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## Farmscaping for Predators, Parasitic Wasps, and Native Bees at Goschie Farms

**EVENT DATE: Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**PLACE: Goschie Farms, Inc., Silverton, OR**

**TIME: 1 – 5 P.M. A No Charge Event**

**All invited to delicious snack potluck after farm walk!**

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**Registration required.**

We are in your neighborhood so come and learn about the plants, landscapes and farming practices that support beneficial insects. Your farm likely has plants and locations that can be further exploited to provide pest control benefits. The Farmscaping for Beneficials Project and the Watershed-Scale IPM Project of the Integrated Plant Protection Center (IPPC) at Oregon State University (OSU), and Goschie Farms, Inc., invite local growers, extension educators and conservationists to take a break with us for an afternoon of discovery with native bees, predators and parasitic wasps **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 PM at Goschie Farms.**

You will learn:

- the latest in integrated management approaches to crop pests,
- the identification, biology, and ecology of beneficial insects and supporting on-farm habitat practices that support environmental certification and government conservation programs
- state-of-the-art integrated hop production practices

Goschie Farms, in the Pudding River watershed, grows sweet corn for processing, wheat, winegrapes and grass seed. Four hundred acres are in hops. Eight acres of hops are certified organic and 20 are transitioning to certified organic. It is the first Salmon Safe certified hop farm in Oregon. Goschie Farms markets their hops to large and craft brewers alike. For the past several years, farmer/owner Gayle Goschie has been experimenting with biological pest management techniques including implementing several habitat enhancement projects. In addition Agricultural Research Services researchers have been experimenting with integrated approaches to hop aphid and mite management.

Using Goschie Farms as our beginning point we will also practice designing and enhancing on-farm habitat in and around the production fields. Don't miss this unique opportunity to work with an innovative, veteran grower and bugscapers as we begin to understand and observe how the complex web of on-farm biodiversity and crop production interact right before our eyes!

Participants are also invited to bring a snack dish to share at the end of the walk.

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This is a free **BYOB** (bring your own bug) event so if some insect has been *bugging* you this summer and you don't know what it is pop it in a jar and bring it along. We'll help you identify it.

The Farmscaping for Beneficials Project works to support grower-led activities that build the knowledge and implementation of conservation biological control (CBC) on local farms. CBC involves methods used on and around farms to restore and enhance beneficial organism populations that may limit pest populations. Such methods may include insectary plantings, flowering field margins, beetle banks and hedgerows.