

Minnesota Elderberry Workshop & Plant Sales - 2015

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Natura Farms, 19060 Manning Trail N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047 (651-308-3801)

PRESENTERS, TOPICS & SCHEDULE

SATURDAY June 6, 2015 at Natura Farms (most any weather)

8:00 – 8:45 Registration, Coffee, Refreshment

8:45 – 9:00 *Welcome & Orientation*, Paul M. Otten & Chris Patton

9:00 – 9:45 *Healthy Soil & Elderberry Installation*, by Paul Otten, Berry Communications

9:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break & Refreshments

10:00-10:30 *Fundamentals of Organic Certification* by Michelle Menken, Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, Minneapolis

10:30 – 11:00 *Your Elderberry Irrigation System Options* by David Birky, Ag Resource Inc., Detroit Lakes, MN

11:00 – 11:30 SWD Update & Pest Control, Dr. Christopher Philips and Grace Sward from the U of MN Entomology Dept.

11:30 – 12:00 *An Introduction to Neem Oil*, by Usha Rao of The Ahimsa Alternatives, Inc.

12:00 – 1:30 Picnic Lunch Networking, plus our remaining snacks, beverages

1:30 – 1:45 *MEC Membership Options & Volunteering*, by Chris Patton, MEC

1:30 – 2:15 *Marketing Midwest Grown Elderberry* by Chris Patton, MEC

2:15 – 2:30 Break & Elderflower Sales Indications

2:30 – 4:00 *Natura Farm Walking Tour*, by Paul Otten with networking, Q&A

4:00 – ? Next Steps, Q & A, Open Discussion by all, Plant Sales

Event Partners:

Berry Communications, River Hills Harvest Marketers, LLC, Sustainable Farming Association, Organic Fruit Growers Association