

PRESS RELEASE – August 1st, 2007

Bloom It & Groom It in the Ag Tent at the San Juan County Fair!

The SJC Fair Agriculture Tent (a.k.a. the Ag Tent) is the place to be to learn all about San Juan County Agriculture!

Bloom It with our exhibit on the Orcas Island origins of the NW tulip industry, see how bees see blossoms, and learn how to get the best blooms from our State flower!

Groom It with our exhibit on SJC's edible landscape and the many benefits of buying, eating and growing local agricultural products. Learn all about reducing our carbon footprint, preserving our farmland and open space, improving our health, and increasing our emergency preparedness.

Come to our daily **Cooking With Local Foods** presentations and taste all the delicious ways to prepare local foods.

The Ag Tent is also the home of the **Grains & Forage Department**. Bring your entries and come see and learn about all the grain and forage crops that can be grown in San Juan County!

SJC Agriculture Tent Presentation Schedule:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15:

- 11:00am **The History of Northwest Tulip Production**
Boyd Pratt, *Mulno Cove Research & Design*
- 2:00pm **The Importance of Bees ~ Creating Habitat and Beginning Beekeeping**
Fiona Norris, *SJ Nature Institute* and Colleen Howe, *Mitchell Bay Farm & Nursery*
- 4:00pm **Cooking With Local Foods: Local Grass-Fed Lamb**
Guard Sundstrom, *Fir Oak Farm*

THURSDAY AUGUST 16:

- 11:00am **Local Cut Flowers ~ Buying, Growing and Arranging**
Suzy Wampler, *Wild Berry Farm*
- 2:00pm **What's a GMO and Why Should I Care? The Current Debate on Genetically Modified Crops**
Elaine Kendall, *Committee for a SJC GMO Moratorium*

4:00pm **Cooking With Local Foods: Zelenitza & Summer Salad**
Cynthia Burke, *Cynthia's Of Course*

FRIDAY AUGUST 17:

11:00am **Rhododendrons ~ Getting the Best Blooms from Our State Flower**
Mary and Smithy Smith, *Ryan's Rhodies*

2:00pm **The Joys & Sorrows of Starting a Raw Milk Dairy**
Jim & Christina Sesby, *Heritage Farm*

4:00pm **Cooking With Local Foods: Local Berry Pie**
Christine Gabler, *Baking By Christine*

SATURDAY AUGUST 18:

11:00am **The History and Resurgence of Victory Gardens ~ How To Get Started Growing Your Own**
Boyd Pratt and Janice & John Hagey, *WSU Master Gardeners*

2:00pm **Cooking With Local Foods: Inspirations from the Farmers Market**
Tim Barrette & Laurie Paul, *The Market Chef*

4:00pm **All About Bamboo**
John Stamey, *Wild Bird Bamboo*