



2016 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

16th ANNUAL MEETING—Albuquerque, New Mexico

COME AND JOIN US !

Annual meeting plans are complete and preparations are under way for our 16th Annual Meeting that will be based out of the **Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town**. This is a truly unique venue in New Mexico, celebrating Albuquerque's culture and history. The hotel design exemplifies Albuquerque architecture, blending New Mexico's Native American, Mexican, Spanish and Western cultural influences. The building's turn-of-the-century elegance also draws on classic territorial details, prevalent in New Mexico historical buildings and Albuquerque architecture. The hotel grounds include a 19th century-style chapel and courtyard, as well as Spanish gardens and a Victorian-style pavilion.

Old Town is the focal point of community life since it was founded in 1706 by Governor Francisco Cuervo y Valdez. Centered around the plaza, Albuquerque's Old Town encompasses about ten blocks of historic adobe buildings. On the north side of the plaza is the San Felipe de Neri Church, the oldest building in the city, which was built in 1793. Surrounding the church, the city's settlers had built their homes, shops and government offices, many of which have since been converted into the restaurants, art galleries and shops that comprise Old Town today.

There will be plenty of time after meeting events to take a walking tour and experience the essence of New Mexico.



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Our New Mexico hosts have a jammed packed agenda planned, accommodating something for every interest, with presentations by experts in their field to include: Strategic

Planning, NPB/SANC Initiative, Pesticide Safety, Conflict Resolution, Nematology, Nursey Industry Issues, Forest Pests/Threats, and Native/Current Pests in New Mexico. Additionally, a field trip to the Albuquerque Botanical Gardens, BUGarium, and Arthropod Rearing Lab is guaranteed to be an exceptional highlight to our meeting.

For more information regarding the meeting and hotel accommodations, please contact: Bethany Abrahamson (babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu) or Bill Segura (wsegura@nmda.nmsu.edu).



MEETING AGENDA
Western Horticultural Inspection Society 16th Annual Meeting
October 11th-14th, 2016
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

Tuesday, October 11- Arrival

Hospitality Suite

Check-in and early registration, refreshments provided.

Wednesday, October 12- Hotel Albuquerque Conference Room.

- 7:00 Registration.
- 8:00-8:15 Opening remarks
(Bethany Abrahamson, moderator)
- 8:15-8:45 NMDA's strategic plan
(Jeff Witte, NMDA)
- 8:45-9:45 SANC pilot nursery in Oklahoma
(Aurelio Posadas, SANC; Jeanetta Cooper, OK Dept. of Agri., Food & Forestry)
- 9:45-10:00 Break (**refreshments provided**)
- 10:00-10:45 The nursery industry in NM
(Andrew Lisignoli, Trees of Corrales)
- 10:45-11:15 Conflict resolution
(Kelly Hamilton, Office of Ag. Biosecurity)
- 11:15-12:00 Nematology for inspectors
(Dr. Steve Thomas, NMSU Entomology, Plant Pathology & Weed Science)
- 12:00 Lunch *(provided)*
- 1:00-2:00 Native and current pests in NM
(Dr. Carol Sutherland, NMDA Entomology & Nursery Industries)
- 2:00-2:45 Drift watch, pesticide safety & overview
(Steve Baca & Erin Worth, NMDA Pesticides)
- 2:45-3:00 Break *(refreshments provided)*
- 3:00 State summaries
(Bill Segura, moderator)

Thursday, October 13- Activities.

- 8:00-11:30 Albuquerque Botanic Gardens, BUGarium, and Arthropod Rearing Lab
(Dr. Jon Stewart, Albuquerque Biopark)
- 12:00 Lunch - Elena Gallegos picnic area *(provided)*
- 1:00-2:30 Forest pests & threats
(US Forest Service)
- 3:00-4:00 Round table discussions: new issues for inspectors
(Hospitality Suite)
- 7:00 Hospitality Suite- Silent Auction

Friday, October 14- Hotel Albuquerque.

- 8:00 Business Meeting & Depart



REGISTRATION FORM

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: September 11, 2016

**Western Horticultural Inspection Society 16th Annual Meeting
October 11-14, 2016**

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Albuquerque, NM 87104**

Member Attendance Fee: **\$100.00**
Per Day Fee: **\$60.00**

Non-Member Fee: **\$120.00**
2016 Membership Fee: **\$20.00**

To become a member, please submit completed WHIS Membership Application and Renewal along with membership fees. Send all completed forms, and check or money order for appropriate fees to:

Ruben Arias
73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 211
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Phone: (951) 312-7892, ruben.arias@cdfa.ca.gov

NAME:

TITLE:

REPRESENTING:

ADDRESS: PHONE:

EMAIL:

Enclosed Fees Made Payable To WHIS

\$100.00 Member Attendance Fee Enclosed: ____ **\$120.00** Non-Member Fee Enclosed: ____
\$60.00 Per Day Fee Enclosed: ____ **\$20.00** 2016 Membership Fee Enclosed: ____
Day Attending (Wed. or Thurs.) _____

Room rate: **\$91.00*** per night (single/double occupancy) **Reservation Deadline: September 23rd, 2016.**

Reservations: (505) 843-6300 / toll free (800) 237-2133 or copy this link into your browser:
<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=63151&Chain=17123&arrive=10/11/2016&depart=10/14/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=1610WEST> Reserved under the Western Horticultural Inspection Society / Block Code 1610WEST. **Please note the price per night has changed to reflect the current federal room rate for October 2016.*

Transportation: NMDA is arranging transport to and from the airport for out-of-town conference attendees. Contact Bill Segura at (505)796-2946 by the reservation deadline to schedule a pick-up time.

