The 26th Annual Viticulture Field Day & Steak Cookout

July 29, 2015

at

The MSU Southwest Michigan Research & Extension Center

1791 Hillandale Road

Benton Harbor, Michigan

Co-Sponsored by the Michigan Grape Society and Michigan State University Extension

Dear Grower,

The Michigan grape industry has been devastated by two years of winter injury to vines. This year’s 26th Annual Viticulture Field Day will feature several workshops that relate to the task of rebuilding our damaged vineyards. There will also be presentations related to “normal” vineyard management such as weed control, disease management, irrigation of new vineyards and canopy management. Demonstrations of vineyard equipment will also have a focus on winter injury. The wine showcase and steak cookout will round out the day. Register early for this full day of Viticulture and time to chat with your grape growing neighbors.

9:00 a.m.  Trade Show Opens

10:00-12:00  Morning Vineyard Workshops

Workshop #1  Inter-planting for changing grape varieties in a vineyard — Brad Baughman, Jenny Wells and Tom Zabadal

Workshop #2  Irrigation of new vineyards — Chris Lattak

Workshop #3  Fungicidal resistance in grape diseases — Where we are and what to do — Annemiek Schilder

Workshop #4  Vine canopy management, fruit quality and harvest decisions — Paolo Sabbatini

Workshop #5  Performance update on the Model Concord vineyard — Tom Zabadal, Jenny Wells, Dave Francis and Gaylord Brunke

12:00 noon  Complimentary Lunch

1:15 p.m.  Equipment Demonstrations

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  Afternoon Vineyard Workshops

Workshop #6  Mechanical methods to protect grapevines from winter injury — Mike de Schaaf, Dave Francis, Erik Hurtado and Tom Zabadal

Workshop #7  Vineyard weed control — Bernie Zandstra

Workshop #8  Growing own-rooted Vitis vinifera — Tom Zabadal, Jenny Wells and Mike de Schaaf

Workshop #9  Grapevine viruses and scouting for mealybugs that spread the leafroll virus — Annemiek Schilder, Rufus Isaacs and Keith Mason

Workshop #10  The Hybrids - A strategy for avoiding winter injury to grapevines — Paolo Sabbatini and Pat Murad

4:45 p.m.  Lake Michigan Shore Wine Showcase

5:15 p.m.  Steak Cookout
Directions to SWMREC:

Travel on I-94 to Exit 30, which is Napier Avenue. Turn east on Napier Avenue and go 2 1/2 miles to Hillandale Road. Turn south (right) and travel to the entrance of SWMREC (about one-quarter mile on the east (left) side of Hillandale Road).

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26th Annual MSU Viticulture Field Day
Wednesday, July 29, 2015
Registration Form

Names(s) to be used for name tags:
1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________

Contact address: ____________________________

Email (for registration confirmation) ____________________________  Phone: __________

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Early-Bird Rate (postmarked by July 17th)
Field Day Registration $35 /each x _______ people _______ = $ _________

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Normal Registration (postmarked after July 17th)
Field Day Registration $45 /each x _______ people _______ = $ _________

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Please check all that apply to you:

□ Juice Grape Grower  □ Wine Grape Grower  □ Winery Owner  □ Winery Staff

□ Hobby Grower  □ Vineyard Staff  □ Agribusiness  □ Academic/Government Employee

□ Other ____________________________

Make checks payable to MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY and mail registrations to:
(Sorry, we are not able to process credit card payments)

Viticulture Field Day at SWMREC
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Questions? Call Diane Miner at 269-944-1477 x 201