



## Hort Headlines

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December 4, 2009

- **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 Wenatchee 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.
- **Parking During the Annual Meeting** – The Convention Center parking lot will be patrolled this year to prevent illegal parking. To accommodate the overflow parking, the City of Wenatchee is suspending the enforcement of the 2-hour limit on parking in the downtown/convention center vicinity during the WSHA Annual Meeting. This does not include loading zones or handicapped spaces. If you park in a loading zone or handicapped spot illegally, you run the risk of being ticketed.
- **Construction Note:** – The sky bridge between the Wenatchee Coast Hotel and the Convention Center is under reconstruction and closed. If you are staying at the Coast Hotel, you can enter the Convention Center from the Wenatchee avenue side or the east side of the center. We appreciate your understanding during the construction.
- **Dan Newhouse, Director Washington State Department of Agriculture To Speak At Leadership Luncheon** – Listen to Dan Newhouse, Director Washington State Department of Agriculture discuss Olympia's Horticultural Landscape for 2010. This will be an informative discussion about important issues pertaining to our industry. He will also talk about the next legislative session and

how agriculture will fare. 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.
- **Paul Tvergyak to Emcee at Banquet** – The Silver Apple, Silver Pear, Women's Leadership awards and Good Fruit Grower of the year will also be presented at the banquet. The first 200 banquet tickets sold will receive the commemorative print "Blossoms" by Wenatchee artist Jan Cook Mack compliments of the Western Fruit Grower and DuPont Altacor. Banquet tickets can be purchased at the annual meeting registration desk for \$45
- **GRAS2P 101 – USDA GAP Documentation and In-Orchard Practices** – Hands-on training, utilizing the GRAS2P guidance manual will be available immediately following the 2009 Hort Convention in Wenatchee. The first session will take place on Wednesday afternoon, 09 December. The session will focus on preparations for USDA GAP audits. Participants will utilize the GRAS2P Orchard Operations Guidance Manual to prepare their documentation, procedures, and policies to meet USDA GAP standards. Also addressed in the training will be Accident Prevention Program, Worker Health & Hygiene, Analysis of Hazards, and EZ Audit Preparedness. Cost is \$75 for all three sessions or \$30/session plus \$50 for the GRAS2P Orchard Operations Guidance Manual for members of WSHA. For more information contact, the Hort office at 509.665.9641 or [gras2p@wahort.org](mailto:gras2p@wahort.org) .
- **NW Hort Expo to Include Over 150 Vendors** – Over 150 tree fruit industry vendors invite you to visit the NW Hort Expo that will be held at the Wenatchee Convention Center lower level in conjunction with the annual meeting. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This year's NW Hort Expo is hosted by the NCW Fieldmen's Association.
- **Tree Fruit Day Set For February 2, 2010** – WSHA's 7th Annual Tree Fruit Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2 in Olympia. The one-day event will include visits with key legislators and agency officials. Tree fruit industry gift boxes will also be distributed again this year to all legislators and their legislative assistants. Visit the WSHA web-site to download a registration form.
- **Support Education and Purchase a Raffle Ticket** – Enter to WIN a New 2009 Rears Powerblast Sprayer from the Washington Apple Education Foundation at this year's annual meeting in Wenatchee 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](http://www.waef.org) or call (509) 663-7713. The winner will be announced Tuesday, December 8th during the WSHA Industry Award Banquet. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Visit the WSHA website to download a registration form.

- **Hort Headlines Will Not Be Published Next Week** – Hort Headlines will return December 18.

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**See You in Wenatchee!**

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