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10TH ANNUAL MEETING October 6th through October 9th PORTLAND, OREGON



Greetings!

Our Oregon hosts have been hard at work planning for our 10th annual meeting. This is a great opportunity to be provided with the latest information on a wide variety of topics as well as interact with like-minded professionals from other areas. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of what our annual meeting has to offer to energize on-the-job enthusiasm as well as aid in professional growth.

Participants are encouraged to participate in our only fund raising activity by providing an item(s), representing your state, for our silent auction.

Our home base will be the Ace Hotel, which is located in the heart of the Portland, just blocks away from Powell's Books, the Pearl District, and many unique restaurants and shops.

The hotel is accessible from the airport via light rail (MAX) with a short 3-block walk, keeping in mind that Portland city blocks are only 200 ft. long.

The Ace Hotel was built in 1912 which has been recently remodeled. The style is very sleek and minimalist but comfortable. Most of the furnishings and amenities are a combination of being vintage, reconstructed, recycled, sustainable, organic or local. Many of the rooms have original mural artwork.

There are locally made bicycles for rent in the lobby, and our hospitality suite comes equipped with a turntable and a small selection of vinyl records! "Stumptown", Portland's favorite local coffee roaster, has a shop adjacent to the hotel's lobby.

The Ace Hotel was able to meet the Portland Government Per Diem Rate of \$106. A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of October 6th through the 8th. The hotel may be able to extend your stay at the government rate as room availability dictates.

Hotel reservations must be made by September 8, 2008.

To make reservations, please contact:

Ace Hotel
1022 SW Stark Street,
Portland, Oregon 97205
Phone: 503-228-2277
<http://www.acehotel.com/portland/>

Tuesday the 7th will be a day of speakers, and will take place on the urban campus of Portland State University in the Browsing Room of the Smith Memorial Union. The Portland Streetcar operates free from the points of the hotel to PSU and is about a 15-minute ride plus a short 2-block walk.

Our program of speakers is being finalized. Our speaker series will include such topics as: invasive species, weed bio-control, exotic snails and slugs, *Phytophthora ramorum* and its spread, exotic scales and other insect 'suckers', a pesticide refresher course, an update on bark beetle forest damage in the western region, Oregon's unique land-use planning, a salmon primer, and Oregon's Grower Assisted Inspection Program, designed to reduce the spread of *Phytophthora* species in nurseries. A request in advance for Pesticide Recertification Credits will be required. Credits will be subject to the recertification rules of each individual state.

Wednesday the 8th will be our tour day. Two nurseries and one Christmas tree plantation will be visited as well as an 80 acre botanical garden (17 acres of which are wetlands) built as a natural filtration system for wastewater from the city of Silverton. While in the foothills of the Cascades we will visit the lush and stunning Silver Falls.

Persons arriving early that wish to tour on their own may wish to contact Christy Brown by telephone (503) 508-0467 or email at cbrown@oda.state.or.us. A group outing during the weekend prior to our meeting is tentatively being planned for Cistus Nsy. (www.cistus.com) and Joy Creek Nsy. (www.joycreek.com).

Thursday the 9th will be a half-day to conduct our business meeting and present state reports.

The registration fee for this meeting is \$85. All meals will be on-your-own. Our hosts will provide hearty snacks for the morning and during breaks as well as in the hospitality suite.

Portland – The Perfect Place To Meet!





AGENDA

10th Annual Meeting

Western Horticultural Inspection Society – Portland, Oregon

MONDAY, October 6th: Hotel Check-IN

Travel day and check-in at the Ace Hotel, 1022 SW Stark St. From the airport take the MAX light rail red line toward city center or Beaverton. The cost of the fare should be \$2.30 but prices are in flux. In approximately 40 minutes, exit at the Galleria SW 10th Avenue stop. Make a right on 10th Avenue (heading north) and walk 3 short blocks to Stark Street. The Ace Hotel will be on your left.

- **4:00 PM - Hospitality Suite Open:** Snacks and libations (as well as great company) provided.

TUESDAY, October 7th: Speaker Series

Take the Portland Streetcar, free of charge, to Portland State University. To do so, board the streetcar at the corner of 11th Avenue and Alder Street. After about a 15 minute ride, disembark at Market Street at Park Avenue (adjacent to the park blocks). Walk 2 blocks south along the park blocks to the Smith Memorial Building on the left. Meeting will be held in the Browsing Room, number 238.

- **8:00 AM - Breakfast Snacks and Registration.**
- **8:30 AM - Opening Remarks and Introductions.**
- **9:00 AM - Exotic Scales and Other "Suckers"**
Jim Labonte, Entomologist, ODA - (with an aside about the damage in western forests caused by native bark beetles).
- **10:00 AM - Break:** *First look at silent auction items.*
- **10:15 AM - Review of Insecticide Classes and Their Toxicity along with an update on Colony Collapse Disorder.**
Jennifer Gervais, National Pesticide Information Center.
- **11:00 AM - History of Oregon's Unique Land Use Planning and its Agricultural Implications.**
Jim Johnson, Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator, ODA.
- **11:45 AM - Lunch:** *On your own.*
- **1:00 PM - Oregon's Grower Assisted Inspection Program (GAIP)**
Dr. Jennifer Parke, Dept. of Botany & Plant Pathology-OSU, Melissa Lujan, GAIP auditor-ODA.
- **1:45 PM - Phytophthora Ramorum Genetics and Distribution Research.**
Dr. Everett Hansen, Dept. of Botany & Plant pathology - OSU.
- **2:30 PM - Primer on Pacific Ocean Salmonids.**
Kai Sjoblom, retired ODA Horticulturist, WHIS Founding Member & salmon enthusiast.
- **3:00 PM - Break:** *Final chance to bid on silent auction items.*
- **3:15 PM - Biological Control of Weeds in Oregon**
Eric Cooms, Weed Program Entomologist - ODA.
- **3:45 PM - Exotic Snails and Slugs**
Robin Rosetta, North Willamette Research & Extension Center - OSU.
- **4:30 PM - Invasive Species**
Dr Mark Sytsma, Environmental Sciences and Resources, PSU.
- **5:15 - Adjourn:** *Dinner on your own.*
- **7:00 PM - Hospitality Suite Open**

