



The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association

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Newsletter *Season's Greetings!*

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Staff Update

Elaine Miedema, Member Services Coordinator, has retired after 32 years with the BCGFA. Elaine has not fully retired, though, as she is now working at husband Randy's business KP Tirecraft. Thanks to Elaine for many years of support for BCFGAs members!

Brenda Zarr has been hired as the new Member Services Coordinator. Brenda will be looking after Replant, Tree Fruit Production Guide orders, maintaining our member database, and many other tasks in general. Brenda has experience at Heritage Canada with grants administration and also project management in providing administrative support for a large Information Technology project of Rack Force, a Kelowna-based 'internet cloud' company. Brenda may be contacted at 250-762-5226 ext. 21, or toll free 1-800-619-9022, ext. 21.

Apple Clearwing Moth

Apple Clearwing Moth is a current tree health issue. BCFGAs and BC Investment Agriculture funded a survey in 2014 to determine how the 2012 populations have changed. Pilot projects on Apple Clearwing Moth control methods are being planned for three local areas of the Okanagan.

Sterile Insect Release Program

In a previous newsletter, we let growers know about two major reviews of the Sterile Insect Release Program, as well as the completion of a three year pilot project on the use of pheromones. As a result of these studies, the positive value of SIR for the apple and pear sector is recognized and the basis for ongoing municipal support has been established. The SIR program will use Sterile Insect Technology in all regions, supplemented by other technology, such as pheromones, where needed. Priority orchards will be supported by SIR and the BCTF field service, to help ring control to higher populations of Codling Moth in localized areas. Finally, the program continues to seek expanded use of the SIT facility and new technology to help reduce and control program expense.

Notice of BCFGGA Annual Convention

Under the Terms of the Bylaws of the Association, Members are Directed to Take Notice of the 126th Annual General Meeting of the BC Fruit Growers' Association

February 20 and 21, 2015

At the Penticton Lakeside Resort, Penticton, BC

The theme of the Convention is "Renewal - Progress in Motion"

Friday, February 20, 2015: Business Session (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Annual Report of the Executive; Financial statements, budget, and any Special Resolutions; Annual reports of subsidiaries: BC Research and Development Orchard Ltd. and Summerland Varieties Corporation; Guest speakers and reports of industry organizations and companies; Committee reports and resolutions for delegate consideration.

Saturday, February 21, 2015: Policy Session (8:30 – 2:00 pm)

Guest speakers and reports of industry organizations and companies; Special reports; Committee reports and resolutions for delegate consideration; Election of the BCFGGA Executive at 2:00 pm. Lunch provided.

Friday, February 20, 2015: Social (6 – 8 pm)

also held at the Penticton Lakeside Resort, Penticton, BC.

All members, industry and government representatives are welcome.

You may access a calendar of events on the front page of the BCFGGA website, www.bcfga.com

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