2:00-5:00. Alternative Fruit Production

Speakers:

1. **James Olmstead,**
   Assistant Professor,
   UF/IFAS Horticultural Sciences Department

   Olmstead is an Assistant Professor in the Horticultural Sciences Department at Gainesville. His research focus areas are blueberry variety development, polyploid genetics, and molecular breeding. He earned a Ph.D. degree in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Michigan State University in 2006 and joined UF/IFAS in 2009.

2. **Fumi Takeda,**
   USDA-ARS Research Horticulturist,
   Appalachian Fruit Research Laboratory, Kearneysville, WV

   Takeda is a Research Horticulturist at the Appalachian Fruit Research Station (AFRS), Kearneysville, WV. He currently is responsible for the scientific and administrative leadership of a small fruit program. He also coordinates scientific activities of 3 extramural projects. His research has led to better understanding of crop physiology and improved small fruit crop production systems. He holds a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from University of California, Davis and has been with USDA-ARS for 32 years.

3. **Karen Stauderman,**
   UF/IFAS Volusia County Extension Agent

   Stauderman is a UF Horticulture Agent for Volusia County in DeLand, Florida. She along with her husband established Oak Haven Farms & Winery in Sorrento, FL in 1996. It is a U-pick Strawberry farm, restaurant, vineyard and Winery. She has been the television host of Gardener’s Hotline (WDSC) and is the 'Plant Lady' for the Daytona Beach News Journal. She has a Masters in Entomology from the University of Florida and has been with the UF for over 22 years with emphasis in plant pathology and horticulture.

4. **Tavis Douglass,**
   Lochloosa Lake Farms,
   Lochloosa, FL

   Tavis is a nurseryman and grower of small fruits and vegetables based in North Central Florida. His area of focus includes improving production techniques on current small fruit crops in Florida as well as trialing crops for potential markets. He also instructs agribusiness courses at the College of Central Florida. Tavis holds a B.S. in Agricultural Operations Management and M.A. in Agribusiness Management from the University of Florida and began working with Lochloosa Lake Farms, LLC this spring.
5. Jenny Franklin,
High Springs Orchard and Bakery,
High Springs, FL

Franklin owns and manages a Certified Organic orchard with a certified kitchen/bakery. The farm grows blueberry, mulberry, Asian pear, Muscadine grape, fig, chestnut, persimmon, kumquat and loquat. An assorted flavors of Vegan, Gluten & Oil free Kale Chips, Jams & Jellies and baked goods are some of products processed from the kitchen.