

Southwest Hort Days February 8-9, 2012 at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center

The Michigan Grape Society and Michigan State University Extension in partnership with Lake Michigan College will host the annual Southwest Horticultural Days conference February 8 to 9 at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. both days and all educational sessions begin at 9 a.m., except for the Thursday morning grape session, which begins at 8:30 a.m. The February 8th morning session will feature presentations about Michigan water policy, what's ahead for pesticides and food safety, utilizing Market Maker for new business and the good food charter. There will be educational sessions on tree fruits, vegetables, blueberries and grapes. The event also features a trade show.

Restricted use pesticide recertification credits have been requested. Registration is \$30 at the door and includes lunch. Early registration is \$25 (postmarked no later than January 27th). Mail registration to: Michigan Grape Society, P.O. Box 151 Baroda, MI 49101 (See registration form on next page)

General Session 9-noon- Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Michigan water policy update

What's ahead for pesticides and food safety

Utilizing Market Maker for new business

The Good Food Charter: goals, resources for growers and how growers can get involved

Vegetables- Wednesday afternoon, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Irrigation theory: the when, why and how of irrigating

Strategies for irrigation water and energy savings

The effect of irrigation on disease and transplant development

Tree fruit-Wednesday 1:30-4:00; Thursday 9:00-noon, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Tree fruit insect management

Journey of a super fruit: CMI marketing program 2007-2011.

Diagnosing and managing nematode problems on fruit crops

Cover crop strategies for fruit crops

Strategies for minimizing losses to apple fruit blemishes that develop during summer

Tree fruit disease management update

ReTain use on Honeycrisp and other varieties

Apogee use on apples

Suggestions for GAP for fruit growers

Using soil residual and foliar-applied herbicides for maximum weed control in tree crops.

Grapes- Thursday 8:30-noon, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

Managing excessively large vines

Managing sour rots

Effects of canopy management on diseases

Using cover crops for vineyard floor management

New insecticides and their fit for Michigan grape growers.

Invasive insects in vineyards – what did we learn in 2011?

Bird control in vineyards

Managing deer in vineyards

Blueberries- Thursday 9:00-noon, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Blueberry viruses

Blueberries and the Food Safety Modernization Act

Blueberry disease control

Enviroweather and blueberry production

Adapting blueberry IPM programs in response to the invasion of Spotted Wing Drosophila

Nitrogen fertilization; where does it go, and how much do I need?

Blueberry establishment



Directions to SW Hort Days meeting location at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center:
 Get on I-94. Take exit 30 Napier Avenue (another Benton Harbor exit, the next exit east from exit 29, which is Pipestone Rd.).
 At end of ramp, turn east (right) onto Napier Avenue. After approximately 0.5 mile you will see the Lake Michigan College entrance sign on the left (north) side (LMC on map).
 Continue on Napier Avenue one road past the main entrance for LMC to Yore Avenue. Turn left on Yore (north).
 The conference facility and parking for SW Hort Days is at the north entrance (far side) of the Mendel Center.

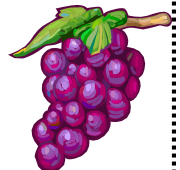
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SAVE MONEY, REGISTER EARLY

See registration form below. Pre-registration cost is \$25.00 per person and includes lunch for both days. Deadline for pre-registration is postmarked **January 27, 2012**. Mail to: Michigan Grape Society, P.O Box 151, Baroda, MI 49101 Attention: Allan Zelmer. Make Checks Payable to: **Michigan Grape Society**. Registrations postmarked after January 27, 2012 and at the door will be \$30 per person.

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**Pre-Registration Form
 Southwest Michigan Horticultural Days**



Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Hort Days Pre-registration \$25 per person

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

February 8 & 9, 2012

Deadline for pre-registration is January 27, 2012. Registrations after January 27 and at the door will be \$ 30