

To: Individuals interested in starting a commercial vineyard enterprise in Maryland
From: Workshop organizers (Shannon Dill and Joe Fiola) UME
Ref: New Grape Grower Workshop at Chesapeake College, Wednesday, March 26, 2010

The University of Maryland Extension is offering a one-day workshop for beginner and prospective grape growers in Maryland. This course offers a broad overview of commercial vineyard development from pre-plant planning into the third year including economics and marketing information, variety, clone, and rootstock choices, site selection and preparation, pre-plant decisions, equipment and supply requirements. We will also cover the basics of ordering, planting, and tending the vines through the third year of growth, as well as best practices for training, canopy management, and pest management. This workshop is a good overview of what is involved with getting a commercial vineyard started in Maryland.

This seminar is required and will serve to satisfy the requirement for growers who have been approved for or who are planning to apply for matching funds through the Southern Maryland (SMADC) Growing Grapes for Wine Matching Program. If you are considering planting a vineyard, or you have just recently done so, you will benefit from the information provided in this course. The workshop is classroom format with a lot of time for Q&A and an opportunity for a vineyard demonstration at the end. **The cost of the seminar is typically \$125 but has been reduced to \$40 for Maryland residents thanks to subsidies from grants from the MGGA. The cost is \$125 to non-residents.**

When: Friday, March 26, 2010
Place: Chesapeake Community College, Talbot Science Building S-113
(Intersection of Route 50 and 213) Wye Mills, MD (please see attached directions).
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (*program attached; please arrive at 7:45 a.m. for coffee & donuts*)
Cost: \$40 for Maryland residents (This includes lunch, breaks, handouts, and other program costs.)
\$125 for non-residents.

Pre-registration is required and registration is limited to first 60 persons (use the attached registration form). **The deadline for registration is Monday, March 22, 2010. Late registration or at the door fee is \$50.**
Cancellation policy: Registration cancellations received by March 23, 2010 will be fully refunded. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN MARCH 22, 2010 OR AFTER.**

Local accommodations:

Sleep Inn, Grasonville 410-827-5555
Best Western, Grasonville 410-827-6767
Hilton Garden Inn, Grasonville 410-827-3877

For more information, please contact:

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REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, March 26, 2010

**Chesapeake College
Wye Mills, Maryland
Talbot Science Building - S-113**

Registration is due by March 22nd

NAME _____

BUSINESS _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to Talbot County EAC and mail to
University of Maryland Extension - Talbot County
Grape Growers Course
28577 Mary's Court Suite 1
Easton MD 21601.

