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New Raspberry Varieties Preview - June 23rd

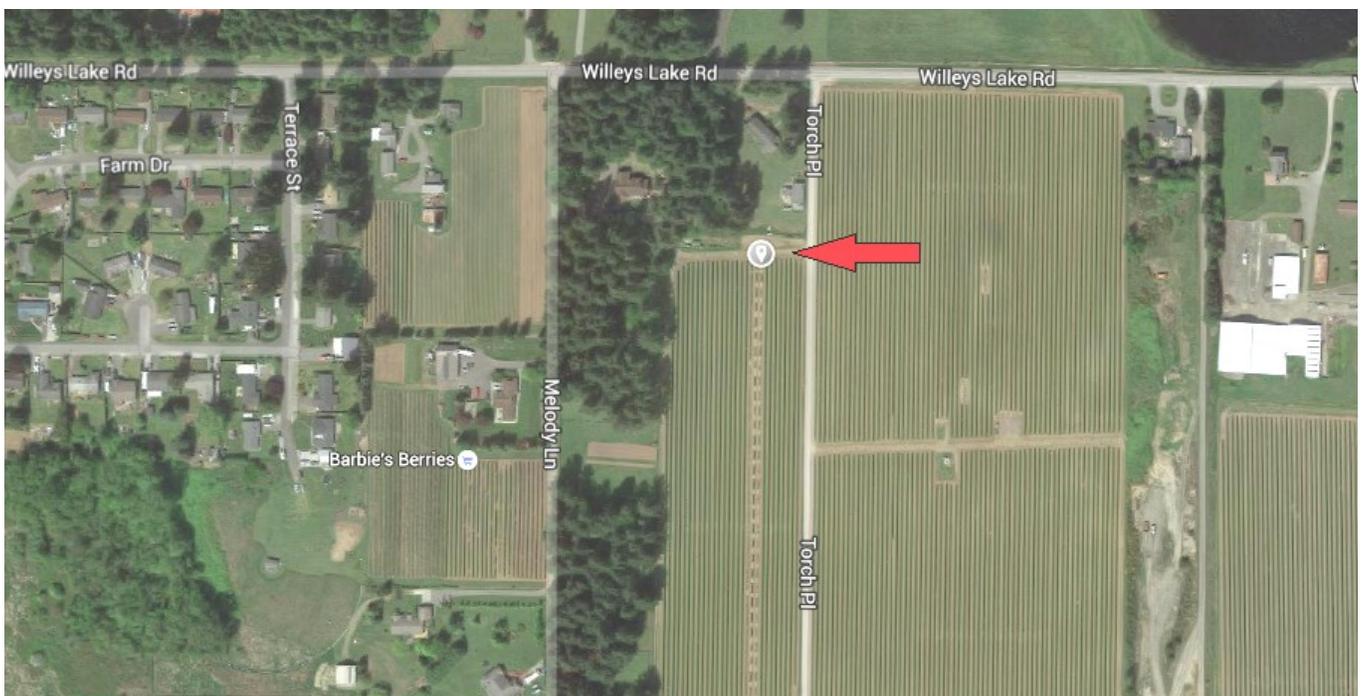


The Raspberry machine harvesting field day will be at Maberry Packing's Willey's Lake field, 7553 Torch Place, Ferndale on **June 23rd from 3:00-5:00 pm**. We will be harvesting the 2014 planting that day prior to the field day. Fruit from the most promising selections from the Willey's Lake planting will be displayed. Cascade Harvest will be harvested from this planting and WSU 1980, WSU 2122, WSU 2166 and WSU 2188, currently in grower trials, will also be harvested. There are 40 WSU selections in this planting as well as selections from the Oregon USDA program and the BC program.

The Bedlington Field will be harvested on a separate day. If you are interested in seeing fruit from the Bedlington Field, contact me for opportunities to evaluate them.

I encourage growers and processors to attend the field day. Your input is essential in deciding which selections best meet your needs and have commercial potential.

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National Processed Raspberry Council Meets in Lynden

The National Processed Raspberry Council (NPRC) met in Lynden in late May to review proposed research and marketing plans. NPRC also organized a Social Event held at Lynden's Jansen Art Center where growers, processors, and NPRC contractors were able to enjoy an evening together and learn more about the shared vision of promoting high quality frozen raspberries.

NPRC plans a series of Fall meetings in Lynden in late November. For more information on the Council and its resources, visit www.redrazz.org.

Promotion, Fair Trade, and Research assistance for Raspberry Growers

News Notes

December Berry Meetings

Plans are underway for the sixth annual Lynden Ag Show and NW Berry Conference to be held November 30 - December 2 in Lynden. We are planning to begin the conference on Wednesday again this year to allow more time to incorporate the WRRRC and WBC Annual Meetings and to present more opportunity for growers to access multiple workshops. Learn more about the Conference and Trade Show at <http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/edu/sfc/>

Exhibitors are encouraged to contact WRRRC, the WA Blueberry Commission, or the organizational team via the website. Vendors may want to be sure your email filter allows contact from : <https://www.regonline.com/sfclas2016>.

Food Safety Update

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) will up the ante on food safety issues. This act gives FDA new and enhanced mandates and authorities to protect consumers and promote public health. The WRRRC has sponsored Food Safety educational workshops in cooperation with the WA Blueberry Commission the past four years. We are open to how we can help growers further their food safety practices and record keeping. Joan Yoder is our Food Safety chair and has served an invaluable function in keeping us alerted to the constant changes in these rules.

Nominations for WRRRC Board Recruited

Nominations for upcoming board positions will be received by the WA Dept. of Agriculture via phone in early September. They will be contacting growers throughout western WA asking you to be thinking about who you want to represent you. Jon Maberry and Randy Honcoop (District #1) are completing their three-year term and are eligible to be re-nominated.

There is also an open at - large position that could be filled by a grower from anywhere in western Washington. We encourage you to be part of the nominating process so that you can keep your Raspberry Board responsive to your top priorities. The WRRRC will also be considering appointments for our 2 Advisory positions. These are one year appointments currently filled by Steve Midboe and Joan Yoder.

Production Reports Due

Links to the Grower and Processor Report Forms are included with this newsletter. Please return your completed form prior to the due date to insure you are properly credited for your assessment dollars. We are not planning to mail forms as we have in the past although we will send copies to those without email addresses. Grower reports are due September 30th and First handler reports by October 15th. E-forms are available at www.red-raspberry.org/commission.asp.

Calendar

Contact the WRRRC office for information on each of these upcoming educational opportunities

June 23 - Machine Harvest Field Day - 3-5pm *Curt Maberry Farm, Willeys Lake Rd.*

June 27 - BC Berry Field Day—1:30-3:30pm - *Clearbrook substation in Abbotsford.*

June 29 OR Caneberry Field Day - 1-5pm *North Willamette Research & Extension Center, OSU*

July 7 - WSU Mt Vernon Field Day - 3:30-6 pm - *Mt Vernon*

July 15-16 - NW Red Raspberry Festival - *Lynden*

September 1 - Soilborne disease management field day - *Lynden*

September 7 - WRRRC Board Meeting - *Lynden*

October 26 - WRRRC Board Meeting - *Lynden*

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 - WSU Small Fruit Workshop, Lynden Ag Show, WRRRC Bd. Mtg. *Lynden*

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