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Seeds For Change: Organic Seed Production & Crop Variety Improvement

John Navazio Senior Plant Breeder for the Organic Seed Alliance, Port Townsend, Washington
Frank Morton and his wife Karen operate **Wild Garden Seed** Gathering Together Farm in Philomath, Oregon

Tuesday evening, **July 20** until Friday morning, **July 23** at
Foxglove Farm, Saltspring Island
Register at www.foxglovefarmbc.ca.

SHEEP FIELD DAY - CAMPBELL FARM, SATURNA ISLAND JULY 24, 2010

All Day - whenever you come, to whenever you leave. Camping ok.
For more information and directions please contact Nan at dglogan@shaw.ca or Jacques at campbellfarm@saturnacan.net

Sponsored By; the Inter Island Sheep Breeders, with the BC Sheep Federation and Canadian Sheep Federation

WIGA Members Annual Evening Social Picnic and Vineyard Workshop

Saturday July 24th, 3 pm – workshop: 4 pm – party

Hyndman Vineyard, Saanichton.

Workshop discussion: weed management

Please indicate if you will attend to: email WIGA@shaw.ca

Please bring an appetiser, salad, or dessert and some of your favourite wine to share.

Map available at <http://www.wiga.ca/Events&News/EventsPublic.htm>

Southern Vancouver Island Direct Farm Marketing Association Tour of Farms 2010

Cowichan Valley, Saanich Peninsula & Metchosin

Free, family-oriented self-guided event offers opportunity to learn more about the importance of farming and food sustainability

Sunday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

http://www.islandfarmfresh.com/tour_of_farms.htm

info@islandfarmfresh.com

6th Annual W. WA Viticulture Conference, Vashon Island Monday, August 9, 2010

Featuring: Barney Watson "Evaluating winegrape maturity and harvest decisions"

Winemaking Instructor, Vineyard Management/Winemaking Program
Northwest Viticulture Center at Eola at Chemeketa Community College

Tours of the Vineyards of Vashon island

For more information: www.meetmeinthecellar.org.

To register to: nina@meetmeinthecellar.org

Farm Credit Canada – Upcoming Free Workshops

Farm Financial Management – Profitability and Budgeting in Abbotsford on November 9
Farm Financial Management – Statements and Ratios in Langley on November 10.

Registration at : http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/LearningCentre/event_list_e.asp?blnSearch=true&mnuEventType=1&mnuEventName=Any&mnuGeographicRegion=BC&startDate=&endDate=&search=Search

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Agriculture and Water - Waterbucket website for information on drought management, irrigation scheduling, drainage and more
<http://www.waterbucket.ca/aw/?sid=79&id=189&type=single#>

Provincially Licensed Meat Plant Establishments

New! ENHANCED REGULATIONS SUPPORT LOCAL MEAT SALES

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2010HLS0024-000457.htm
<http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/protect/meat-regulation/>
<http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/161B504B-8E5D-43BA-B111-684DA64996C6/0/MeatPlantEstablishmentWEBVERSION.pdf>

NEW Pest Alert Spotted Wing Drosophila (Fruit Fly)

Berries, grapes and stone fruit

<http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/swd.htm>
http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/swd_monitoring.pdf

Canadian Horticulture's Council CanadaGAP On-Farm Food Safety program

Annette Moore, recognized trainer
Quality First in Agriculture Inc.
T: (604) 859-5962
E: qfirst@telus.net
W: www.qfirst.ca

BC Good Agricultural and Collection Practices

Keith Hunter, recognized trainer
phone 250 720-8907
FirstNationsWildcrafters@shaw.ca

Farm Business Advisory Services Program

Up to **\$5,000** is in funding for business planning is now available for both new and established farms. Check the link below for all the program and eligibility details or contact Jill Hatfield, BC Ministry of Agriculture & Lands at 250 897-7518 or Jill.Hatfield@gov.bc.ca for more information.

http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB_Advisory_Services.html

Agri-Food Trade Service Funding Opportunities for BC Producers, Processors, and Associations

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<http://www.ats.agr.gc.ca/exp/5288-eng.htm>

Farm Centre Agriwebinar's <http://agriwebinar.com/>

Please visit the [Past Webinars](#) section to view this webinar on our synchronized slide system

Local Farm Organization Monthly Meetings

Note: with summer here please contact organizations as some do not meet over the summer

Canadian Organic Growers Vancouver Island Chapter (COGVI)

Meets monthly every third Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Haliburton Farm, 741 Haliburton Road, Victoria.
Please see www.haliburtonfarm.org for map."

Comox Valley Farmers' Institute

*Meets at the Dove Creek Hall, Courtenay the third Tuesday of every month.
Contact: Gerry 250-334-4562*

Cowichan Agricultural Society & Farmers Institute Meeting

Come to our meetings and learn from other growers during the "Farmers Soap Box"
Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. 5855 Clements St. Duncan, BC
Contact: David at 250-748-8089
[Meetings from June to September will be at member farms hosting tours!](#)

Cowichan Exhibition Society

Meets at 5855 Clements St in Duncan on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Island Farmer's Alliance

kathleen.erickson@buyselltrade.ca
<http://www.islandfarmersalliance.org/index.htm>

Nanaimo-Cedar Farmers' Institute

Meets at the Cedar United Church Hall (1644 Cedar Rd) on the second Thursday of October - June.
Contact Joanne at 250-722-3397

Peninsula Agricultural Commission (PAC)

For more information please contact:

Isobel Hoffmann Secretary to PAC Isobel.Hoffmann@saanich.ca

Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute

Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Cobble Hill Hall.

