

**Friday, January 29, 2010 – Hall “A”**

**HORTICULTURE**

*Small Fruit Production*

**9:00 am** [Raspberries under plastic: 3 years of revealing trials](#)

*Luc Urbain, agronome<sup>1</sup>*

The protection provided by this method reduces losses and gives the fruit a longer economic life. Tests on fall-fruiting varieties have given yields of over 10,000 kg/hectare.

**10:00 am** [Trials on small fruit production in the MRC La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau part 1](#)

[Trials on small fruit production in the MRC La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau part 2](#)

*Carlos Baez, agronome, M.Sc., Consultant, Centre local de développement Vallée-de-la-Gatineau*

Discover the potential of producing small fruits such as edible sweetberry honeysuckle, Saskatoon berry and cherries, as well as blueberries, fall-fruiting raspberries and day-neutral (fall) strawberries.

**10:30 am** **Break and exhibit-booth visits**

**11:00 am** [New production methods for strawberries](#)

*Luc Urbain, agronome<sup>1</sup>*

New production methods for growing strawberries have led to a longer production season.

**Noon** **Lunch made with regional products – Exhibit-booth visits**

**1:00 pm** [Initiation to growing highbush blueberries](#)

*Michel Lareau, agronome and producer in the Montérégie region*

It is important to look at the particularities of the crop, such as choice of site, fertilization, pruning, etc, which will lead to a carefully thought-out operation with higher profits.

**2:45 pm** **Break and exhibit-booth visits**

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