



your Lake County HORTICULTURAL NOTES

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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR AG SCREENING COMMITTEE

I urge all eligible agriculturalists to consider this invitation:

The Lake County Board of Supervisors is presently seeking three positions on the County's Agricultural Screening Committee. Vacancies occur in Supervisorial Districts 2, 3 and 5. The Board will be appointing members to the Committee later this fall. Applications are available at the Lake County Planning Department, Agricultural Commissioner, U.C. Extension and Farm Bureau offices. An application form is also included with this newsletter.

The purpose of the Agricultural Screening Committee is to make recommendations to the Lake County Planning Commission on the suitability of applications for entering into agricultural preserves in the County. Agricultural preserves are formed to assure that agricultural and open space lands are adequately protected. Property owners who enter into agricultural preserve agreements receive property tax relief for assuring that their lands remain in agricultural and open space uses.

Committee membership is open to anybody residing in Districts 2, 3 or 5. Applicants should have an agricultural interest that may include farming, ranching, agricultural sales and supply, processing or education. Applications should be submitted to the Planning Department by 5:00 P.M., OCTOBER 31st. Questions can be answered by calling the Planning Department at 263-2221.

ALTERNATIVE AG AND SPECIALTY CROP CONFERENCE

In cooperation with our respective Farm Bureaus, the Mendocino and Lake County U.C. Cooperative Extension offices are co-sponsoring a seminar focusing on specialty crop production and marketing. Speakers will include both U.C. and private sector personnel, including Lake County's specialty crop producers.

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Topics will include:

- Suitability of the two counties for specialty crops and organic agriculture
- On-farm post-harvest storage for small enterprises
- Direct marketing
- Developing individualized marketing campaigns

Three afternoon workshops - organic meat production, organic wines and marketing - will offer (potential) alternative crop producers the chance to interact with those experienced in those areas.

The seminar will be held in Ukiah on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1988. Contact our office for further information and/or to receive a final agenda. If you have considered alternative crops or organic production, here is a unique chance to learn from those who know!

U.C. GRAPE COURSES OFFERED

The Fall 1988 listing of U.C. Davis Extension viticulture/wine-making courses has arrived. Growers may choose from the following (cost includes lunch, all held at U.C. Davis):

Grape Disease Management and Identification
November 4, 1988 cost: \$75.00

Current Topics in Winegrape Pest Management
December 1, 1988 cost: \$65.00

Rhone Varietal Production in California (i.e. Syrah, Grenache, Mourvede, Viognier, Marsanne, Rousanne)
December 3, 1988 cost: \$100.00 (includes tastings)

Diagnosis of Nutritional Needs in Grapevines
December 6, 1988 cost: \$65.00

There are also 7 courses on wine production and winery business management/marketing. Contact us for more information or an enrollment form.

GRAPE ROOTSTOCK CHOICES - YOURS TO MAKE

Only you will be able to decide which rootstock to use. The following table lists some rootstocks currently of interest and is intended only to provide information. If any of these stocks interest you, contact me for further information.

ROOTSTOCK	SPECIES ORIGIN	GRAPE ROOTSTOCK CHARACTERISTICS		WET SOIL	DROUGHT	COMPAT- IBILITY w/Vinifera	VIGOR
		PHYLL- OXERA	NEMA- TODES				
AXR#1	vinifera x rupestris	X (A)	\ / -	X	\	X	X
SO4	Berlandieri x riparia	X	X	X	- /\	X	X
110 RICHTER	Berlandieri x rupestris	X	\	X	X	X	X
3309 COUDERC	riparia x rupestris	X	\	X	- /\	\	X
039-16	vinifera x rotundifolia	?	X / ?	?	?	?	X
5BB TELEKI, Selection Kober	Berlandieri x riparia	X	X	X	/ ?	- / ?	\
LEKI 5A	Berlandieri x riparia	X	?	?	?	X	X / ?
TELEKI 5C	Berlandieri x riparia	X / ?	X	X	\ / ?	- / ?	?
420-A MGT	Berlandieri x riparia	X	\	X	\	\	\
1103 PAULSEN	Berlandieri x rupestris	X	\	X	X	X	X
225 RUGGERI	Berlandieri x riparia	?	?	?	X	X	?
1202C	vinifera x rupestris	X / ?	-	X	X	X	X
1613C	longii x (vinifera x riparia x labrusca)	\	\	-	X	X	X
HARMONY	1613 x champini (Dogridge)	X	X	-	X	X	X
ST. GEORGE (Rupestris du Lot)	rupestris	X	\ / X	\ / -	\	X	X
101-14 MGT	riparia x rupestris	X	X	X	- /\	\	\

Example of conflicting experiences:

Author	Locale	Response of 101-14 to drought
Morton	Europe	poor
Pongracz	South Africa	some resistance
Straus/Archer	South Africa	very good resistance

X = well-known resistance/tolerance/
strong characteristic
X = moderate resistance/tolerance
\ = mediocre/erratic resistance
- = known lack of resistance
? = unknown if resistant

THE BOTTOM LINE: There are more unknowns than knowns for many rootstocks, especially where there is little or no previous experience (such as California)

Rachel Elkins, June 1988

MORE COURSES FOR GROWERS

Contact us for information or an enrollment form (all held at U.C. Davis)

Business Continuation: Transferring the Family Farm
to Succeeding Generations
December 3, 1988 cost: \$50.00

Pesticides in the Environment: Regulation, Relative
Risk and Management
December 7, 1988 cost: \$25.00

Vertebrate Pest Management
December 12, 1988 cost: \$65.00

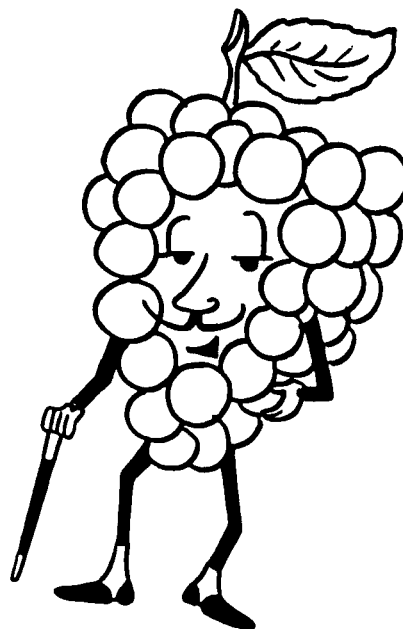
1988 GRAPE HARVEST

For newcomers, as well as "old timers", it's been a 'wild and crazy' year. As I write this, a very short Sauvignon blanc is being harvested. By the time you read this, red varieties will perhaps be off the vines as well. I wish all of you the best, and here's to 1989!

Sincerely,

Rachel B. Elkins

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Farm Advisor



AGRICULTURAL SCREENING COMMITTEE

Application for Membership

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE NUMBER: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION(S) (if applicable): _____

Please provide a short statement explaining your background and reasons for applying:

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