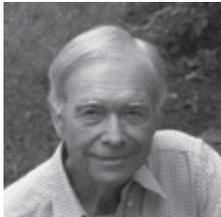


TILTH PRODUCERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Port Townsend, November 9-11, 2012

Here's a sneak peek at this year's conference, *Growing Forward: Holistic Management for Organic Farms*. This is Washington's largest gathering of the organic and sustainable agriculture industry, with more than 600 growers, businesses, researchers, students, and advocates attending. Twenty-five workshops will be offered by organic and sustainable farmers, researchers, and agency educators. We hope you will plan on joining us this fall in Port Townsend.



Keynote speaker Allan Savory, president and co-founder of the Savory Institute, will share his Holistic Management philosophy. Holistic Management is a decision-making framework that results in ecologically regenerative, economically viable, and socially sound management

of the world's agricultural lands and grasslands. For more information, visit <http://www.savoryinstitute.com>.

WSU will host a full day symposium on Friday - *Seeding the Future: Ensuring Resiliency in our Plant Genetic Resources*. Speakers include Carol Miles, Anne Schwartz, Laura Lewis, Rebecca McGee, Lisa Weasel, Michael Neff, Brian Love, Brian Campbell, and Frank Morton.

There's a **beginning farmer series** with Farming Land You Don't Own, Fertility Testing, Start Up Record Keeping, CSA Start Up, and Marketing. **Farm business topics** feature WSDA on Organic Systems Plans, GAPs and Good Handling Practices; Town & Country Market's Joe Pulicchio on Optimizing Marketing Relationships; Holistic Management of Small Farms with Alan Savory; and setting up a farm intern program.

Hands-on workshops include a Friday afternoon session on Small Engine Repair with Albert Roberts and Grant Gibbs, Charcuterie with Brandon Sheard, and Seed Saving with Caitlin Moore. Conference goers can learn about **current research on weeds, diseases, and soils** from WSU Research and Extension speakers Doug Collins, Ian Burke, Chris Benedict, Debra Inglis, Craig Cogger, and Todd Murray.

We have a **great line up of experienced farmers** including Terry Carkner, John Gunning, Jesse Hopkins, Colin Barricklow, Genine Bradwin, Andrew Dykstra, Roger Short, Eric Zakarison, George and Eiko Vojkovitch, Cheryl Ouelette, Melissa Barker, Alex Winstead, and Brad Jaeckel. Social events will include a square dance with The Tallboys, an organic wine tasting, films, and an intergenerational mixer.

“Last year I sent one of my staff members to the conference because I felt like it would be a good investment to make for the farm. He came back smarter - it was great.”

John Steward, Maple Rock Farm, Eastsound, WA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRADE SHOW OPPORTUNITY

The three day Tilth Producers Conference Trade Show is an excellent opportunity to promote your business or organization. To learn more, visit the Tilth Producers website or contact us at 206-632-7506 or nancy@tilthproducers.org.

TILTH PRODUCERS NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

Tilth Producers launched an interactive website featuring new services for members. We hope you'll take a look around at www.tilthproducers.org.

SEARCHABLE DIRECTORY

Users can login to their private dashboard and list internships, post classifieds, and add a detailed Directory listing. Our searchable directory listing allows members to display dozens of crops and farm products, promote agri-tourism, add a farm photo, connect to Google maps, list markets, and a description of the business. Farms, resource organizations, and businesses are invited to list and describe their work. **Members are not automatically listed – please sign up today.** The more members in the director, the more useful to consumers and others!

READ, LISTEN, AND LEARN

The new online library includes conference keynote addresses, farm walk booklets, and —just for members— a large repository of past journal articles and conference workshop audio recordings.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you are a current member and have not received your username/password please contact us at: organic@tilthproducers.org or call 206-632-7506.

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New interactive Tilth Producers website includes a user profile with secure login.