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EXTENSION CALENDAR
WINTER 2015

March 12, 2015
Oceana Asparagus Day
New Era Reformed Church
9 a.m.—3:45 p.m.
MACMA Asparagus Annual Meeting
4 p.m. following Oceana Asparagus Day

March 14, 2015
Oceana Agricultural Banquet/Oceana Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting
New Era Reformed Church
6 p.m.—9 p.m.

March 19, 2015
Pesticide Re-Certification Exam
West Shore Education Service District
844 Griswold St., Hart
7 p.m.

March 31, 2015
West Michigan Spring Horticulture Meeting
Hart United Methodist Church
8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

April 30, 2015
Placemaking Strategy Development Workshop
Hart United Methodist Church, Hart
1:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Ben Werling
West MI Vegetable Educator

Curtis Talley Jr.
Farm Management Educator

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MAILING LIST UPDATE REMINDER

Each winter we ask our newsletter recipients to update their information for our database. The response this year has been great and we thank those that have taken a few minutes to complete the update form and return it to our office. There are still many that we have not received an update from for this year or several years. We included the mailing list update form in our previous two newsletters and hope that those that have not returned it will find a few minutes to do so. The form can be returned via mail, fax (231-873-3710) or email to walicki@anr.msu.edu. We would like to have all updates returned by April 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call. We are required to show that we have requested updates to our mailing list to keep our bulk mailing permit, which keeps mailing costs down. This year we will be forced to remove anyone’s name that has not updated. We have had a delay in sending out newsletters via email, but hope to have our issues resolved by mid-March. We will continue to send printed newsletters for those that are not email users.

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION TEST DATES

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be giving the Pesticide Certification Test in Oceana County and surrounding counties during the 2015 winter and spring season. Pesticide certification is necessary for anyone who wants to buy pesticides that are listed as Restricted Use (RUP) by the Environmental Protection Agency. Certification may also be necessary if you plan to apply general use pesticides commercially.

The final date for Oceana County is Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. The MDA reserves the right to cancel any test that does not have at least 20 people enrolled, so it is important that you pre-register at least one week prior to the test date. Registration is online at the MDA website www.michigan.gov/pestexam.

People who are planning to take a renewal test should bring the paperwork sent to them by MDA to the testing site. The testing fees are $50 for private certification and $75 for commercial certification. Payment must be made by check or money order at the testing site. NO CASH! You are also encouraged to bring a calculator on the day of the test.

Study manuals maybe obtained at your local MSU Extension Office at a cost of $30 or ordered online through the MSU Stores at http://shop.msu.edu. There is one manual for private applicators and one for commercial applicators. If you will be renewing a special category, please allow time in case these manuals need to be ordered.

If the Oceana County date and time is not convenient for you, below is a table of the testing dates, times and locations in the surrounding area. By visiting the MDA website you can find a complete listing of all tests being offered this winter/spring season throughout the state.

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OCEANA ASPARAGUS DAY
MARCH 12, 2015
New Era Reformed Church, New Era, MI

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
“Update on Asparagus Variety Availability” — John Bakker, Research Director, Michigan Asparagus Research Committee, Inc.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.
“MAEAP Update” — Dan Busby, MDARD MAEAP Verifier & Lynda Herremans, Oceana Conservation District MAEAP Technician

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.
“Asparagus Marketing Update” — Ken Nye, Executive Director, Michigan Agricultural Commodities Marketing Association (MACMA)

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Break

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
“Post-harvest handling of fresh-market asparagus” — Dr. Randy Beaudry, MSU Dept. of Horticulture

11:00 – 12:00 noon.
“H2A panel” — Sarah Pion and Craig Anderson, Michigan Farm Bureau

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch and View Exhibits

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
“Asparagus Irrigation Research Update” — Dr. Zack Hayden, MSU Department of Horticulture

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
“Asparagus Purple Spot Update and New Research on Cover Crops” — Charlie Krasnow and Mary Hausbeck, MSU Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
“Asparagus Insect Update” — Dr. Zsofia Szendrei and Adam Ingrao, MSU Department of Entomology

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
“Powell amaranth control” — Dr. Bernie Zandstra, MSU Dept. of Horticulture

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Evaluation and adjourn

*** NOTE ***
Following Oceana Asparagus Day -
MACMA is planning to hold their Annual Meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m.

3- Pesticide applicator credits have been awarded for this program in categories Private, Commercial Core or IB.

