



Hort Headlines

2008 WSHA Annual Meeting Preview

November 21, 2008

- **WSHA Annual Meeting Almost Here!** – The Washington State Horticultural Association's 104th Annual Meeting, Postharvest Conference and Trade Show will run December 1-3 at the Yakima Convention Center. This year's meeting theme is "*Celebrating Tree Fruit - Opportunities for the Next Generation.*" A [registration form](#), [program guide](#), listing of area hotels and other meeting information can be accessed by visiting the WSHA web-site at www.wahort.org.
- **Annual Meeting Registration** – Annual meeting attendees who pre-registered can pick up their meeting registration packet that includes their name tag for entry into the meeting in the lobby of the Yakima Convention Center. Registration hours on Monday and Tuesday are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- **WSDA Recertification Pesticide Credits Available At Annual Meeting** – WSDA has determined that two sessions will qualify for recertification pesticide credits. Tuesday's Spanish Language II – 2 Credits and Tuesday's AZM (Guthion) Phase Out: How to be Successful in a Changing Environment – 2 Credits. We have also received credits from California, Oregon, Idaho and CCA. Complete credit details will be included in your registration packet.

- **Speaker of the State House, Rep. Frank Chopp To Speak At Leadership Luncheon** – Listen to Frank Chopp, Speaker of the House discuss Olympia's Horticultural Landscape for 2009. This will be an informative discussion about labor, water, budget and other issues. He will also talk about the next legislative session and how agriculture will fare. This Seattle Democrat has worked hard to connect with eastern Washington and understand agricultural issues and is one of the most powerful political figures in the state. This will be your chance to learn from him and for him to hear what you're thinking. Join us at the WSHA Leadership Luncheon on Monday for an informative discussion. Luncheon tickets can be purchased at the annual meeting registration desk for \$25.
- **Poster Presenters** – Poster Presenters will be available at their posters on Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a special "meet and greet". *No ticket is needed to attend the reception and poster session event.*
- **BJ Thurlby to Emcee at Banquet** – The Silver Apple, Silver Pear and Women's Leadership awards will also be presented at the banquet. The first 200 banquet tickets sold will receive the commemorative print "Orchard Bloom" by Wenatchee artist Jan Cook Mack compliments of the Western Fruit Grower and UPI. Banquet tickets can be purchased at the annual meeting registration desk for \$45
- **NW Hort Expo/Trade Show to Include Over 120 Vendors** – Over 120 tree fruit industry vendors invite you to visit the NW Hort Expo that will be held at the SunDome in conjunction with the annual meeting. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year's NW Hort Expo is hosted by the Yakima Pomological Club.
- **NW Hort Expo/Trade Show Lunch** – A free lunch will be served at the NW Hort Expo on Tuesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. to all WSHA meeting attendees who present their annual meeting registration badge. You must be in your session room no later than 1:00 p.m. to qualify for credits (if they are being offered).
- **Support Education and Purchase a Raffle Ticket** – Enter to WIN a New 2008 Rears Powerblast Sprayer from the Washington Apple Education Foundation at this year's annual meeting in Yakima by purchasing a \$25 ticket. The Rears sprayer, donated by the Rear family of Oregon, is valued at \$15,000. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Washington Apple Education Foundation and its scholarship and farmworker education programs. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance at www.waef.org or call (509) 663-7713. The winner will be announced Tuesday, December 2nd during the WSHA Industry Award Banquet. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

See You in Yakima!

Our offices will be closed from November 27 and November 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and during our 104th Annual Meeting in Yakima.

We will return to our offices Monday, December 8 and Hort Headlines will return December 12, 2008.

Happy Thanksgiving

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