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Greetings!

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Grand Junction, Colorado is just around the corner. Our Hosts have planned an exceptional "Speaker Series" providing opportunities to interact with experts on a wide range of topics as well as a day long "Field Trip" that will showcase Colorado horticulture while enjoying the scenic wonders of this part of our country.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of what our annual meeting has to offer; being provided the latest information on a wide variety of topics as well as interacting with like-minded professionals from other areas within the western states.

Our home base will be Main Street Suites Downtown Grand Junction/Hampton Inn. Our location is an easy walk to over 150 shops; providing guests with an enticing array of galleries, restaurants, museums and shopping. A shuttle service is available from the airport and the hotel is located just 3 blocks away from the Amtrak train station.



'Historic Downtown Grand Junction'

To guarantee room rates, your hotel reservations should be made by September 17, 2011. You will be doing our 'Colorado Hosts' a big favor by registering for this meeting as soon as possible.

Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm:

Weary travelers can catch up with old acquaintances and make new friends at our "Hospitality Suite", providing light refreshments, comfortable surroundings and interesting conversation.

Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm:

Our 'Speaker Series' is scheduled to include such topics as Japanese Beetle, Quarantines and Geographic Issues Affecting Exports & Imports, USDA Regional Concerns, Impacts of Forest Pests, Biological Control Methods, Colorado Seed Industry and National Plant Board Systems Approach to Nursery Certification.

Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm:

Our Field Trip day will include tours of the CSU Extension Farm, Biological Pest Control Division Palisade Insectary, Scenic Route Over Grand Mesa, Tree Farm / Nursery, Organic Orchard and a Lumber Mill Export Facility.

Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am to 11:00 am:

At our Business Meeting we will discuss financials, state reports, election of new officers and select hosts for future annual meetings.



'Scenic Grand Mesa, Colorado'

**For additional information please contact  
David Gordon: [David.Gordon@ag.state.co.us](mailto:David.Gordon@ag.state.co.us)**



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 via email to CJones@nmda.nmsu.edu

The written reports can be as long as the individual sees fit. 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
  - 2. Number of traps/number of finds.
  - 3. 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

**Silent Auction** **SOLD**

Our one and only fund raising event is our silent auction held every year at our annual meeting.

Member States are encouraged to donate items that represent regional commodities from their respective area. Past auction items have included framed art, candy, books, wine, lavender products, honey, pottery; just to name a few, but any type of item will be gladly accepted.

Most often items are auctioned at way less than their original cost. Attendee's are encouraged to bring along some extra change in order to take advantage of exceptionally good deals.

**2012 ANNUAL MEETING ?**



We are looking for a commitment from a Member State to host our next annual meeting to be held in October 2012. Realizing that we're in tough economic times with tight budgets and limited resources, it feels a little awkward asking for such a commitment.

Host States are not necessarily required to fiscally support our annual meeting. All it takes is a commitment of time, effort and a little bit of creativity in taking advantage of available resources.

WHIS can provide limited funding with additional expenses picked up by meeting registration fees. WHIS tax exempt status also allows for in-kind donations from other parties. Also, WHIS Executive Committee members provide assistance in support of our annual meetings.

**Past Annual Meetings:**

1999 – Nevada, 2000 – Colorado, 2001 – California, 2002 – Idaho, 2003 – Arizona, 2004 – Washington, 2005 – Montana, 2006 – New Mexico, 2007 – Utah, 2008 – Oregon, 2009 – None, and 2010 – Nevada.

## YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!!



We are asking members to consider volunteering to be our next Secretary. Connie Jones from New Mexico has filled this position for a number of years and is willing to give someone else the opportunity to be more active in support of WHIS.

