

Sustainable Agriculture Conference & Organic Growers School REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTRATION FEES

(Lunch and snacks are included.)

\$60 per person for both days: \$ _____

\$35 per person for one day (check box): \$ _____

Tuesday, March 17

Wednesday, March 18

Exhibitor space (\$5 per table) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

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The UAF Cooperative Extension Service will charge your card the amount indicated above. In the event this amount is incorrect, you will be contacted. CES will confirm your registration via e-mail receipt upon success of transaction. All credit card information is held in strict confidentiality, and an original receipt is available upon request. All registration fees will be refunded for reservations cancelled up to the start of the event. Questions and concerns should be directed to: UAF Cooperative Extension Service Business Office, P.O. Box 756180, Fairbanks, AK 99775-6180, or call 907-474-7269.

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The UAF Cooperative Extension Service-Tanana District, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District and Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education invite you to attend:



A two-day workshop for the home gardener to the commercial grower, featuring grower presentations, panelists and more!

March 17-18, 2009

Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge

Fairbanks, Alaska

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Tuesday, March 17 ~ Agenda ~

- 8:00 - 8:30** Registration
- 8:30 - 8:40** Welcome, *Michele Hébert, UAF Cooperative Extension Service (CES)*
- 8:40 - 9:40** Season Extensions: High Tunnels and Row Covers, *George DeVault, Seed Savers Exchange*
- 9:40 - 10:00** We Did It! A Year-round, Weekly Community Support Agriculture (CSA) in Alaska, *Arthur Keyes, Glacier Valley Farm, Palmer*
- 10:00 - 10:30** Break
- 10:30 - 11:00** Funding Opportunities through the Alaska Division of Agriculture, *Amy Pettit, Alaska Division of Agriculture*
- 11:00 - 11:20** Barley Stoves: Farmers Coping with High Energy Costs, *Bryce Wrigley, Delta Junction barley farmer*
- 11:20 - 11:40** Fruit and Berry Crop Research in Alaska, *Robert Wheeler, CES*
- 11:40 - 12:00** Presentations by Alaska Agriculture Innovative Grant Recipient Winners, moderated by *Amy Pettit, Alaska Division of Agriculture*
- 12:00 - 1:00** Lunch on Site
- 1:00 - 1:20** Soil Fertility in an Organic System, speaker to be announced
- 1:20 - 1:40** Weed Suppression and Soil Fertility, *Erin Carr, USDA Agricultural Research Service, and Mike Emers, Rosie Creek Farm, Ester*
- 1:40 - 2:30** Composting Panel: *Tim Myers, Myers Farm, Bethel; Mingchu Zhang, UAF Plant, Animal and Soil Sciences; Charles Knight, Alaska Division of Agriculture; Jeff Smeenk, CES*
- 2:30 - 2:50** Season Extensions Using High Tunnels, *Mike Emers, Rosie Creek Farm, Ester*
- 2:50 - 3:20** Break
- 3:20 - 4:05** Direct Marketing, *George DeVault, Seed Savers Exchange*
- 4:05 - 4:45** Egg and Poultry Production for Local Markets, *Tim Myers, Myers Farm, Bethel; Chris DeBois, Arctic Roots Farm, Fairbanks; and volunteers from audience*
- 4:45 - 5:00** Closing Remarks and Announcements, *Kim Sollien, Alaska Root Sellers, Chickaloon*

Agenda subject to change.

