



Aquaponics in Oregon: Discover the Growing Potential Conference

Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24, 2018

Western Oregon University, Smith Hall, Monmouth, OR

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, June 22nd

5:00-7:00 Oregon Aquaculture Association (OAA) Member Gathering

Saturday, June 23rd

8:00 Registration & Breakfast

9:00 **Welcome & Introductions**--*Clint Bentz, President, OAA*

10:10 **Commercial Panel: How Does Aquaponics Meet a Growing Demand for Veggies & Fish and Sustainability--**

Lyf Gildersleeve, Flying Fish, Portland; Michael Hasey, The Farming Fish, Rogue River; Shannon & Jimmy Sbarra, Volcano Veggies, Bend; Joel Kelley, Live Local Organic, Milwaukie

11:10 **Aquaponic Tour (Group 1)** --*Kate Wildrick, Ingenuity Innovation Center, St. Helens & Louis Hans, BrewFish Farm, Monmouth*

11:10 **Aquaponics & Aquaculture**-- *Michael Hasey, The Farming Fish, Rogue River followed by lunch on your own*

1:00 **Organic Certification & Regulation**—*Olivia Hasey, The Farming Fish, Rogue River and Rick Boatner, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Salem*

2:10 **The Challenges of Growing Commercially** —*Joel Kelley, Live Local Organic, Milwaukie*

3:20 **Business of Aquaponic Pricing**--*Shannon Sbarra, Volcano Veggies, Bend*

4:30 **One Step Closer to Mars with Aquaponics**—

STEM Students, Meadow Park Middle School, Beaverton

5:30 Networking Mixer, Raffle

6:30 **Dinner & Keynote Speaker (TBA)**



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Sunday, June 24th

8:00 Registration & Breakfast

9:00 **Panel Discussion: Beyond Fish & Veggies - What Else Can You Grow?** --*Kate Wildrick, Ingenuity Innovation Center; Bucky Buchstaber, Fly Fishing Collaborative, Newberg; Sally Keasler, Pure Food Aquaponics; Arthur Shavers & Shantea Johnson, Mudbone Grown, Portland*

10:10 **Small Farm/Growing Organic Story**--*Jason Waligoske, Yep Yep Organic Farm, Dexter*

11:10 **Aquaponic Tour (Group 2)**--*Michael Hasey, The Farming Fish & Louis Hans, BrewFish Farm, Monmouth*

11:10 **Aquaponics: Removing the Barriers to Grow the Industry**--*Kate Wildrick, Ingenuity Innovation followed by lunch on your own*

1:00 **How Aquaponics Can Drive Social Impact**--*Bucky Buchstaber, Fly Fishing Collaborative, Newberg*

2:00 **Aquaponics: Community Building, Food and Medicine**--*Sally Keasler, Pure Food Aquaponics, Helvetia*

3:00 **Serving the Underserved**--*Arthur Shavers & Shantea Johnson, Mudbone Grown, Portland*

4:15 Closing; Networking Mixer & Raffle

Aquaponics is more than a growing trend. It is a burgeoning industry that is expanding all over the globe. This highly sustainable closed-loop ecosystem creates the optimum environment for fish and plants to thrive naturally. This growing technique grows pure, chemical free food free of pesticides and fertilizers. Using only 10% of the water that is required in conventional agriculture, aquaponics also uses less water than the aquaculture and hydroponic industries as there is no discharge or water exchanges required.

We will hear from some of the top commercial growers, innovators and educators in this emerging green industry and discover what the challenges and opportunities aquaponics presents in rural, suburban and urban areas. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to network, connect and learn from these pioneers as well as discover how to get involved in this growing movement.



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There is a limited number of tickets. Tickets are first come, first serve. Register by submitting the Payment Information on the next page with your check or register by PayPal through our website:

www.oregonaquaculture.org

Conference participants are responsible for their own lodging.

Regular Conference Rate: \$135.00 / person. Single day passport packages for Saturday or Sunday are available for \$75.00 each. Pay additional \$25 fee for Saturday Dinner. Pay additional \$15 fee for Aquaponic Tour. Refunds up to 7 days before event.



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