



## **Vegetable Growers Meeting at Laughingstock Farm in Freeport Wednesday, November 12 at 3 p.m.**

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association will hold an afternoon meeting at Laughingstock Farm in Freeport on Wednesday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. Our hosts, Ralph and Lisa Turner grow vegetables on about 15 acres and specialize in offseason production in their 15,000 square feet of greenhouse space. They market their produce through a large CSA and local restaurants.

Lisa is the author of a cookbook emphasizing local produce, and Ralph has engineered some unique energy saving technology for the greenhouses. We'll get a chance to see the greenhouses and learn about heating, growing schedules, irrigation and fertility for late season and winter vegetables. Hold the date! Laughingstock Farm is located at 79 Wardtown Road (Rt. 125) in Freeport. The farm phone number is 207-865-3743. Hope to see you there!

### **Directions**

Take Exit 22 from I295.

If coming from the north, turn left off the exit, if coming from the south, turn right off the exit. Routes 126 and 136 curve to the right in about 200 yards. Follow Routes 125 and 136 for about another 1/2 mile. Take a right onto Route 125 (Griffin Road). Follow Route 125 for about 2.3 miles (Griffin Road turns into Wardtown Road). You'll see our greenhouses and sign on the left side of Rt. 125 just before you get to Florida Lake Conservation and Recreation Area.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Annual Meeting, Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Maine Agricultural Trades Show at the Augusta Civic Center. We'll be sending out a full program in the coming weeks.

### **MVSFGA**

MVSFGA is an association of vegetable and small fruit growers dedicated to the promotion and advocacy of the vegetable and small fruit industry in Maine.

MVSFGA supports research education, and promotion and political advocacy. The association has provided important testimony at legislative hearings on such issues as pesticide regulation, labor, IPM, farmland preservation and technology transfer.

MVSFGA members receive the annual New England Vegetable Production Guide, and the New England Small Fruit Production Guide. Members also receive the association newsletter. To become a member of the MVSFGA please write to; William Jordan Jr. Treasurer, 21 Wells Road, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107, email: [whjjr30@aol.com](mailto:whjjr30@aol.com)

Letters, comments, articles, calendars of events listings, and advertisements related to vegetable and small fruit production are welcome. Please send comments and information for the newsletter to: Walter Goss, 311 Elm Street, Mechanic Falls, Maine 04256, *email*: [gossfarm@roadrunner.com](mailto:gossfarm@roadrunner.com).

MVSFGA Directors are : Bill Bamford (president), Lauchlin Titus (vice-president), William Jordan (Treasurer), Ford Stevenson (secretary), Rick Belanger, Keith Harris, Jeff Spear, Jason Osborne, Tom Stevenson, Lisa Turner