

Registration Form

Name1 _____

Name2 _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

**Submit names and addresses for each registrant.*

Conference Registration Fee:

The conference registration fee includes speakers, printed materials, break food, and lunch on Saturday. Lodging and Friday dinner are on your own. Add \$5/person for registrations after February 28.

Full Conference

No. Attending: _____ x \$50.00 each = \$ _____

Friday Only

No. Attending: _____ x \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday Only

No. Attending: _____ x \$40.00 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed:..... \$ _____

Make check/money order payable to:

MN Hazelnut Foundation

and return with completed registration to:

**Jim Mickelson
4817 75th St SE
Rochester, MN 55904**

Registration Deadline: Monday, Feb. 28th

DIRECTIONS

From North

- I-94 to State Hwy 52
- State Hwy 52 south to Butler Avenue exit in West St Paul, Minnesota
- West on Butler Avenue East 0.2 miles to Stassen Lane
- South on Stassen Lane

From South

- I-494 to State Hwy 52
- State Hwy 52 north to Butler Avenue exit in West St Paul, Minnesota
- West on Butler Avenue East 0.2 miles to Stassen Lane
- South on Stassen Lane



Suggested Lodging

Country Inn & Suites – 651-450-1100

Microtel Inn & Suites – 651-552-0555

Clarion Hotel – 651-455-3600

AmericInn – 888-881-7829

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the AmericInn and the Microtel Inn & Suites. Call them directly and ask for the Hazelnut Growers Conference. Call by February 20.

The MN Hazelnut Foundation, Rural Advantage, U of M, University of Wisconsin, and others invite you to the 2011 Upper Midwest Hazelnut Growers Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Dakota Lodge at the picturesque Thompson County Park in West St Paul.

Building from the success of last years first ever conference, we are excited about the 2011 conference and speakers. We are doing things slightly different than last year. Friday March 4th is dedicated to new growers, those that are interested in getting started with hazelnuts or folks that simply want to brush up on the basics. On Saturday March 5th we will get into the heavy lifting and hear from several prominent speakers on a range of topics.

A couple of new items this year; we'll be featuring homemade goods during our morning and afternoon breaks so bring your favorite hazelnut treat to share with conference participants. We hope to have a full table of hazelnut goodies, feel free to bring your own placard with your name and contact information. We will also have placards for you when you arrive.

Growers are encouraged to bring one or several samples of their best nuts for evaluation. We will crack out the nuts, weigh them, and evaluate for taste, nut size, and kernel quality. Please bring at least 5 nuts per sample.

The MN Hazelnut Foundation will be hosting a light reception for participants on Friday March 4th at 6:30 PM at the AmericInn. Join us for conversation about hazelnuts, networking, and fellowship.

AmericInn of Inver Grove Heights
5861 Blaine Avenue
Inver Grove Heights MN 55076

Contact Jeff Jensen at 515-320-2635

with questions.

2nd Annual Upper Midwest Hazelnut Growers Conference



**Friday - Saturday
March 4-5, 2011**

**Dakota Lodge
Thompson County Park
1200 Stassen Lane
West St. Paul, WI**

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Hazelnut Growers Conference**
Dakota Lodge, Thompson County Park in West St Paul, MN

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday March 4th
Hazelnuts 101

Bring 5 good nut
samples for evaluation!

- Noon – 1:00 Registration
- 1:00 – 1:30 Welcome – Introductions
- 1:30 – 2:00..... Hazelnuts in the Midwest – A brief history
- 2:00 – 3:15..... Site Selection/Preparation/Planting
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break/Networking
- 3:30 – 4:00..... Maintenance & Care
- 4:00 – 4:45..... Harvest & Processing
- 4:45 – 5:30 Participatory Plant Breeding – You Too Can Be a HIPster
- 5:30 – 6:00..... Q & A, networking

Hazelnut 101 Instructors

Jeff Jensen, MN Hazelnut Foundation and Rural Advantage
Dr. Lois Braun, University of Minnesota
Jason Fischbach, UW-Extension
Hazelnut Growers

Saturday March 5th

- 8:00– 9:00Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15Welcome – Introductions
- 9:15 – 9:45Marketing Nuts from the Farm
Jeff Jensen, Rural Advantage
- 9:45 – 10:30Integrating Livestock & Hazelnuts
Reginaldo Haslet Maroquin, Rural Enterprise Center
- 10:30 – 10:45.....BREAK
- 11:00 – 12:00Hazelnut Propagation
Dr. Lois Braun, U of Minnesota, Dr. Brent McCown, U of Wisconsin
- 2:00 – 1:00Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45.....Hazelnuts in Nebraska: The Hybrid Hazelnut Consortium
Troy Pabst, Nebraska Forest Service
- 1:45 – 2:30The Genetics of American and Hybrid Hazelnuts: What We
Know and Why We Care
Dr. Anthony Kern, Northland College
- 2:30 – 2:45.....BREAK
- 2:45 – 3:30.....Yield Potential of Hybrid and American Hazelnuts
Jason Fischbach, University of Wisconsin-Extension
- 3:30 – 4:30.....An Update on Hazelnut Processing
Hazelnut Processing Steering Committee
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