

North American Center



For Saffron Research & Development



The University of Vermont

Saffron: Perfecting Production & Market Opportunities

Thursday, March 12, 2020

University of Vermont Davis Center, Burlington, VT USA

PROGRAM

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome: Dr. Suresh Garimella, President of UVM
Anson Tebbetts, VT Secretary of Agriculture**
- 9:15 - 9:30 **Saffron 101. A Refresher** *Arash Ghalegolabbehbahani, UVM Saffron Ctr.*
Saffron biology and crop cycle background information
- 9:30 - 10:00 **Preparing your Saffron Beds to Reduce Weeds** *Sid Bosworth, UVM Ext., Plant & Soil Sci.*
Cover cropping for weed prevention and fertility
- 10:00 - 10:40 **Saffron Production in the Field and Low
Tunnels with Different Corm Densities** *Rahmatallah Gheshm, Univ. of Rhode Island*
Growing saffron in the field and low tunnels
- 10:40 - 11:00 **Coffee Break (Coffee & Tea)** Saffron Sweets by the UVM Iranian Student Association
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Post-harvest Handling of Saffron
for Safety & Quality:** *Hans Estrin, UVM Ext.*
What should growers know to handle saffron for marketing?
- 12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch** (Time to chat with growers and experts and view poster presentations)
- 12:45 - 1:45 **Grower-to-Grower Forum:
How does Your Saffron Grow?** *Bruce L. Parker, facilitator, UVM Saffron Ctr.*
Discussion about yields, pests, weeds and more.
Brian Leven, Golden Thread Farm, Stowe, VT
Patti & John Padua, Cobble Creek Nursery, Monkton, VT
Jeff Marstaller, Cozy Acres, North Yarmouth, ME
- 1:45 - 2:15 **Organic Saffron Certification** *Gregg Stevens, NOFAVT*
What does it take to certify your saffron as organic?
- 2:15 - 3:00 **Saffron as an Anti-inflammatory &
Anti-oxidant Supplement** *Hassan Ashktorab, Howard Univ. Cancer Ctr.*
Research advances in medicinal uses for saffron.
- 3:00 - 4:00 **Economics of Saffron & Market Opportunities**
Saffron Economics and Market Potential *Dan Baker, facilitator, UVM Comm. Devel.
& Appl. Econ.*
Arash Ghalegolabbehbahani, Univ. of Vermont
Parker Shorey, Lemonfair Saffron, Ferrisburgh, VT & NYC
Brian Leven, Golden Thread Farm, Stowe, VT

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