

2023 Virtual Conference Schedule

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 9 (Two Sessions)

SESSION 1 (2 pm PST / 5 pm EST)

Integrating Tree Vegetables and Perennial Staple Crops into the Orchard

Speaker:

Eric Toensmeier, author of *The Carbon Farming Solution*, *Perennial Vegetables*, *Paradise Lot* and co-author of *Edible Forest Gardens* (Massachusetts)

Moderator:

Chris Homanics, NAFEX Vice President

SESSION 2 (4 pm PST / 7 pm EST)

Apples Around the World

Speakers:

Gayle Volk, USDA (Colorado)
Derek Mills, Hocking Hills Orchard (Ohio)

Moderator:

Josh Fuder, NAFEX Director

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 10 (Two Sessions)

SESSION 1 (9 am PST / Noon EST)

The Business of Growing Fruit – Part 1

U-Pick Orchards, Fruit CSAs, Value Added Products

Speakers:

Tom Wall & Kathy Dice, Redfern Farm (Iowa)
John Bunker, Out on a Limb Apples CSA (Maine)
Meg & Anthony Gossett, Ferm Fresh Kombucha (IN)

Moderator:

Ryan Raes, NAFEX Director

SESSION 2 (11 am PST / 2 pm EST)

The Business of Growing Fruit – Part 2

Nurseries, Farmers Markets/Events, Educating

Speakers:

Michael McConkey, Edible Landscaping (Virginia)
Larry Stephenson, Southern Cultured Orchards (Miss.)
Susan Poizner, OrchardPeople.com (Toronto)

Moderator:

Leslie Wade, NAFEX Officer and Program Chair

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 10 (Two Sessions)

SESSION 3 (2 pm PST / 5 pm EST)

Restoration Agriculture and Low-Input Orchards

Speaker:

Mark Shepard, Author, *Restoration Agriculture: Real-World Permaculture for Farmers* (Wisconsin)

Moderator:

Kris Klueg Heeter, NAFEX President

SESSION 4 (4 pm PST / 7 pm EST)

All About Hybrid Persimmons

Speaker:

Timothy Lane, Ockoo MicroFarm (Massachusetts)

Moderator:

Chris Homanics, NAFEX Vice President

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 11 (Two Sessions)

SESSION 1 (9 am PST / Noon EST)

NAFEX 2023 Annual Meeting / Member Show & Tell

Join us as we take a brief look back at 2023, look ahead to 2024, and review our Board of Directors candidates. Bring your stories about discovering or breeding fruit for the always-fun Show and Tell.

Moderator:

Kris Klueg Heeter, NAFEX President

SESSION 2 (11am PST / 2 pm EST)

Closing Session and Keynote:

Healthy Fruit from Healthy Soil: Understanding the Soil Food Web

Speaker: **Dr. Elaine Ingham**, Dr. Elaine's Soil Food Web School (Oregon)

Moderator:

Kris Klueg Heeter, NAFEX President

The conference is free for NAFEX members. Registration is not required. Join today for only \$19 at nafex.org.