

Workshop for Growers



Saffron:

From Production to Processing

Friday, March 16, 2018

Burlington, VT

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*North American Center for
Saffron Research and Development*

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PROGRAM

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Registration & Saffron Coffee**
- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome & Introduction**
- 9:15 - 9:30 **The Culture of Saffron**
Agrin Davari, UVM
- 9:30 - 10:15 **Saffron Biology & Production in Cold Climates**
Arash Ghalehgalab, UVM
Production cycle and Vermont results
- 10:15 - 11:00 **Corm Production & European Saffron Cultivation**
Hans Rotteveel, Roco Saffron
Where do corms come from?
- 11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee Break** (Saffron cookies will be served.)
- 11:15 - 12:00 **Marketing Saffron Products in the US and Europe**
Steve Leach, Red Thread Farmstead
Hans Rotteveel, Roco Saffron
What are the local and international markets?
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch** (Time to chat with growers and experts and view poster presentations)
- 1:00 - 1:45 **How does Your Saffron Grow?** Round Table Discussion among growers about Diseases, Rodents, Weeds, Watering and other burning questions.
Margaret Skinner, facilitator, UVM
- 1:45 - 2:15 **Drying and Storing Saffron ***
Arash Ghalehgalab, UVM
Hans Rotteveel, Roco Saffron
How hot? How Long? How dry?
- 2:15 - 2:45 **Saffron Extraction and How to Use it ***
Agrin Davari, UVM
Khalil Mirza, Champlain College
Cooking with saffron, including some taste testing.
- 2:45 - 3:15 **What Does the Future Hold?**
Margaret Skinner, Arash Ghalehgalab & Bruce L. Parker, UVM

* Concurrent hands-on sessions

WELCOME!

The *North American Center for Saffron Research and Development* is a collaboration among growers, specialists and companies involved with production, processing and marketing of this high value crop from the US and beyond. We offer this workshop in response to the great interest generated in this “new” crop. This event will provide background about saffron in general and specific information about how to grow and process it. These workshops are for growers of all types who think saffron could be a viable crop for their operation.

The Speakers:

Hans Rotteveel, Owner, *Roco Saffron* (www.rocosaffron.com), The Netherlands. They are one of the largest producers of saffron corms, selling in Europe, Canada and the US, as well as Southern Hemisphere markets like Australia. This 4th generation family business has cultivated and sold flower bulbs and saffron corms since 1882.

Steve Leach, owner, *Red Thread Farmstead*, (<https://redthreadfarmstead.com/>) Swanton, VT. He grows saffron in a high tunnel in Vermont and operates an on-line company selling saffron and tea.

Arash Ghalehgalab, Post doc, *UVM*, has many years of experience growing saffron in Iran, and has been conducting research at UVM for the past two years.

Agrin Davari, Post Doc, *UVM*, is an insect pathologist working on biological control, but has been cooking with saffron every day for over 32 years.

Khalil Mirza, Undergraduate intern, *Champlain College*, has been working at the Saffron Center on various aspects of saffron production and marketing.

Hope you can make this historic event.

Margaret Skinner, Bruce L. Parker & Arash Ghalehgalab

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For more about our research go to:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~entlab/Saffron/Saffron.html>

Share this brochure with your staff and other growers.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Where and When:

March 16, 9:00 am – 3:15 pm

Davis Center, Silver Maple Ballroom, 4th floor
UVM Campus, 590 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05405

Registration Fee: \$55 (includes handouts, coffee and UVM handling fees). Bring your lunch or add \$6 for lunch by us (pizza, salad, drinks, fruit, cookies).

To ensure a place, register early. Pre-registration required.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE!

By March 5, 2018

Registration link:

<https://www.regonline.com/saffron2018>

If on-line registration presents a problem for you, contact:
Cheryl Sullivan, Entomology Research Laboratory
1-802-656-5434

Sorry NO REFUNDS.

Registrants will receive notice of their place in the workshop, a map with directions, and information about parking and shuttle services.

Need a place to stay on March 15 and 16? Twenty rooms have been reserved at a discount rate for workshop attendees at three nearby hotels (you must reserve rooms by February 22). When you reserve the room, tell them you are with the UVM Saffron Workshop. Room rates vary among hotels so you may want to check them all for comparison.

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1076 Williston Rd., So. Burlington, VT 05403

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La Quinta: Tel: 1-866-527-1498 Confirmation # 20361905
1285 Williston, Rd., So. Burlington, VT 05403

These hotels are 5 minutes from the airport, and all offer free airport shuttle services. Additional information on transport to the workshop site will be sent to registrants. View on-campus visitor parking info at: www.uvm.edu/~tpswww/parking/visitor/

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