



2020 Alaska Peony Conference

Alaska Peony Growers Association Annual Winter Conference

Pre and Post Conference Sessions

Thursday Pre-Conference Sessions - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Growers School

Presenter: Marjorie Illingworth

This school will be of benefit to all growers, new and experienced. It will cover all aspects of successful peony growing in Alaska from how to choose varieties to start your farm or add to your current production, peony care, field troubleshooting and intervention, successful harvesting and maintaining post-harvest quality.

The session will also look at the impacts of our changing climate on growing tactics, and pest management. And most importantly, how do the changing harvest times impact us as we interface with the rest of the world peony market.

Marjorie has almost 20 years of experience growing and researching peonies and will share her experience.

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Thursday Pre-Conference Session - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Efficient and Effective Herbicide Management

Presenters: Jon Oestreich, USDA/NRCS, Brian Atkinson, FSWCD, & Aditi Shenoy, FSWCD

Commercial peony growing requires careful management of the health of the crop. There are insect pests, weeds, botrytis, and other molds and diseases. Managing these issues takes careful attention to effective treatments but most importantly applying them effectively and economically.

This session will cover everything from measuring agents, adding water to agents and the effects of water temperature, hardness, and pH to getting a proper mix. There will be a discussion of what general types of agents can be mixed and applied together, how to determine whether specific agents can be mixed and the order of adding them to the mix. Also when and how are adjuvants affective and when are they not. These are all things that will make for a more effective application of these very expensive agents.

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Right Risk- Financial Farm Management- January 30th

FREE- Registration required- at bottom

Thursday January 30th:

1:00pm - 4:00PM

Speakers: Jeff Tanel and John Hewlett

Understanding the finances of a business, including a peony farm, is critical to the sustainability and profitability of the business. A peony grower can make better decisions by knowing what it costs to grow peonies, understanding how to manage such costs, estimating potential returns, and computing returns on investments in land, bulbs, equipment, and labor.

RightRisk will conduct an exciting, interactive education program covering costs and returns of growing peonies, computing breakeven prices, using financial analysis to make more informed decisions, and managing key costs of production, investments, and taxes. Workshop participants will enter actual data into a user-friendly computer template to calculate costs of production and other key financial information. Participants will know how to use the template for analyzing their own farm's numbers and many other resources. Additionally, they will better understand their costs of production so as to make better – more profitable – management decisions.

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