

# Tid-Bits

## Breaking News from the Minnesota Maple Syrup Producers Association

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### MMSPA Spring Membership Meeting

*Join us in Waconia – located only 30 minutes west of the Twin Cities Metro*

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am**

**Lake Waconia Regional Park**

**(8170 Paradise Ln, Waconia, MN 55387)**

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***Bring a bottle of your 2024 maple syrup to be judged in the syrup contest!***

***Bring your best maple photos from this past year for the photo contest!***

#### Agenda:

##### **Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 5 pm -- Optional Friday night social gathering at Waconia American Legion (4 Main St, Waconia, MN 55387) – an informal chance to meet maple friends old and new!

##### **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:15 – 10:00 am – Meeting registration
- 10:00 am – Short business meeting featuring financial and membership reports
  - Board of Directors election
  - NAMSC & IMSI updates from Hall of Fame Inductee Stu Peterson
- 10:30 am – Crop reports from around the state
- 11:30 am – Presentation on Black walnut syrup by Brandon Larson (Univ. of MN Extension)
- 12:00 pm – Lunch will be catered
- 1:00 pm – Presentation on infused syrups and value-added products by Paul Matter (Delano maple producer)
- 1:30 pm – Contest awards and wrap up
- 2:00 pm – Tours of maple operations (*directions will be given at meeting*):
  - Roger Storm, Chaska
  - Don Somers (Somerskogen Sugarbush), Minnestrista
  - Hamel Syrup Company bottling facility, Hamel

**Cost:** There will be a \$20 fee to help cover facility rental and lunch

**RSVP:** Please send RSVP's to MMSPA Secretary Ben Carlson via email ([sec@mnmaple.org](mailto:sec@mnmaple.org)) or phone (320-363-7784) by **May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Please indicate the number of people attending and any dietary restrictions (we will do our best to accommodate them).

#### Accommodations:

- **AmeriVu Inn and Suites** -- 550 Cherry Dr, Waconia, MN 55387 (952) 442-8787
- **Waconia Inn and Suites** -- 301 E Frontage Rd, Waconia, MN 55387 (952) 442-5147

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