Duties of the Secretary, as stated in our by laws, are provided below. Please do not be intimidated by this long list. Connie will assure you that volunteering in this position takes a minimal amount of time and minimum computer skills. For more information please contact Connie: [CJones@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:CJones@nmda.nmsu.edu)

### Duties and Responsibilities

1. Record minutes at annual business meeting and make them available to the newsletter editor for publication.
2. Deal with all routine correspondence on behalf of the Society.
3. Coordinate annual membership renewal mailings with the Treasurer, and if necessary, membership drives. Prepare and distribute a Welcome Letter to new members which includes membership information such as the Society website address and an Executive Committee contact list.
4. Prepare a list of members and call the roll when directed by the presiding officer.
5. Immediately following the annual meeting and workshop, forward adopted resolutions to appropriate persons.
6. Serve on the Executive Committee.
7. Coordinate with the Vice-President (annual meeting and workshop host) to organize and distribute meeting registration packets. The meeting notice should include a tentative agenda, hotel and travel information, state report format, and registration form.
8. Assist the presiding officer before each meeting in preparing a detailed agenda.
9. At the end of the term of office and after the minutes and current business is brought up-to-date; transfer the files over to the new secretary.
10. Within 30 days following the annual business meeting arrange for minutes to be posted on the Society website.

## WHIS TREASURER



We would like to thank Bev Clark, ODA, for her commitment to serving as our treasurer for the past several years. We would also like to thank Melissa Lujan, ODA, for volunteering to take Bev's place.

Melissa would like to remind members that Membership Application and Renewals should be submitted to her during the month of October. Only those members in good standing qualify to participate during our annual business meeting.

Please make checks payable to WHIS (not the Oregon Department of Agriculture) and mail them to:

WHIS  
c/o Melissa Lujan  
7934 SE Taylor Street  
Portland, Oregon 97215-3052



WHIS received \$7,500.00 from the National Plant Board with the intent of funding inspection harmonization options in the Western States and the possibility of creating a practical, transparent, science-based, systems approach nursery certification program to minimize the spread of plant pests and facilitate the safe movement of nursery stock in the United States. We will be discussing the utilization of these funds at our next business meeting and we hope to have a Systems Approach Program Partnership (SAP-P) committee member speak at this year annual meeting in Colorado.



**2011  
WESTERN HORTICULTURE SOCIETY  
WESTERN CHAPTER  
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:

MELISSA LUJAN, INSPECTIONS PROGRAM AUDITOR  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
7934 SE TAYLOR STREET  
PORTLAND, OR 97215-3052

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!



## 13th Annual Meeting Registration Form October 3-6, 2011, Grand Junction, Colorado

**Please Respond by September 16, 2011**

*Please print*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of attendance is \$80.00 for the three day event. All meals with the exception of lunch on October 4 and 5 will be on your own. If you are currently not a WHIS Member, please include a \$20.00 membership fee and complete the attached WHIS Membership Application and Renewal. *Make checks payable to:* Horticulture Inspection Society Western Chapter (WHIS) and send completed registration form(s) and payment to:

David Gordon  
Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry  
P.O. Box 233  
Eckert, CO 81418  
Phone: 970-209-0348  
[david.gordon@ag.state.co.us](mailto:david.gordon@ag.state.co.us)

### **Hotel Information:**

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by September 17th to guarantee a rate of \$86.00 per night. Taxes will not be charged if proof of tax exempt status is provided, otherwise an 11.5% charge will be added.

Hampton Inn Grand Junction  
Contact person: Ashley Bates, telephone: 970-243-3222  
Ask for **Colorado Department of Agriculture**  
[hamptoninn.grandjunction.com](http://hamptoninn.grandjunction.com)

*Free shuttle service is provided between the airport and the hotel.*

Please indicate if you are interested in pesticide credits (continuing education units)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

***Silent Auction:*** *We will again hold a Silent Auction of items contributed by members; contributions that represent your state or are just plain fun! All proceeds go to the WHIS treasury to support future WHIS activities. You may ship your items ahead of time or bring with you. Contact David Gordon, [david.gordon@ag.state.co.us](mailto:david.gordon@ag.state.co.us)*