



# Illinois State Horticultural Society Horticulture Field Day



**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**Valley Orchard  
811 East State Street, Cherry Valley, IL**

Raoul and Jodie Bergersen, owners of Valley Orchard, welcome you to their farm for the 2016 Horticulture Field Day. The field day provides you the opportunity to learn about Valley Orchard's farm operations. This 35-acre farm, grows apple trees, small fruits, vegetables and pumpkins. Their farm market offers fresh cider, made-from-scratch apple pies, apple cider donuts, caramel apples, and other unique treats and gifts. In addition, the field day will give you a chance to connect with other specialty growers in Illinois and neighboring states. Raoul and Jodie will share their knowledge about the farm business and University of Illinois Extension Specialists and Educators will discuss a range of topics related to specialty crops. Integrated pest management, fruit thinning, high density apples, trellised blackberries and varietal information are a few of the many topics that will be covered.

## **Tentative Agenda**

- 8:00 A.M. Registration**  
**8:30 A.M. Welcome**  
**8:45–11:30 A.M. Field Tours (Walking-Wagon Tours)**  
 Speakers during the field tours:  
 Valley Orchard: **Raoul Bergersen**  
 UIUC: **Horticulture- Dr. Mosbah Kushad**  
**Entomology- Dr. Richard Weinzierl**  
**Plant Pathology- Dr. Mohammad Babadoost**  
**Weed Management- Dr. Elizabeth Wahle**

Crops: dwarf and high density apples, pumpkins, bush cherries, plums, rotating trellised blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, rhubarb, and currants.

- 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. Lunch and Lunch-Time Presentations**  
 Exhibitor Introductions- **Craig Tanner and Denise Boggio**  
 President comments- **Jeff Broom**  
 Additional Presentations- TBA
- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Honeybees and Pesticide Impact – Liz Vaenoski, Vaenoski Honey Farm (Clinton, Wi)**  
**2:00 – 2:30 P.M. Aronia Berries –Jeff Warren, Berry View Orchard (Mount Morris, IL)**  
 - Management practices, market development, nutrition, and value added products
- 2:35 – 3:00 P.M. Tour of Four Sister's Organic Farm (719 E. State St., Cherry Valley, IL)**

Four Sisters Organic Farm in Cherry Valley, Illinois was founded in 2012 by Richard and Barbara Kanak. Named for their four daughters, this 12-acre organic farm features 209 varieties of vegetables, several different fruits, and perennial herbs. The Kanak's pride themselves in offering picked-on-demand produce and fruits from their farm stand. Richard Kanak will discuss the challenges and rewards of growing organically and answer questions based on his experience.

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More information and for advanced registration visit  
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# Announcing Horticulture Field Day

**Registration:** Pre-registration donation is \$27 per person or \$35 at the door. Advance reservations are appreciated. Please pre-register by June 2th. On-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Children are free.

**Directions:** From Rockford take US Route 20 (Harrison) 2 miles east of Cherry Vale Mall, turn right after RR tracks and go 1 block. Valley Orchard is across the street from the Police Department.

**More Information:** On hotels and general information, contact Rachel Coventry, Horticulture Field Day Coordinator at (217) 853-6048, email: [ilsthortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ilsthortsoc@gmail.com). On the program and presentations, contact Mosbah Kushad, (217) 418-1132, email: [kushad@illinois.edu](mailto:kushad@illinois.edu)



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### Advance Registration Form

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the field day (\$27/person, \$35 on-site, children under 12 free)

Name of Orchard: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form with payment no later than **June 2, 2016** to:  
**ISHS % Rachel Coventry, 1609 Harbor Point D., Champaign, IL 61821**

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