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Directions

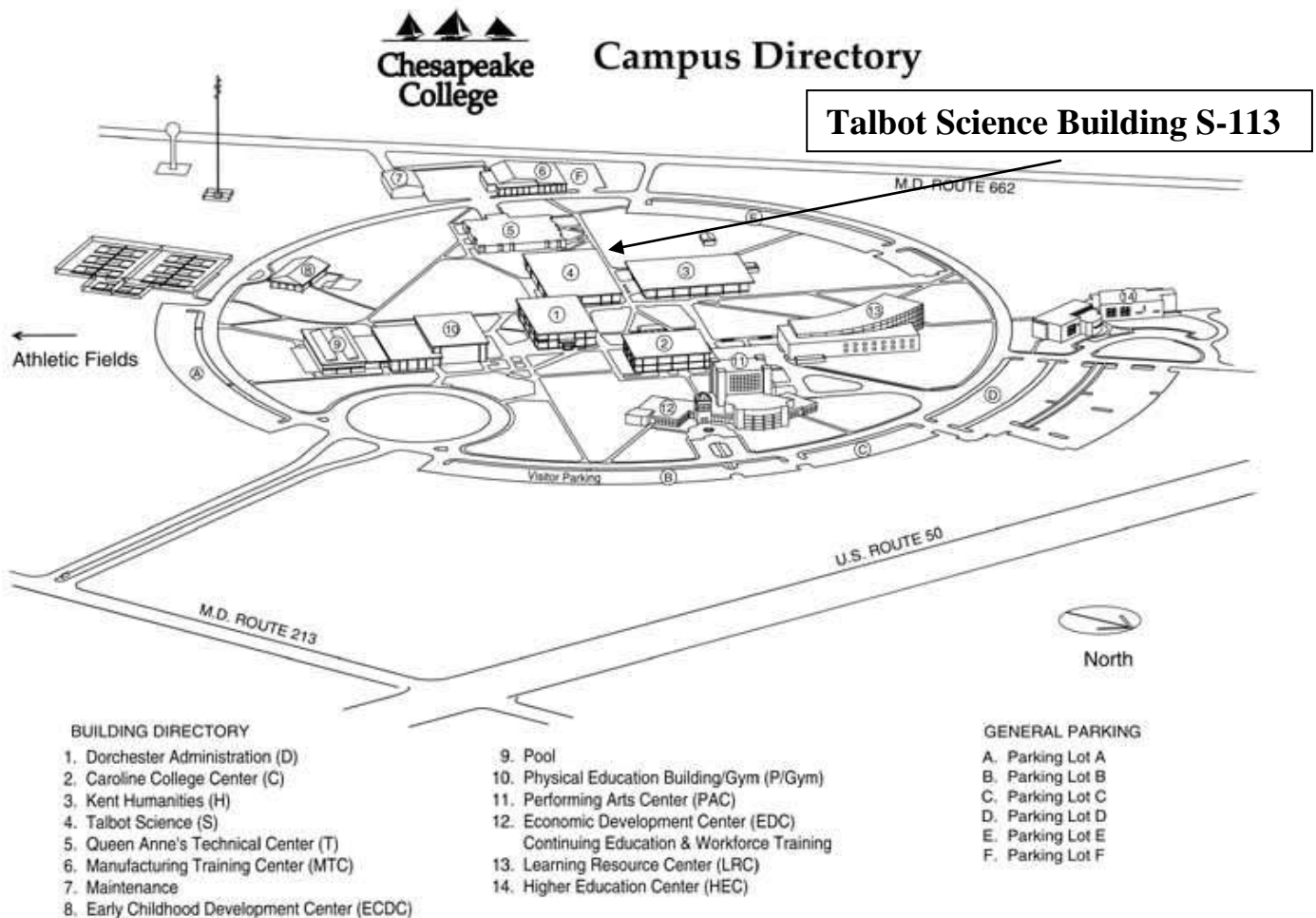
DIRECTIONS FROM ANNAPOLIS AND POINTS WEST

Take Route 50 East across the Bay Bridge. Continue on Route 50 and cross the Kent Narrows Bridge. Continue on Route 50 for 2.5 miles to the Route 50/301 split. Bear to the right at the split and continue on Route 50 for 6 miles. Come to the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 50 and 213, and turn right on Route 213. The Chesapeake College entrance is on the right.

DIRECTIONS FROM SALISBURY AND POINTS EAST

Take Route 50 West through Cambridge. Continue on Route 50 West through Easton and another 15 miles to Wye Mills. Come to the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 50 and 213, and turn left on Route 213. The Chesapeake College entrance is on the right.

Once on campus you must make a right to go around the circle. We will meet in the Talbot Science Building which is located to the back of campus.



Program for new Grape Grower Workshop Program- March 26, 2010

Registration (coffee and pastries)	7:45-8:15
Introductions and overview of seminar goals (Joe Fiola)	8:15-8:30
Local/regional grape market considerations and overview of eastern grape and wine industry (Fiola)	8:30-9:00
Economic considerations (Shannon Dill)	9:00-9:45
Vineyard site selection and vineyard design (Fiola)	9:45-10:30
Break	10:30-10:45
Equipment and supplies needs (David Myers)	10:45-11:25
Grape varieties and rootstocks for Specific Regions (Fiola)	11:25-12:10
Lunch	12:10-1:10
Site preparation and trellis construction (Ben Beale)	1:10-1:55
Establishment, young vine training and canopy management (Laura Hunsberger)	1:55-2:40
Break	2:40-2:55
Disease, insect, weed, and vertebrate pest management (Fiola)	3:55-4:00
Q&A, evaluations, Adjourn	4:00-4:10