

Haskap School Agenda, July 18th, 2019

The classroom: The Haskap school will take place in Room 2E25 in the Agriculture building, 51 Campus Drive. The classroom is on the second floor at the east end of the building. There is a tunnel on that floor that goes to the Engineering building, so turn around if you go that far.

Parking The underground parking beneath the building is closest but tricky to get to. Drive west of the Ag Building, beyond the next building (Agriculture Canada Building) and turn left. That road takes you to the entrance. The parking lot takes coins, bills and credit cards. For other parking see <https://parking.usask.ca/parking-maps.php>

8:30 Registration

9:00 Introduction: history, U. of SK. program

9:15 Haskap biology: plant characteristics, genetic diversity, adaptation, variety types, major breeding programs.

10:00 Guest speaker: Zach Miller, Assistant Professor at Montana State University, Presentation of results of 5 year establishment of a wide range of haskap varieties including Russian, U of SK and Maxine Thompson varieties

10:20 Short Break

10:40 Growing Haskap: soils, planting, pruning, training for mechanical harvesting, pollination, pests and diseases

11:45 Lunch Break: bring your own lunch or go to one of the campus cafeterias. There is a cafeteria a short distance away on the same floor. A Tim Hortons is also on the same floor but in the Biology building that connects on the west end of the Ag Building

1:00 Harvesting Haskap: harvester types, primary processing, shelf life

1:30 Using haskap: food products, natural dye, health products

2:30 Grower experiences and experiments: Attendees will be able to discuss their experiences. Bob has slides of various farms if not enough growers come forward to talk.

3:30 End of workshop

Haskap Field Day Agenda, July 19th, 2019

Location: 2909 14th Street Saskatoon. We are the southeast corner of the U of SK campus. From Preston Avenue go east. The entrance is on the north side. On the fence near the entrance is a large green "Horticulture" sign. There is very little parking in the facility, Park on the south side of 14th street or in the neighbourhood.

8:30 Registration

9:00 Introduction to the day, rules for tasting in the field

9:15 Field Tour. We have 9 field of haskaps totaling about 20 acres. We will see most of the field but will travel by way of hayrides. Water will be available for free. While Bob will lead much of the tour, there will be times when visitors can wander and taste berries. During wandering times growers are welcome to go and groups and look at plants and discuss what they see.

The following are a summary of some of the interesting things to see in each field:

Potting Area: Selection methods for young seedlings

Field 21: 16 Russian varieties from the Vavilov Institute

Field 20: Mulch trial: Plastic vs wood chips vs bare soil. Young planting of Polish and Berries Unlimited varieties. Relocated Japanese selections. Young trial of U of SK & new Russian varieties from Bakchar. Boreal Blizzard, Beast and Beauty are already fruiting in this trial.

Field 12: Breeding field with exciting new selections. Some are round. Some very large, some very productive. Stenantha hybrids with high vigour including some cut to the ground that grew quickly back.

Main field for walking around tasting berries

Field 6: Another seedling field. Variety trial that includes Blizzard, Aurora, Honey Bee, and Tundra.

Demonstration of the Johanna harvester, Indigo+ harvester and possibly others

Field 14: Wild Canadian haskap and their hybrids. The original Boreal Beast Plant.

Block 21: 3 ages of seedlings: 12, 6 and 3 years old. Renovation of old plants by mowing

IN one of the field we will discuss the Bumble Bee hives that we purchased from Biobest. There is a possibility that a rep from Biobest will lead the discussion. Or they may want to give a presentation after lunch.

12:30 lunch break, visit booths, Bring your own lunch or pay \$5 and we will bring in pizza.

1:30 Slideshow on Bob's recent visit to Russia where he visited two breeding programs, a research centre. Fruit factory and growers.

2:00 Open discussion, Q and A, Lunch Break: bring your own lunch or go to one of the campus cafeterias. There is a cafeteria a short distance away on the same floor. A Tim Hortons is also on the same floor but in the Biology building that connects on the west end of the Ag Building

3:00 End of event