Wednesday, October 8th: Tour Date

- **8:15 AM - Leave Ace Hotel:** *Transportation provided.*
- **9:00 AM - Terra Nova Nurseries:** *Renowned perennial grower, breeder, tissue culture propagator and international exporter.*
- **10:15 AM - Yule Tree Farms:** *Christmas tree plantation with 6 million trees grown on approximately 3,800 acres.*
- **11:30 AM - Oregon Garden & Lunch:** *An 80 acre Botanical Garden - lunch on your own.*
- **2:00 PM - Silver Falls State Park:** *8,700 acres on the foothills of the Cascade Mountains containing 10 majestic waterfalls.*
- **3:30 PM - Woodburn Nursery:** *Greenhouse grown florist azaleas, 250 acres dedicated to container-grown ornamental nursery stock.*
- **4:30 PM - Return Trip:** *Dinner on your own.*
- **7:00 PM - Hospitality Suite Open**

Thursday, October 9th: Concluding Meeting - Hospitality Suite

- **8:30 AM - State Reports**
- **10:45 AM - Break**
- **11:00 AM - Business Meeting**
- **12:00 Noon - Meeting Adjourned**
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10th Annual Western Horticultural Inspection Society Meeting
October 6-9, 2008 in Portland, Oregon

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please respond by September 8, 2008)

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please complete this form. The cost of attendance is \$85 for the three day event. If you are currently not a WHIS member, please include \$20.00 membership fee and completed WHIS renewal or new membership application. Send completed application form(s) and appropriate fee to:

Bev Clark
Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301
e-mail: bclark@oda.state.or.us
Phone: (503) 931-2479

Hotel Information
Room Rate: \$106.00 (The reservation cut off date is September 8)
Ace Hotel
1022 SW Stark Street,
Portland, Oregon 97205
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Please indicate if you are interested in pesticide credits
Yes _____ No _____



2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

PLEASE PRINT IN INK

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY – WESTERN CHAPTER

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:

BEV CLARK
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
635 CAPITOL STREET NE.
SALEM, OR 97301-2532

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!



Members of the Horticultural Inspection Society, Western Chapter, are from the Western Plant Board region, namely Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta and British Columbia.

Member States are requested to provide a report at our annual meeting. This report may be presented in person, but if your state will not be represented at our annual meeting, please submit your report to Christy Brown, ODA via email (cbrown@oda.state.or.us).

The following is a standardization outline to follow when writing your state reports submitted at the Horticultural Inspection Society Annual Meeting. The written reports can be as long as the individual sees fit. However, in an effort to make the information a little more usable, a standardized format is needed. The oral portion of the report should not exceed 5 minutes in order to maintain the meeting schedule. A brief question and answer period is allowed after the presentation of the report.

We request you use the following format for the oral and written reports:

SECTION I: Facts and Figures

A. Nurseries

1. number inspected.
2. An increase/decrease over last year?

B. Dealers (if inspected)

1. number inspected.
2. An increase/decrease over last year?

C. Phytosanitary Certificates (Optional)

1. Number issued.
2. An increase/decrease over last year?

D. Trapping Data

1. Gypsy Moth, Japanese Beetle, Other
 - a. Number of traps/number of finds.
 - b. An increase/decrease over last year?

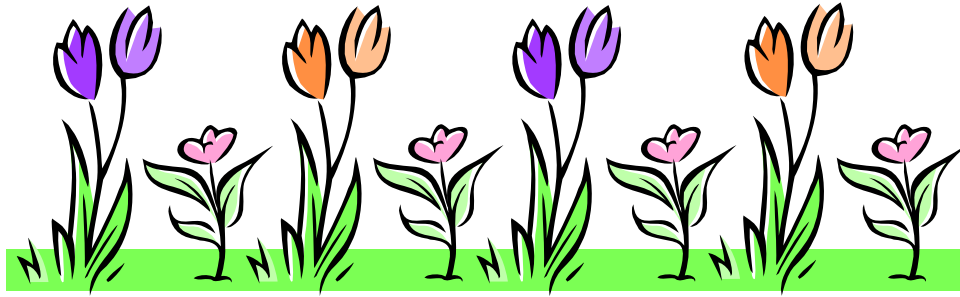
E. Top Ten List

1. Top 10 insect/mite pests.
2. Top 10 diseases.

SECTION II: Discussion

- A. Expand on any of Section I.
- B. New Finds.
- C. Program changes, new personnel.
- D. Problems, questions.
- E. Other





PURPOSE OF THE WESTERN CHAPTER

- To promote high standards of inspection work.
- To combine and share expertise, knowledge, experience and training among plant pest inspectors toward stimulating interest in and professionalizing plant inspection work.
- To provide a means of furthering fellowship among plant pest inspectors and allied workers.
- To provide a means of disseminating information particularly pertinent to plant pest inspection work.

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