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**Massachusetts Cultivated Blueberry Grower’s Association Winter Invitation**

To: New England Small Fruit Growers / Backyard Growers

From: The Massachusetts Cultivated Blueberry Grower’s Association
(MCBGA)

Subject: How to Successfully Grow Blueberries

Date: November 3rd, 2019

The MA Cultivated Blueberry Grower’s Association is holding its annual winter meeting on **Sunday, November 3rd** **at Harvey’s Conference Center, 68 Hopkinton Rd., Rte. 135, Westborough, MA 01581 at 11:30 a.m. (**<http://www.elharvey.com/contact/>**).**

This year we are pleased to have **Mary Conklin**, Extension Educator in Fruit Production & IPM at the University of Connecticut, talk to us about how to successfully grow blueberries. Being in the fruit industry for over 35 years as a grower, consultant and an Extension Educator, Mary will talk about site selection, soil preparation, plant selection, plant health, pests, and where to buy supplies/bushes.

**Agenda**

11:30 a.m. Annual MCBGA Business Meeting

12:30 p.m. Light Lunch Catered by Chef Du Jour ($18.00 per person)

1:30 p.m. Presentation - How to Successfully Grow Blueberries

2:30 p.m. Q&A

 3:00 p.m. Meeting Adjournment

A light lunch is being offered for an additional $18.00 per person. All lunches must be prepaid (see attached form). Annual membership dues ($20 per farm/family) for the upcoming growing year are due at this meeting. If you prefer not to have lunch, please arrive at 1:30 p.m. for the speaker’s presentation. There is a nominal $10 charge for non-members.

**Please RSVP for this seminar by emailing Elisabeth Patt at** **eap1226@verizon.net** **by Friday, October 25th.**

**If ordering lunch, please fill out the form below.**

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**MCBGA 2019 Member Registration Annual Dues**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mode for Updates/Announcement: \_\_\_\_\_e-mail \_\_\_\_Postal Service

Total Membership Dues: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MCBGA Annual Membership Dues: $20 per family

***Active members annual dues are payable yearly at the winter meeting***

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**Catered Light Lunch** ($18 per person) All lunches must be prepaid in advance.

*Indicate Number of meals needed*:

Total Lunch Order: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Light Lunch (Assorted Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert, Coffee)

**Please send this Membership Form and Check payable to the Massachusetts Cultivated Blueberry Grower’s Association: MCBGA c/o Elisabeth Patt, 577 Gorwin Dr., Holliston, MA 01746-1539.**

**Please RSVP no later than Friday October 25th so the appropriate amount of lunches may be ordered. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

MCBGA Board of Directors