



Aldo Delfino Scholarship Fund Online Auction

Auction starts **Thursday July 30th** and ends on **Saturday August 1st**.

This fabulous online auction contains 30 attractive lots and will raise funds for the Aldo Delfino Scholarship awards.

Visit agscholarshipnapa.org or napafarmbureau.org

Happy Bidding!

Join the Organic Farming Group

Jane Baker, the Marketing Director for CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers), will be the speaker at the Organic Farming Group meeting on August 14th. She will give an update on the state of the organic industry, state and federal organic policy, and the continuing evolution of the organic market. She will also answer questions. This will be a great opportunity to get up to speed with what's happening with organic agriculture. The brown bag meeting is at noon at the Farm Bureau's office, please call 224-5403 to RSVP.

UC Berkeley Research Project in Ecologically-based Pest Management

The laboratory of agroecology at UC Berkeley is conducting a 2-year conservation biological control research project aimed at assessing the impact of non-crop vegetation on pests (leafhoppers and vine mealy bug) and natural enemies

in Napa, Sonoma and Fresno County vineyards. In preparation for the 2010 season, they are soliciting the participation of additional growers (including new regions) in the project. There are several ways producers can participate: 1. on-farm trails (minimum of 2 acres) evaluating the cost effectiveness of flowering intercrops as a pest management strategy (requires economically significant pest pressure, uniform field conditions, and the planting and management of non-crop vegetation in vineyard); 2. assessing the influence of the surrounding natural landscape on biological control of vineyard pest and beneficial insect (requires little to no additional or alternative management).

Those interested in participating or expanding their involvement in the study, please reply by Mon. August 3rd, 2009. Please note: All flowering cover crop treatments planted in association with the project must be established during **October of 2009**. Please direct correspondences to Albie Miles: afmiles@nature.berkeley.edu

Tax Saving Opportunities with Land Conservation Programs Workshop

Please join us on Aug. 6th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for a workshop to learn about two great programs that enable you to reap significant tax savings and protect agricultural lands. Our presenters will cover key aspects of the **Williamson Act program** and **land conservation easements**.

Napa County Tax Assessor John Tuteur and Napa County Planner Don Barella will discuss the Williamson Act, which is the state's most successful land conservation program. Landowners receive property tax reductions in exchange for signing a 10 year evergreen renewal contract to keep the land in agriculture.

Joel Trammer, Napa County Land Trust CEO and Robert Green, LPL Financial Services, will discuss land conservation easements and powerful income tax savings options. A **Land Conservation Agreement**, also known as a Conservation Easement, is a way to permanently preserve the conservation values of your land. A Conservation Agreement can provide you with significant income tax reduction, significant estate tax reduction and the peace of mind that your property will be preserved and used the way you wish forever. Rounding out the program is Tom Jordan, Associated Services Appraisal, who will discuss the land appraisal process.

Time is of the essence for both tax saving opportunities, with contracts needing to be processed by the end of this year to reap tax savings in 2010. In Napa County, approximately 58,000 acres are currently enrolled in Williamson Act contracts and 52,000 acres are protected through conservation efforts with the Napa Land Trust.

To signup for the workshop email info@napafarmbureau.org or call the Napa County Farm Bureau office at 224-5403.

Wine pouring opportunity for Pre-Fair Kickoff Gala

Tuesday August 11th 5:30 – 7:30 pm

The annual Napa Town & County Fair Preview Gala and Wine Tasting event is a fundraiser for the “Friends of the Fair” and also benefits the local 4-H Council through an auction. Wineries are invited to pour their wines in person at the event, everything is supplied. Call Rosemary Stockwell 253-4900 x 102 or rstockwell@napavalleyexpo.com to participate in this fun local event. If you are not able to attend you may donate wines and Farm Bureau will pour them for you. Please drop the cases of wine at our office.

This year’s fair is from **August 12th to August 16th**. Show your support for Napa County youth by attending and bidding at the Junior Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 15th. The auction begins with a continental breakfast served by local 4-Hers, followed by food and wine pairings from some of Napa Valley's best restaurants, caterers and wineries.

Our old house needs your help! Support the FB Building Fund

The Napa County Farm Bureau’s office was built in 1906 and requires continuous care and maintenance. Necessary improvements include: energy efficient windows, exterior paint and siding oil, air conditioner replacement, rear yard improvement, plumbing upgrades, parking lot repaving, front sidewalk repair, interior paint. All generous donors will be recognized in our next Grower Advocate newsletter. To donate, please contact us at 224-5403.

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Leadership Farm Bureau 2010

Applications for the Leadership Farm Bureau Class of 2010 are now available online at www.cfbf.com. **Application deadline is October 15, 2009.**

LFB is a training program developed by Farm Bureau to assist members in reaching their full leadership potential. Members receive over 250 hours of training in seven sessions on a variety of topics including personal development, governmental affairs, and California agriculture.

NCFB is pleased to have Vice-President Ron Taddei as a class of 2009 participant.

Farm Bureau members who are interested in learning more about the organization and developing the skills and expertise needed to lead Farm Bureau and the agriculture industry into the future are invited to apply. Deadline to apply is October 15, 2009.

NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit napafarmbureau.org for a complete list and more information

August

- 4-5 Growing Even Greener; Ecowinegrowing Symposium, Hopland 253-4221
- 5 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 5 Young Farmers & Ranchers Fundraiser at Compadres
- 5 Grape Harvester Safety meeting, 8:30am 942-3515
- 6 Tax Saving Opportunities with Land Conservation Programs Workshop, 9 am 224-5403
- 6 Sonoma Cty. Winegrape Commission's 9th Annual IPM/Organic Field Day 522-5862
- 10 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 12-16 Napa Town and Country Fair
- 14 Organic Farming Group, 12pm 224-5403
- 18 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 19 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 20 Barn Dance meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 21 Volunteers Appreciation Event
- 30 First Annual Barn Tour 258-9286

September is California Wine Month!

- 2 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 2 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 224-5403
- 3 Media Tour
- 8 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 11 Organic Farming Group, 12pm 224-5403
- 14 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 16 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 17 AITC meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403

Save the date!

- Nov. 13 – Sexual Harassment Training
- Nov. 14 – 3rd Annual Barn Dance
- Dec. 3 – Holiday Party at Trefethen Winery
- Dec. 8 – Accident Investigation Workshop

Please note that the 3rd Annual Barn Dance date has been changed to November 14th. Visit <http://www.napafarmbureau.org/annualevents/barndance.html> for tickets and sponsorship opportunities

Help us plan a successful Barn Dance!

Please contact us at info@napafarmbureau.org if you would like to volunteer for the fall Barn Dance, join the next planning meeting on August 20th at 4pm at NCFB’s office or sponsor the event.

The Barn Tour – Volunteers needed!

A handful of volunteers are needed for some fun and easy jobs: working tables, helping prep barns pre-event, parking, food help, etc. Short shifts.

When: Sunday, August 30, 1-5

Where: St. Helena barn locations

When done volunteering, join us for fun with food, drink, bluegrass and art!

For more information please visit <http://preservationnapavalley.org/thebarntour2009.html> or call Wendy at 707 258-9286.

Email info@preservationnapavalley.org