

Horticulture Days set for Feb. 4-5 at LMC

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The annual Southwest Michigan Horticultural Days conference will be Feb. 4-5 at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, organizers announced.

The Michigan Grape Society and Michigan State University Extension are hosting the event in cooperation with LMC.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. both days and all educational sessions begin at 9 a.m. The Feb. 4 general session will feature presentations about insurance options for specialty crops using non-insurable agricultural products (NAP) under the new farm bill, an update on the Food Safety Modernization Act

(FSMA), digital food safety recordkeeping on a budget, and a panel discussion on the use of the MSU Enviroweather website.

There will be educational sessions on tree fruit both days, vegetable production and wine grapes Feb. 4, and blueberries and all grapes Feb. 5.

The event further fea-

tures a trade show and raffle.

Restricted use pesticide recertification credits have been requested for all educational sessions.

Registration is \$30 at the door and includes lunch for both days. Early registration is \$25 and must be postmarked by Jan. 27. Mail registration to: Mich-

igan Grape Society, P.O. Box 151, Baroda, MI 49101, Attention: Allen Zelmer.

Registration forms and programs can be obtained from the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center (SWMREC), 1791 Hillandale Road, Benton Township, or by calling 944-1477, Ext. 201;

and from the Berrien County MSU Extension office, 1737 Hillandale Road.

Preregistration form and program can be found at <http://agbioresearch.msu.edu/centers/swmrec>

For registration information only, call Zelmer at 269-870-5265.

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