



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

May 15, 2009

We have scheduled our next Board of Directors meeting for **July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>** in McMinnville, Oregon. We are working with Ted Farthing and his staff at the Oregon Wine Board to arrange interesting meetings with researchers and tours in Oregon wine country.

The NGWI Board business meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Based on the discussion at our meeting last month in Beltsville, we will focus on **reviewing and refining the research priorities** of each of our theme committees at that time. USDA plans to release the next Specialty Crop Research Initiative RFA before the end of the year (possibly in October), and getting our priorities clear this summer will help NGWI advance our national research agenda. Plans are underway for an evening event Thursday and tour of research projects on Friday.

NGWI has blocked rooms for participants at the **Red Lion Inn & Suites in McMinnville**. The group rate will be **\$98.09-103.49**. Please call the Red Lion & Suites at 503-472-1500 or 888-489-1600 to make your reservations. The block of rooms will be released after **7/15/2009**. Please be advised that McMinnville is a considerable distance from the Portland Airport. You may wish to arrange your flight and car reservations at the same time. There are also shuttle services which can take you from the airport to the hotel. The phone numbers for those shuttles are:

Royal Shuttle: 503-554-0005

Caravan Airport Transportation: 541-994-9645

TJW Shuttle: 503-969-8961

Looking forward to seeing you in Oregon!

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