



Kenai Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development District

Presents the 5th Annual

Kenai Peninsula Ag Forum

Saturday, April 18 * 9:00am to 4:00pm Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds, Ninilchik

- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome:** Ray Price, Kenai Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development District
- 9:15-10:00 **Diversifying your Farm with Rhodiola: Medicinal Plant with a Growing Market**
Al Poindexter, Anchor Point Greenhouse
- 10:00-10:30 **Peninsula Wine & Spirits: Opportunities for Producers**
Felicia Keith-Jones, High Mark Distillery
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:00 **Agriculture Education**
Al Poindexter, FFA Board Member
- 11:00-11:30 **Statewide Ag Headlines: Bugs, Bills, and Budget Cuts**
Amy Seitz, Alaska Farm Bureau, and Janice Chumley, UAF Cooperative Extension
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Earthworms: Friend or Foe**
Matt Bowser, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge entomologist
- 12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 - 1:00 **Hay Buyer's Guide** - Katie Matthews
Weed Free Hay Guidelines - Janice Chumley
- 1:00 - 2:00 **All Dirt is Not Equal: Building Healthy Soils**
Ron Wilhoit, Alaska Draft Horse
- 2:00 - 2:30 **Natural Fiber Opportunities and Fiber Mill Update**
Lee Coray-Ludden, Alaska Natural Fiber Business Association
- 2:30 - 2:40 Break
- 2:40 - 3:00 **Peonies: The Flowering of an Alaska Grown Industry**
Rita Jo Schultz, Alaska Perfect Peony
- 3:00 - 3:45 **Managing a Goat Herd Share Operation**
Suzy Crosby, Cottonwood Creek Farm
- 3:45 - 4:00 Wrap-Up and Closing



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