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We got this from Henry at the Red Raspberry Commission last Friday and wanted to pass it along. Our apologies to those of you who may have already received this information. Tom is going to the meeting and if you want to car pool give us a call or email us.

Plan Now to Attend Annual Red Raspberry Meeting

Changes seem to be the order of the day. Whether it be a change in president or prime minister (maybe!) or simply the weather we best be ready for change. The Raspberry Commission is no exception. The long-standing practice of holding the annual meeting in connection with the Western WA Horticulture Convention has changed. The annual WSU Small Fruit workshop has changed. The process for reviewing research proposals has changed.

This year your Commission is bundling all these events in a three-day convention in Lynden, December 4-6. All events will be located at the Homestead Farms Convention Center on the northern boundary of Lynden. The schedule is:

Dec. 4 — noon — WRRRC meeting

Dec. 5 — 7:30 am — WSU Small Fruit workshop; 4:30 pm — WRRRC Annual meeting; 6:00 pm — Reception (no host); 7:00 pm — Dinner - Thomas Payne as guest speaker

Dec. 6 — 7:00 am — Research presentations over breakfast; 11:30 am — prioritization of research projects; noon — completion of WRRRC meeting/adopt budget

The sponsors host the location and all meals. However, we believe it wise to ask for a \$5/plate commitment from the growers for the Tuesday evening dinner to get an accurate count. Please send in \$5 for each person from your operation that chooses to stay for the dinner by December 2. Those invited to participate in the program for the Commission or the WSU workshop need only notify us of their intent to join us for the dinner. RSVP to the Commission office at: 1751 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264. — FAX 360-354-0948 — 360-354-8767. Note that registration for the workshop is a separate item handled by WSU Whatcom County and there is no charge for attending only the annual meeting.

The Red Raspberry Commission has made arrangements with two area motels for out of town guests during the WSU Small Fruit Workshop and the WRRRC Annual meeting and dinner. A block of room has been reserved at Homestead Farms Sports Cabanas in Lynden (the site of the meeting activities) and at Baron Suites Quality Inn in Bellingham (approx. 12 miles south). Room descriptions and rates are identified below. Please call the motel of your choice and confirm your reservation before November 27th. Mention the Red Raspberry Convention to get your discounted room price.

Homestead Farms Sports Cabanas --1-800-354-1196, ext. #6--1 bedroom unit - \$69/night--1 bedroom deluxe unit - \$89/night--2 bedroom unit - \$119/night

Baron Suites Quality Inn--1-360-647-8000--1 queen/sofa sleeper - \$50/night--1 king/sofa sleeper - \$56/night

The meetings will be a chance to hear the production report for 2000, discuss the activities of a promotion/marketing advisory committee looking into improved avenues for generating a fair price for berries, hear the latest research results, and give positive direction to your commission. We believe that WRRRC and WSU/Whatcom have put together an event that you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you.

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