

# ***You are invited to join us!***

## **Montana Berry Growers Association 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Educational Conference and Meeting**

**April 17-18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Bozeman, MT**

Join the Montana Berry Growers Association, Montana Agricultural Experiment Stations, and MSU Extension for a two day conference filled with information about the emerging markets and opportunities for berries in Montana.



### **Speakers include:**

- Dr. Bob Bors, University of Saskatchewan, breeder/ developer of several commercial cultivars of berries and dark fruits.
- Bernis Ingvaldson, HoneyBerry USA, nursery and producer of berry varieties in Minnesota.
- Dr. Kathy Wiederholt and Kyla Splichal, NDSU Agricultural Experiment Stations.
- Dr. Zach Miller, Dr. Rachel Leisso, Dr. Wan-Yaun Kuo, and Dr. Mac Burgess, Montana State University.

Full agenda attached

### **Conference Specifics:**

- Conference registration fee of \$75 per person for the two day conference. Lunches included.
- Conference will be held at the Bozeman Holiday Inn. 5 East Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
- A block of hotel rooms is on reserve for conference attendees under "Montana Berry." Conference rate: \$113 per night + tax. (March 16 reservation deadline).
- Opportunity to join the Montana Berry Growers Association at a reduced membership rate of \$50.

**[CLICK HERE](#) for online registration page**

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# Agenda: Montana Berry Growers Association 2020

April 17-18, 2020, Holiday Inn: 5 East Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT

## Friday April 17, 2020

8:00-9:00AM	Registration and check-in, coffee and breakfast snacks
9:00-9:30AM	Welcome, introductions, and agenda review from MBGA Executive team
9:30-10:45AM	Dr. Bob Bors, University of Saskatchewan: Growing Haskaps: soils, planting, training for mechanical harvest, pollination and pest issues
10:45- 11:00AM	Break
11:00-12:00PM	Bernis Ingvaldson, Honeyberry USA: Varieties of cold hardy berries and important traits for commercial production
12:00- 1:00PM	Buffet lunch provided
1:00- 2:00PM	Kathy Wiederholt and Kyla Splichal, NDSU: update on NDSU dark fruit research and trials
2:00-2:15PM	Break
2:15- 3:00PM	Dr. Rachel Leisso and Dr. Wan-Yuan Kuo, MSU: Research into storage for fresh markets and consumer acceptance and sensory market tests.
3:00-4:00PM	Dr. Bob Bors: Harvesting Haskaps: harvesters, primary processing, shelf life.
4:00-4:15PM	Break
4:15-5:00PM	Dr. Zach Miller, MSU: Weed, birds, and sawfly management
5:00-6:00PM	Montana Berry Growers Association Social and Happy Hour- at Holiday Inn Conference Center

## Saturday April 18, 2020

8:00-8:30AM	Coffee and breakfast snacks
8:30-9:30AM	Bernis Ingvaldson: Lessons learned from operating a nursery and u-pick/ commercial orchard
9:30-10:15AM	Dr. Bob Bors: Worldwide perspectives on Haskap production
10:15-10:30AM	Break
10:30-12:00PM	Dave Renn, Community Food Agriculture Coalition: Identifying your markets and market research. Followed by panel discussion of processors, potential markets and opportunities
12:00-1:00PM	Buffet lunch provided
1:00-2:30PM	Montana Berry Growers Association annual meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Board of Directors</li> <li>• Discussion of priorities for future work and development of the MBGA</li> </ul>
3:00-4:30PM	Optional tour of the MSU Campus Horticultural Farm, with Dr. Mac Burgess

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