

All Things Apple

A workshop for small-scale orchardists, organized by Washington State University Extension in San Juan County as part of the 2016 San Juan Islands Agricultural Summit

Featured speakers

Tom Thornton, Cloud Mountain Farm

Dr. Carol Miles, Washington State University Vegetable Extension Specialist

David Bauermeister, Northwest Agriculture Business Center

Eric Hall, Crowfoot Farm, Lopez Island

Madrona Murphy, Kwiaht

Nathan Donnelly, Reverence Permaculture

Date and Time: Friday, February 12, 9:30am – 2:30pm

Location: Skagit Valley College San Juan Center and an island farm

Cost: \$35

Attendees, please dress for the weather and uneven farm terrain. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and pastries will be provided. If you have a grafting knife, exacto knife, or sharp paring knife, please bring it for the afternoon grafting session. And bring your favorite SHARP clippers!

Agenda

9:30am – 10:15am *Year-Around Organic Orchard Management*. Speaker: Tom Thornton

10:15am – 11am *Growing Apples for Cider—Varieties, Yield, Fruit and Juice Quality. Anthracnose in Apples. Creating an Orchard Enterprise Budget*. Speaker: Carol Miles

Break

11:15am – 12pm *Starting a Commercial Orchard from Scratch*. Speakers: David Bauermeister (Creating an Orchard) and Eric Hall (Apple Varieties)

12pm – 12:30 *Building Soil for the Organic Orchard. Permaculture Practices for the Orchardist*. Speaker: Nathan Donnelly

12:30 – 12:45pm *Heritage and Locally Adapted Apple Varieties in the San Juan Islands*. Speaker: Madrona Murphy

Travel to Snowberry Farm (directions on back; we'll organize carpools)

1 – 2:30pm *Grafting, Pruning Strategies, and Guided Hands-on Pruning with Tom Thornton, Nathan Donnelly, and Eric Hall*