

NEWS RELEASE

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If you missed the LEME last November you missed one of the most exciting maple events to come along in years. Planning for the 2013 edition, in November, is underway. LEME Chairman Daryl Sheets reports that we have confirmed some new speakers for 2013. They include Dr Timothy Perkins from University of Vermont Proctor Lab, Steve Childs from Cornell University and Dr. Gary Graham from The Ohio State University. The LEME will once again be held in Albion, Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday November 8, & 9, 2013 at the Northwestern High School. Albion is about 15 miles South of Erie on St Rt. 18 and 6N.

New this year, will be three Maple Syrup Production Workshops, 10 - 2 Friday. With the LEME being held in early November this allows for an expansion of the programing format. It also allow for outside workshops that would not be possible in winter months. Planned this year are workshops on Managing Vacuum Tubing Systems, Tubing System Installation and a special workshop just for beginners. The vacuum seminar will be held at Gary & Shirley Bilek's, Triple Creek Maple north of Albion. The program presenters will be Steve Childs from Cornell University and Les Ober from The Ohio State University. The program will cover the use of vacuum in tubing systems from installation to operation. At the Albion High School, Karl Evans from May Hill Maple LLC and Glen Goodrich from Goodrich Maple will help guide producers through the process of installing a tubing system. Laura Dengler will conduct a workshop for

backyard producers. This event will also be held at Gary & Shirley Bilek's. The registration for the events will be separate and the attendance will be limited and on a first come basis. More information on the workshops will be available soon.

So what can producers expect when they arrive at the LEME? The LEME will kick off Friday evening with a 4 hour tradeshow from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Rounding out the program on Friday evening will be a Maple Rap Session where producers will have a chance to ask questions and get answers from a group of experts. On Saturday, the program will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with a break for lunch which is included in the registration fee. There will be breakout sessions that will cover a variety of topics. Presenting the topics will be speakers from the Maple Industry, University of Vermont, Penn State University, Cornell University and The Ohio State University. There will also be producers from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio presenting and working behind the scenes to make the expo a success.

The facility at Northwestern High School has over 5,000 sq. ft. available for the tradeshow with additional rooms if needed. There is a 600 seat auditorium and multiple classrooms available for speakers. Most are equipped with modern audio visual equipment. The LEME Committee has enlisted the help of the Albion FFA Chapter to help put on the Expo.

Information will be posted on the Northwest Pa. Maple Syrup Producers Association and Ohio Maple Producers Association websites www.pamaple.org www.ohiomaple.org and the Ohio Maple Blog at <http://www.ohiomaple.wordpress.com>. There will be a complete list of speakers, topics and times released by September 1st. Registration deadline is set for October 15, 2013 and preregistration is required. If you want to make a weekend out of your visit, the Erie

PA area is one of Pennsylvania premier vacation areas with something for all members of the family. In addition, fall is a wonderful time to visit NE Ohio and Western NY home of some of the best wineries and most interesting natural and historical sites in the nation. Mark your calendar and get ready to attend one of the premier maple trade show and educational seminars in North America.

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