering appointments for our 2 Advisory positions. These are one year appointments currently filled by Steve Midboe and Joan Yoder.

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