For more information regarding the meeting and hotel accommodations, please contact Bethany Abrahamson (babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu), Bill Segura (wsegura@nmda.nmsu.edu), or Jack Wilkins (jwilkins@utah.gov).



2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

[] PLEASE MARK BOX IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.

**CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
*HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY – WESTERN CHAPTER***

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:

***Ruben Arias:
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Palm Desert, CA 92260***

The following is a standardization outline to follow when writing your state report submitted at our Annual Meeting. Please provide a written summary of your state's horticultural inspection program which answers the following questions. Your state will also have a maximum of five minutes to provide highlights and/or elaborate on any key points in your state's program. Please be sure your presentation focuses on new issues in your state, and does not exceed five minutes.

Please email your written summary to Ryan Hiles at RHiles@nmda.nmsu.edu by September 23rd, 2016.

STATE REPORT

Nurseries:

1. Who needs a nursery license? How are nurseries/vendors/dealers categorized in your state?
2. How much does a nursery license cost?
3. How many nurseries are licensed?
4. How many routine nursery facility inspections were performed last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the last year?
 - b. How is it determined what facility is inspected?
5. How many pest exclusion/intervention inspections were performed last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the last year?
6. How are inspection activities records stored and/or maintained?
7. How many nursery inspectors does your state have?

Phytosanitary Certificates:

8. How many licensed ACO's in your state?
9. How many Federal phytosanitary certificates were issued for plant products last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the previous year?
10. How many State phytosanitary certificates were issued for plant products last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the previous year?

List Other Program Regulatory Activities Performed/Provided:

Trapping Data:

Gypsy Moth, Japanese Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, Other...

Please describe find, how many traps were placed, and how many insects were discovered.

New Insect/Disease Finds in the Last Year:

Program Changes, new personnel:

Other Relevant Information:

Top Ten List

- a. Top 10 insect/mite pests.
- b. Top 10 diseases



Business Notes

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be:

- (1) To promote high standards of horticultural and regulatory inspection work.
- (2) To combine and share expertise, knowledge, experience and training among Plant Pest Inspectors toward stimulating interest in and professionalizing plant inspection work.
- (3) To provide a means of furthering fellowship among plant pest inspectors and allied workers.
- (4) To provide a means of disseminating information to Plant Pest Inspectors, allied workers, and the general public that is particularly pertinent to plant pest inspection.
- (5) To advocate harmonization between State and affiliated agencies.



Auction Items

Members donate items that are placed on display in our hospitality suite for attendees to bid on. This is our only fundraiser during the year. Auction items can include pretty much anything that is easy for someone to travel back with to their home state, and perhaps something that your state is famous for. Make sure your state is represented!

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ANNUAL MEETING

WHIS 2017 Annual Meeting planning is in progress. Members are asked to consult with their Department Administration concerning the feasibility of hosting our annual meeting for next year. The Executive Committee is looking forward to working with our next State Host, and is looking for a commitment to host at our next Business Meeting to be held October 14, 2016. For additional meeting planning information please contact:

OFFICER ELECTIONS

WHIS is seeking volunteers to take part as members of the Executive Committee. Two positions, Treasurer and Editor, will be up for election at our next business meeting. Please thoughtfully consider sharing your talents with our organization. Descriptions of position duties can be found on our website whis.org under the "Member Information" tab and selecting the "Bylaws" link.

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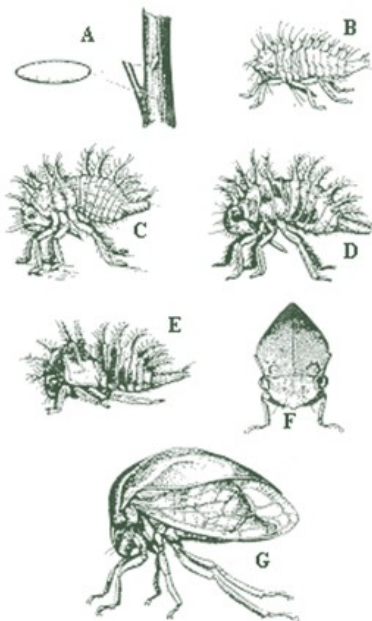


Dr. Brian Bahder, UC Davis, has confirmed and announced, and will soon be publishing that the “Threecornered Alfalfa Hopper” *Spissistilus festinus* is a vector for Grapevine Red Blotch-associated Virus (GRBaV) in wine grape vineyards. Until now the vector for this disease has remained elusive. Red Blotch can dramatically affect quality by reducing sugar content and can lead to reduced color.



(GRVaB affected Pinot Noir)

SCHEMATIC OF SPISSISTILUS FESTINUS LIFE CYCLE



A: Egg B-F: Nymphs G:Adult
 Courtesy of NCSU Extension

Spissistilus Festinus Description

Egg: The white, oblong-oval egg is 0.90 to 1.3 mm long. It is slightly larger at one end, and that end has a rough surface.



Photo by Charles Lewallen

Nymph: Mature nymphs are lime green with obvious spines along the back, 4.6 mm long.



Photo by Johnny N. Dell

Adult: The adult male is slightly smaller than the female, 6.0 to 6.5 mm and has a red or orange strip on the shoulders.



Photo by Clemson University Extension