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We are expanding upon the successful research conducted by Dale and Cindy Secher of Carandale Farms in Oregon, WI – testing the adaptability of the eight most successful varieties from their trials to different regional growing conditions. Growing these fruits can lead to increased economic viability for small – mid-sized farms. There will be a mix of round-table discussion, hands-on activities, and a site tour. Lunch and snacks provided. You will leave the day with plant lists, resources on growing these fruits, and a base map for scheming and dreaming up your own agroforestry system. Dress for spending time outdoors.

RSVP by May 3 to Erin Schneider, Hilltop Community Farm, LLC at 608-257-6729 or email [e.schneider.hilltopfarm@gmail.com](mailto:e.schneider.hilltopfarm@gmail.com)



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