**2018 Annual Meeting of the NC-140 Regional Rootstock Research Project**

Dear NC-140 Members:

We look forward to hosting the Annual Meeting of NC-140 on November 14th and 15th. Details regarding the meeting venue, hotel reservations, travel options, and a general agenda are included in this announcement. Registration fees and a detailed agenda for the meeting will be distributed to membership by September 1st. Please contact Tom Kon with any questions about lodging or travel options. We look forward to seeing you in November!

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**Location:** [Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center](https://mountainhort.ces.ncsu.edu/) (MHCREC). 455 Research Drive Mills River, NC 28759. Van transport to the MHCREC will be provided.

**Hotel:** [Holiday Inn & Suites Arden – Asheville Airport](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/arden/avlar/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_-HI-_-US-_-AVLAR).

Includes a free shuttle from the [Asheville Regional Airport](https://flyavl.com/) (AVL), approximately 1-mile away.

A block of 50 rooms is reserved (25 king bedrooms and 25 double queen) at $123.17 per room. This rate includes breakfast and total taxes. To accommodate the travel needs of all participants, the block extends from November 12 to 16. To receive block pricing, t**he deadline for hotel reservations is October 21st.**

For reservations, call 828-684-6000. Indicate that you are part of the NC140 Regional Rootstock Project (Group Code: RRP). A credit card number will be required to reserve a room.

**Travel:** The [Asheville Regional Airport](https://flyavl.com/) (AVL) is the most convenient airport in the region and is located in close proximity to the hotel and MHCREC (less than a 5-minute drive to either site).

There are two alternative airports that may have lower airfare:

[Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport](https://www.gspairport.com/) (GSP). A rental car would be required to travel to the greater Asheville area (~1 hour drive).

[Charlotte Douglas International Airport](http://www.cltairport.com/Pages/default.aspx) (CLT). Shuttles are available from CLT (~2 hour drive) to a nearby hotel (Clairon Inn – Asheville Airport). There are 5 shuttles throughout the day - $85 per traveler (one-way). See <http://www.ashevilleshuttle.com/>

**Tentative Agenda:**

Nov 13 Travel Day

Nov 14 Business meeting 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 Welcome

 Update by AA Rich Marini

 Reports on ongoing trials

 Discussion of future trials

Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

State Reports 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tour of the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center: 2006 Gala and 2010 Fuji NC-140 Trials 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Nov 15 Business meeting including State Reports 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Tour of commercial orchards in Henderson County, NC 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Group Dinner at local establishment

Nov 16 Travel Day

**Meeting Sponsor:** The North Carolina Apple Growers Association