Vancouver Island Goat Association Meetings

Contact: Marion 250-752-8526 e-mail mousefieldfarm@uniserve.com

Wine Island Growers Association

<http://www.wiga.ca/>

A majority of our 2010 Conference Presentations are now available on our website under Events and News

VEGGIE, POULTRY AND SMALL ANIMAL SWAP that has started up at the Lighthouse Community Center on Lions Way in Qualicum Bay. There is an indoor swap meet and Pancake Breakfast from 9am - 1pm and an outdoor farmers market (including live poultry) that runs from 10am till 1pm. The contact person is Sheena McCorquodale 250-757-9991

Farm Animal and Poultry Swaps

Courtenay - South Country Feeds - 2nd Sunday each month 11am - 1pm

Courtenay - SharKare Feeds - 3rd Sunday each month 11am - 1pm

Duncan, (Cowichan Feather Fanciers) at Buckerfields - 4th Sunday each month **11 am til 12:30 pm starting Feb 28 til Oct** <http://members.shaw.ca/cowichanfeatherfanciers/>

Coombs, Farm Animal & Poultry Swap, Coombs Fairgrounds - **1st** Sunday of the month **11 am - 1 pm starting March 1** until November. Contact 250-752-1703 dogma@bcsupernet.com "Subscribe to free eNewsletter"

BC HST Information

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/gncy/hrmnztn/bc/menu-eng.html>

Registering (opening) your GST/HST account <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/gst-tps/rgstrng/menu-eng.html>

Canada Revenue Agency – Technical Questions: 1 800 959-5525

B.C. Ministry of Finance: 1 877 388-4440

BC Crop Production Guides

Home and Garden Pest Management Guide for B.C. is now available!

Ordering information available at the following link <http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/prodguide.htm>

Courses being offered through Vancouver Island University Continuing Ed.

<http://www.mala.ca/ccs/programareas.asp>

Call today to register! 250-746-3519

Courses being offered through North Island College Continuing Ed.

http://www.nic.bc.ca/programs/ce/PDF_Docs/CE_Calendar.pdf

Campbell River 250-923-9750

Comox Valley 250-334-5005

Port Alberni 250-724-8705

Courses being offered through Camosun College Continuing Ed.

<http://camosun.ca/ce/programs.html>

1-877-554-7555

BC Farmers Market Association “Find A Market”

<http://www.bcfarmersmarket.org/findamarket.asp>

Agriculture Labour Pool (based in Abbotsford but does the Islands as well)

<http://www.agri-labourpool.com/>

Western Agriculture Labour Initiative

<http://www.walicanada.com/docs/brochure.pdf>

Federal - Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) 2008

<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/yi/yep/programs/scpp.shtml>

Federal - Youth Employment Strategy

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/sc/youth/summerwork.shtml>

Bee Information

<http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/apiculture/>

Apiculture Inspector Vancouver Island

Brenda Jager

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Canada - British Columbia Environmental Farm Plan Program

http://www.ardcorp.ca/index.php?page_id=14

Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) brochure

http://www.ardcorp.ca/userfiles/file/efp/2009_Growing_Forward_BMP_version_6_final.pdf

Multispecies Grazing Articles

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/sheep/bsa01s30.html>

<http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/multispecies.html>

www.sheepusa.org/index.phtml?page=site/get_file&print=1&file_id=ef51fd3d75841c85203f246d86635511

<http://wsare.usu.edu/pro/pr2003/EW01-006.pdf>

New Farm Vehicles on the Move

A guide to licensing and insuring farm vehicles in British Columbia

http://www.cvse.ca/references_publications/booklets1-6/pdf/MV1660_Farm_Vehicles.pdf

Farm Structures and Fencing Information can be found at:

http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/Farm_Structures.htm#fencing

To apply for **Farm Status** you would contact **BC Assessment** in Nanaimo or Courtenay.

http://www.bcassessment.bc.ca/process/agricultural_forestry/index.asp

Leasing options for farmers and rural land owners

<http://blog.conservancy.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/FarmlandAccessAgreementGuide2009.pdf>

Dam Safety in BC

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/public_safety/dam_safety/responsible.html

Food Safety Systems

<http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/foodsafety/fed-prov.htm>

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Programs and Services

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1204137480722&lang=eng>

Investment Agriculture Foundation

http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/other.htm

Labour Market & Skills Development Initiative

http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/LMSD/LMSD.htm

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Used to be anybody could farm. All you needed was a strong back... but nowadays you need a good education to understand all the advice you get so you can pick out what'll do you the least harm. ~ Vermont Saying, Mid-1900s