



Western Colorado
Horticultural Society



WCHS/CAVE Bus Tour Tuesday, January 17

7:00am — Registration Opens at Two Rivers Convention Center

8:15am — Board buses "first come first served"

8:30am — Depart for Orchard Mesa Research Center, 3168 B1/2 Rd. Orchard Mesa

9:00am — Orchard Mesa Research Center

Orchard: Ramesh Pokarel will conduct tour of fruit tree research

Vineyard: Horst Caspari will conduct tour of grape varieties and viticulture research

9:45am — Board buses for Neil Guard Orchard & Vineyard, 3480 E Rd. Palisade

10:15am — Neil Guard Orchard & Vineyard

Orchard: peach tree pruning, orchard floor management, cover crops

Vineyard: Varieties and pruning

11:00am — Board buses for Orchard Valley Farms, 15836 Black Bridge Rd, Paonia.

12:30am-1:45pm — Orchard Valley Farms Lunch

1:45pm — Tour Orchard Valley Farms

Orchard: Different peach pruning methods, V and open vase younger orchard

Vineyard: Reisling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir varieties

2:45pm — Board buses for Mesa Winds Farm, 31262 L Rd. Hotchkiss

3:15pm — Mesa Winds Farm, ground covers and incorporating sheep into orchard/vineyard floor management, irrigation monitoring

Orchard: Grafted and high-density apples, pedestrian orchards, hoop-house cherries

Vineyard: New winery, grape varieties

4:15pm — Board buses for Two Rivers Convention Center

5:30pm — Arrive Two Rivers Convention Center



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Horticultural Society 69th Annual Convention, Jan 18-19, 2012 Program

Wednesday, January 18

8:00am — Member Registration, Exhibitors and Trade Show opens

Morning Session — Dennis Clark, President

8:30am — Introductions

8:40am — Kevin Day, Minimal pruning of young trees to induce early-bearing

9:30am — Jennifer Reeve, Cover crops in orchards: establishment, biomass production, weed suppression and water use

10:30am — Break

11:00am — Huff Chiles, View from a Virginia Grower

12:00pm to 1:00pm — Lunch (Past Presidents & Secretaries lunch)

Afternoon Session — Manuel Gutierrez

1:00pm — Kevin Day, Developing reduced height/pedestrian orchards

2:00pm — Ramesh Pokharel, Cytospora canker: A hard nut to break

2:45pm — Break

3:00pm — Colo Department of Ag, Tom Lipetzky, Food Safety issues: Lessons to be learned from Rocky Ford

Evening Events

4:30 - 5 pm — Meet the Exhibitors, Traveling beer keg (Exhibit Hall)

5:00 - 7:00pm — Meet the Speakers, Open wine & beer bar plus hor d'oeuvres (Exhibit Hall)

Thursday, January 19

8:00am — Member Registration, Exhibitors and Trade Show opens

Morning Session — Nathan Talbott

8:30am — Jennifer Reeve, Alternative orchard floor management effects on soil quality, water use, weed dynamics and tree growth

9:30am — Kevin Day, Postharvest handling issues

10:30am — Break

11:00am — Ron Godin, The state of hops and Healthy soils, healthy crops

12:00pm to 1:00pm — Lunch (WCHS Board Meeting)

Afternoon Session — Mike Fuller

1:00pm — WCHS Business Meeting

1:15pm — Kevin Day, Orchard systems update and new rootstocks

2:15pm — Ramesh Pokharel, Denis Reich, Are we irrigating right?

3:00pm — Break

3:15pm — Craig J. Regelbrugge, Latest from DC on Labor

Evening Event — Annual WCHS Banquet

6:00pm — Attitude Adjustment Hour!

7:00pm — Banquet & Entertainment