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✓ CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE ! www.whis.org

✓ **Scroll** through pictures of past annual meetings and other membership photographs. ✓ **About** tab searches back 7 years of newsletters for a historical account of what we've been up to. ✓ **Meeting** tab houses our most current events information. ✓ **Membership** tab includes member information including links to other regional Horticulture Inspection Societies and affiliate websites. ✓ **Contact** tab has Executive Committee contact information and links to member states websites.

We thank our new webmaster Nick Bieser, Nevada Dept. of Agriculture, for volunteering his time and for a job well done.
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Horticultural
Inspection Society
Western Chapter

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WELCOME TO THE WESTERN CHAPTER OF
THE HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY

The Western Chapter strives to promote high standards of inspection by combining and sharing knowledge, experience, and training among our pest inspectors. The public is well served by the professionalism and information we share and display.

Updates

- [2017 Annual Meeting to be held in Richland, Washington, Oct 10-13](#)
- [2017 Newsletter](#)

MEMBER STATES

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Montana
- New Mexico
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

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WHIS 2017 ANNUAL MEETING Oct 10th through 12th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH :



Our meeting will be based out of the **Red Lion Hotel in Richland, WA**. Guests will arrive at the hotel to check in after 3:00 PM. Our hospitality suite will be open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM featuring Washington State amenities.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH :



Buffet style breakfast will be served in the hotel dining room, which affords a view of the hotel grounds and Columbia River.

"Tour of Traps" - Numerous exotic insect traps will be set up on the hotel grounds. Guests will walk around the grounds where the WSDA Pest Program will describe the type and purpose of each trap, along with pests targeted and damage caused.



Travel to Zen-Noh Hay - Zen-Noh works closely with a network of Washington growers and supplies Alfalfa, Timothy, and Blue Grass forage products, in a variety of commercial and large operation formats, to Japanese Agriculture co-operative members and other international customers. USDA, APHIS, PPQ will be on hand to review Japan and China hay export requirements and procedures.



Walla Walla Nursery - This field trip will take us to the nursery property with 40 acres situated on both sides of the OR/WA state line. Growing facilities consist of 1.5 acres of heated and ventilated greenhouses, 2.5 acres of cold frames and 14 acres of outdoor container growing area.



SANC Pilot Program - SANC promotes a harmonized, risk-based systems approach to nursery and greenhouse certification. The WA side of Walla Walla Nursery is scheduled to be SANC certified by autumn 2017. The OR side is scheduled for 2018. SANC nurseries undergo a complete systems audit in order to qualify for SANC certification. A mock systems audit will provide guests the experience of conducting this type of audit. We will break into groups and audit individual aspects of the nurseries pest management plan.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH :



Clean Plant Center Northwest - This Center is a collaborative effort of scientists, researchers, growers, and nurseries working together to increase the economic sustainability of specialty crop production in the US. CPCNW offers clean plant services for the hops, fruit trees, and grape vine industries. Services include virus and virus-like disease detection/treatment, production, distribution, and retention of healthy plant material. We will take a facility tour with WSU researchers providing insight.



Inland Desert Nursery - The nursery has more than 150 acres of WSDA-registered grape vine rootstock and scion propagation blocks under cultivation. Guests will tour the nursery facilities and learn production practices for the certification of grape vines. Along the way to this nursery we will stop by a vineyard with Grape Leaf Roll Virus issues for a first hand look at virus symptoms.



Cannabis growing facility - Guests will experience a tour of the facility and learn about Washington State laws on the production and sale of Cannabis.



Annual Business Meeting - The meeting will be held at the Walter Clore Center. Dr. Walter J. Clore was a man with a passion and vision for Washington viticulture that extended far beyond his years. A facility tour and wine tasting event will be offered. Dinner featuring northwest cuisine will be provided.

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM AND AGENDA WILL BE INCLUDED IN OUR SUMMER WHIS NEWSLETTER.

Please Mark Your Calendars And Plan To Attend

For more information contact: bmatheson@agr.wa.gov



2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

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 PAYMENT TO:

**Beth Eiring,
Montana Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Sciences Division
1505 Missoula Avenue
Helena, MT 59601**

Email: eeiring@mt.gov



SUBSIDY REQUEST FORM



The WHIS Executive Committee is accepting proposals to subsidize costs for attendance at the 2017 Conference. This subsidy is open to members in good standing who are otherwise unable to attend the conference, and is in accordance with the WHIS mission as well as harmonization initiatives between states.

Please fill out form below for consideration and return by **September 1, 2017** to:
Bethany Abrahamson, WHIS President babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

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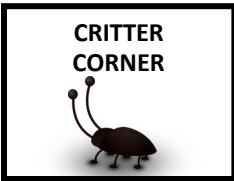
Please check boxes that apply.

- Meeting Registration Fee - \$110.00**
- Lodging - \$96.00 + tax per night - Number of nights: _____**
- Travel expense -**
 - **Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) @ \$0.535 per mile**
 Trip starting point: _____
 Approx. Miles: _____ Approx. Expense: _____
 - **Airplane @ \$1.15 per mile**
 Approx. Miles: _____ Approx. Expense: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

***Proposals are not guaranteed until approved by WHIS Executive Committee.
Receipts for lodging and travel are required for reimbursement.
Only lowest rate between POV or airplane qualify for subsidy.***

New pests to watch for in 2017



As spring begins and nurseries start to stock their shelves, every inspector knows the pest season has begun. Keep an eye out for these exotic pests, reported to the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey as new-in-state. Information and pictures obtained from the links provided.

Bean Plataspid *Megacopta cribraria*, found in Texas in October 2016



Originally from Japan, this insect's hosts include bean species, sweet potato, citrus, cotton, and wisteria. They feed on various plant parts, which deforms growth. With gut bacteria that allow them to digest legumes, these insects are considered a pest of soybean crops in two states. Look for a square-shaped bug assembled in large numbers on host plants or on pale surfaces.

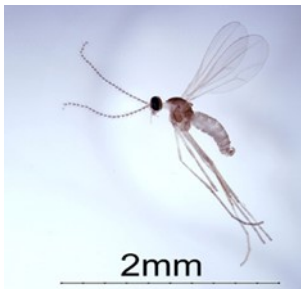
http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/field/bugs/bean_plataspid.htm



Flat grass scale *Aclerda takahashii*, found in Florida in September

2016 - This insect was found on sugarcane, and is considered a new Continental record for this species. They begin as light-colored ovals in shape that become darker in the case of females, and are easily confused with other scale. They congregate under the leaf sheath, have little wax, and may be found on ornamental grasses.

http://www.freshfromflorida.com/content/download/72617/1915509/Pest_Alert_-_Aclerda_takahashii,_Flat_Grass_Scale.pdf



Swede midge (*Contarinia nasturtii*, found in Minnesota in June 2016)

This insect could be a major pest of cabbage and related plants, introduced into the U.S. in 2004. Adults are hard to identify from other midges, as are the signs of injury. Search areas protected from wind for plants with swollen and scarred regions, leaf petioles with "corky" injuries, and areas of the plant that look "wet".

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/insects/swedemidge.aspx>

WHIS CHAPER PURPOSE:

- (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 work;
- (5) To advocate harmonization between State and affiliated agencies.