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Washington Mint Growers Association 2015 Mint Convention INFORMATION

Upcoming Events

December 1, 2015: Washington Mint Growers Association Winter Conference. Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA. For more information please call the Washington Mint Growers Association at (509) 585-5460.

December 3, 2015: Idaho Mint Convention. The Hampton Inn in Nampa, ID. For more information please call the Idaho Mint Growers Association at (208) 888-0988

January 14-15, 2016: Oregon Mint Convention. The Salishan Lodge, Salishan, OR. For more information please call the Oregon Mint Growers Association at (503) 364-2944

January 20-21, 2016: 39th Annual Mint Industry Research Council Meeting, Monte Carlo, Las Vegas, NV. For more information please call the MIRC business office at (503) 371-5936

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Washington Mint Growers Association 2015 Mint Convention

Tuesday, December 1, 2015



We are excited for the upcoming 2015 WA Mint Convention. The WMGA Board and Staff have been working hard to put together another great program. We have made a few changes, that we will note below, to make this even a better conference.

The first change we made was creating a fresh new logo. We are very pleased with the new logo and look forward to using it for years to come.

The second big change is we are **MOVING!** After many years at the Red Lion in Pasco, we have decided to come across the river and hold this years WA Mint Convention at the **Three Rivers Convention Center (TRCC) in Kennewick, WA.** The TRCC is the premier convention center in the Tri-Cities. They are excited to host us this year and look forward to what could become a long relationship. We have set aside a block of rooms at the SpringHill Suites attached to the TRCC. Reservation info is enclosed.

The third change this year is to our sponsorship levels. We offered sponsorship levels that would give different companies more exposure during the conference. These included a lunch sponsor (Labbeemint), a grab and go breakfast sponsor (I.P. Callison and Sons), a coffee and pastries sponsor (RCB International), an ice cream social sponsor (Citrus & Allied) and a lanyard sponsor (DuPont). Also, this year we will be giving away more Mint Baskets (Northwest Farm Credit Services). We appreciate these and all companies that have committed support to this event and the WA Mint Industry as a whole.

We hope you are able to attend the 2015 Mint Convention. A copy of the program, and registration forms are enclosed. Come and hear on different topics of interest to mint growers and bring your appetite.

Don't Forget We Have Moved to the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA



WASHINGTON MINT CONVENTION

WASHINGTON MINT FLAVORS THE WORLD

Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA

PROGRAM - Tuesday, December 1, 2015

7:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens

Grab and Go Breakfast Sponsored by I.P. Callison & Sons

Morning Session

8:05 a.m. **Welcome**

8:10 a.m. **The Worker Protection Standards: Its History, Intent, and Requirements including Employer Responsibilities**, Tom Hoffmann, WSDA

9:00 a.m. **Precision Drone Presentation**, Dr. Lav R. Khot, Assistant Professor, Precision Agriculture, WSU

9:40 a.m. **Fuel & Propane Outlook**, Tina Hampton, RE Powell

10:20 a.m. **Morning Break**

Coffee and Pastries Sponsored by RCB International

10:40 a.m. **Washington State Director of Agriculture**, Derek Sandison

11:20 a.m. **Up to Date Report on Activities of the Mint Industry Research Council**, Steve Salisbury, Research Director, MIRC

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon - Sponsored by Labbeemint**

Washington Mint Commission's – Annual Meeting & Awards

Afternoon Session

1:20 p.m. **Managing Verticillium Wilt in Mint**, Dr. Dennis Johnson, WSU Pullman

1:40 p.m. **Integrated Pest Management for Mite and Insect Pests on Pacific Northwest Mint**, Dr. Doug Walsh, WSU Prosser

2:00 p.m. **Weed Control Research in Mint in the Pacific Northwest**, Dr. Rick Boydston, USDA-ARS, Prosser, WA

2:20 p.m. **"Varietal Improvement Project"**, Dr. Markus Lange, WSU Pullman

2:40 p.m. **Results from Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) trials in the Pacific Northwest**

3:00 p.m. **Afternoon Break**

Mint Ice Cream Social Sponsored by Citrus & Allied

3:30 p.m. **Financial Outlook**, Bill Shibley, NW Farm Credit Services, Branch Manager, Pasco, WA

4:20 p.m. **Buyers Report** – A.J. Todd, AM Todd Co. a Division of Wild Flavors

5:00 p.m. Awarding of Mint Baskets

Mint Baskets Sponsored by Northwest Farm Credit Services

5:10 p.m. Conference Adjournment

5:15 p.m. WA Mint Growers Association Annual Meeting - All Growers Are Invited to Attend



A Special Thank You to the Sponsors of the
2015 WA Mint Convention

Special Event Sponsors

Grab & Go Breakfast - I.P. Callison and Sons

Luncheon - Labbeemint

Coffee & Pastries - RCB International

Ice Cream Social - Citrus and Allied

Mint Baskets - Northwest Farm Credit Services

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NEW LOCATION!!!

**Where: Three Rivers Convention Center,
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Program and registration forms inside!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions please call the
Association office at 509-585-5460



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