UConn Extension’s 2020 Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers’ Conference

Monday, January 6, 2020
Maneeley’s Conference Center, 65 Rye St., S. Windsor, CT 06074

Trade Show (8:00-8:55, 10:30-11:00, 12:00 -1:00) Exhibitors listed on back

8:00-9:00  Pre-registration $40 – includes Trade Show/Continental Breakfast/Coffee/Lunch
          Door registration $60

PROGRAM: Morning Moderator – Mary Concklin, Fruit Extension Specialist, UConn
8:55  Welcome: Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner, CT Department of Agriculture

9:00  Niche Crops: Summer fallow that builds healthy soils, smothers annual weeds & nets cash income as high value pea shoots.   Eero Ruuttila

9:30  Maximize production, efficiency & SWD Control with Bramble Pruning Strategies.  Laura McDermott, Cornell

10:00  Announcements:

10:30  Break (Trade Show/Coffee & Tea)

11:00  Integration of Cover Crops into Vegetable Production Systems.  Rebecca Brown, URI

11:30  Using Trellising to Help Manage Bramble Plantings.  Laura McDermott, Cornell

12:00-1:00  Lunch Break/Trade Show

Afternoon moderator – Shuresh Ghimire, Vegetable Extension Specialist, UConn

1:00  Understanding Growing Hemp.  Peter Armondo, Controlled Environment Agriculture, Griffin Greenhouse

1:30  Alternative Bird Control Method: SonicNets.  Sam McClintock, Midstream Technology

2:00  Niche Crops: Mushrooms.  Ken Metz, Chatfield Hollow Farms

2:30  Mammal Control in Berries & Vegetables: 2 and 4 Legged.  Scott Williams. CAES

3:00  Niche Crops: Growing and Marketing Ginger.  Rachel Berg and Elise Cusano, Four Root Farm

3:30  Re-certification Credits:  3.5 hours

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Directions: Take I-91 or I-84 to I-291. Take Exit 4 for Rt. 5 (north) - turn left at bottom of ramp.  After 3.5 miles turn right onto Sullivan Ave. (Rt. 194), in ¼ mile take a left onto Rye St., Maneeley’s is on left.

Registration: New THIS YEAR - ONLINE REGISTRATION go to http://bit.ly/ExtensionStore to register today! Pre-registration $40 per person plus $1 processing fee, ends January 3rd.  Contact MacKenzie.White@UConn.edu, 860 875-3331 if you have any questions! Student rate is $28, plus $1 processing fee. You must show ID when checking in the day of.  NO REFUNDS after Dec. 25th