Wednesday, March 18 ~ Agenda ~

- 8:30 - 8:45** Registration
- 8:45 - 9:00** Welcome, *Director Franci Havemeister, Alaska Division of Agriculture*
- 9:00 - 10:00** Seed Saving, *George DeVault, Seed Savers Exchange*
- 10:00 - 10:20** Heating Greenhouses with Stored Heat in River Rock, *Ron and Marji Illingworth, Lilyvale Farm, North Pole*
- 10:20 - 10:50** Break
- 10:50 - 11:10** Fish Waste Compost and Potato Survey Research, *Jodie Anderson, UAF Alaska Community Horticulture Program*
- 11:10 - 12:00** Value-added Agriculture Products Panel, moderated by *Coral Howe, CES*
- 12:00 - 1:00** Lunch on Site
- 1:00 - 1:45** People Told Me I Could Not Grow this in Bethel, *Tim Myers, Myers Farm, Bethel*
- 1:45 - 2:30** Food Security and the Modern Day Homestead, *Allie Barker, Chickaloon Sustainable Homestead*
- 2:30 - 3:00** Break
- 3:00 - 3:45** Soil Blocking: An Innovative Seed Starting Technique, *hands-on demonstration by Tom Zimmer, Calypso Farm & Ecology Center, Ester*
- 3:45 - 4:45** Panel Discussion: Growing Food for Local Markets and the Importance of Eating Locally, *Dave Lacey, Fairbanks Community Cooperative Market; Theo Delaca, Feedback Farm, Fairbanks; and volunteers from audience*
- 4:45 - 5:00** Closing Remarks and Workshop Evaluation, *Michele Hébert, CES*

EXHIBIT SPACE!

Would you like to highlight your business or organization during the two-day conference? Six-foot skirted tables for displays, posters and literature will be available to registered conference attendees at \$5 each. Set up will be immediately before the event March 17, and take down will be immediately after the event March 18. If interested, please let us know what you need and include payment on back of brochure:

- table
- electricity
- easel
- extra chairs



Meet Our National Speaker

~ Among many more exciting local and state speakers! ~



George DeVault is the newly elected president and executive director of the Seed Savers Exchange.

DeVault started his career in 1984 as an organic farmer. He and his wife Melanie own and operate a diversified vegetable, blueberry, flower and livestock farm near Emmaus, Pa. The farm is permanently preserved. At its peak, they fed 100 families through their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) service. In 2004, the DeVaults were honored as Conservation Farmers of the Year by the Lehigh County (Pa.) Conservation District.

DeVault was a farm magazine and book editor/publisher at Rodale, Inc., for almost 25 years. He headed *The New Farm* magazine for 10 years and served as



special assistant to Chairman Robert Rodale. After Rodale's death in 1990, DeVault became the United States editor of *Novii Fermer* ("New Farmer" in Russian), and later general director of Rodale's Russian-American joint venture, living with his family in Moscow, Russia, in 1993-94.

Active in community affairs, DeVault is a past president of the Emmaus Farmers' Market, Inc., and the Emmaus Fire Department. A volunteer firefighter since 1982, he now serves as fire chief of his township fire company.

DeVault and his wife have two children, Donald, a farmer and specialist in Latin American affairs, and Ruth, a kindergarten teacher. The children will be continuing the family farm in Pennsylvania.

Special Pre-conference ~ Activities ~

Special pre-conference activities are planned for Monday, March 16 ... **free of charge** to registered conference attendees! For all activities, please meet at the UAF Cooperative Extension Service office located in the UAF University Park Building, 1000 University Ave., Room 138. If interested, please let us know which activities you'd like to participate in so we can get an accurate headcount!

Tour of Chena Hot Springs Resort, 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. (Leave CES office at 9:00 a.m.; swim 10:30-11:30 a.m.; lunch at resort 12:30-1:30 p.m.; return to CES office at 1:30 p.m.)

Grant Writing Workshop, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (Michele Hébert, Mike Emers and Amy Pettit will discuss how to apply for grants through SARE and the Alaska Division of Agriculture.)

Tour of UAF Cold Climate Housing Research Center, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Conference

~ Location & Lodging ~



The Fifth Annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference and Organic Growers School will be presented at:

Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge
Edgewater Room
4477 Pikes Landing Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

The discounted room rate for conference attendees is:

\$69 single/double per night (plus tax)
(add'l \$10/person for more than two in same room)

For accommodations, please contact the hotel at:

1-800-777-1725, Ext. 2, or www.princesslodges.com
and request group code **TNB-L9075**

We hope you can join us this spring!

Michele Hébert
Agriculture and Horticulture Agent
UAF Cooperative Extension Service-Tanana District