CCA Credits have been applied for.
West Central Spring Horticultural Meeting
March 31, 2015
Hart United Methodist Church, Hart

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.  Registration - coffee and refreshments
8:00-8:30 a.m.   Introduction to the MAEAP
                  Dan Busby and Lynda Herremans, MAEAP Program
8:30-9:00 a.m.   Short and long-term weather forecasts: What is in store for 2015?
                  Dr. Jeff Andresen, Dept. of Geography, MSU
9:00-9:40 a.m.   Understanding Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs): A Key Ingredient in Michigan
                  Cherry Growers’ Survival
                  Dr. Mark Whalon, Dept. of Entomology, MSU
9:40-10:10 a.m.  Best Management Practices for Pollinators in Michigan Orchards
                  Dr. Julianna Wilson, Dept. of Entomology, MSU
10:10-10:30 a.m. BREAK
10:30-11:00 a.m. Mating Disruption Using Aerosol Emitters in Michigan Apples
                  Dr. Larry Gut, Dept. of Entomology, MSU
11:00-11:30 am.  Using Pyrethroid Sprays to Control SWD and their Impacts on Spider Mite
                  Populations
                  Emily Pochubay, NWMHRC, MSUE
11:30-12:10 a.m. Gaining a Better Understanding of Insecticide Efficacy against SWD
                  Dr. Nikki Rothwell, NWMHRC and MSUE
12:10-1:00 p.m.  LUNCH
1:00-1:30 p.m.   Using Copper and other Compounds to Control Cherry Leaf Spot
                  Dr. George Sundin, Dept. of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences
1:30-2:15 p.m.   Using Precision Orchard Management Techniques to Grow the Best Apples
                  Phil Schwaller, MSUE
2:15-2:30 p.m.   Recognizing and Avoiding Spray Injury in Apple
                  Amy Irish-Brown, MSUE
2:30-3:00 p.m.   Apple Disease Management Update for 2015
                  Dr. George Sundin, Dept. of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences
3:00-3:30 p.m.   Thinning Strategies for an Optimal Crop in 2015
                  Phil Schwaller, MSUE
3:30-3:45 p.m.   BREAK
3:45-4:30 p.m.   FSMA Update and New Strategies for Successful Record Keeping in Orchard
                  Systems
                  Phil Tocco, MSUE

4—Pesticide applicator credits have been awarded for this program in
categories Private, Commercial Core and 1C.

3.5 IPM and 1.5 Crop Management for Certified Crop Advisors
10TH ANNUAL OCEANA AGRICULTURAL BANQUET & OCEANA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015
NEW ERA REFORMED CHURCH, NEW ERA

Come enjoy an evening of fine dining, entertainment and wonderful recognition of outstanding agricultural producers in Oceana County. The Oceana Conservation District will provide a brief update of their activities and hold a short business meeting. Entertainment will be provided by Ruthie’s Music Café of Hart. Several door prizes have been collected from area businesses that will be presented to lucky attendees. The Taste of Oceana Reception begins at 6:00 p.m. with the Banquet to follow. Come enjoy the some tasty treats from area businesses using locally grown commodities. Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased at the MSU Extension Office or the Oceana Conservation District Office.
PLACEMAKING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: From Planning to Action!

PLACEMAKING AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL IS A CONCEPT THAT IS SWEEPING MICHIGAN. DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND. BE IN THE KNOW! THERE WILL NOT LIKELY BE A MORE AFFORDABLE (FREE) OPPORTUNITY TO READY YOUR COMMUNITY FOR TARGETED GROWTH.

The purpose of this training is to assist your community with the development of a draft placemaking strategy. The workshop involves two parts and runs six (6) hours.

1. The first part provides training from Modules 1-3 of the MIplace Placemaking Curriculum.
2. During the second part, we will supply facilitators to assist representatives of your community in developing a draft placemaking strategy.

This workshop is for city councils and township boards; local, county and regional planning commissioners and staff; local economic development staff and other interested stakeholders. Communities will need multiple participants attending to maximize synergy and benefit for the community.

Hart

DATE:
Thursday, April 30, 2015
1:30pm–8:30pm

LOCATION:
Hart United Methodist Church
308 State St.
Hart MI, 49420

Local Contact:
Anne Hardy, Oceana County EDC
oceanaedc@gmail.com or
call (231) 873–7141

While RSVPs are required, the workshops are free of charge. Registration is available online at http://events.anr.msu.edu/placemakingstrategy/.

Sponsored by Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the MSU Land Policy Institute, the Michigan Municipal League and MSU Extension.
2015 OCEANA ASPARAGUS DAY REGISTRATION
Thursday, March 12, 2015
New Era Reformed Church

Name: ________________________________
Company Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________
Phone Number: ________________________________
Number attending: ______ Amount Enclosed: ______
Names of those attending: ________________________________,
_______________________________,
Those requiring special accommodations are asked to contact the MSU Extension at 231-873-2129 ten days prior to the event.

Registration Fees:
Early Registration: $20.00 ea.
(before or on March 5th)
Late Registration: $35.00 ea.
(after March 5th)
Please make checks payable to: Michigan State University

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Questions, please call 231-873-2129

2015 West Central Spring Horticulture Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Name: ________________________________
Company Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________
Phone Number: ________________________________
Number attending: ______ Amount Enclosed: ______
Names of those attending: ________________________________,
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