

Washington State Site Of National Holstein Convention

BRATTLEBORE, Vt. — Washington state Holstein breeders are to host the national convention this year and the Pacific Northwest breeders are welcoming members July 3-6.

After nearly 30 years, the National Holstein Convention returns to Washington — the land of Eskimo art, salmon and crab, evergreen forest and salt water harbors. Washington State first hosted the national convention in 1935, later in 1965.

Seattle, the convention city, has the 74-acre legacy of the 1962 World's Fair. The 605-foot Space Needle is the city's landmark with its 360-degree view of Puget Sound, the Cascade Range and the Olympic mountains.

The 109th Holstein convention has two early pre-convention tours starting Sat., July 2.

• **Whatcom County Farm Tour.** A one-day motorcoach trip travels from Seattle to Lynden through the heart of Whatcom

County visiting registered Holstein dairies. The drive follows the U.S. Canadian border with stop at the world's largest raspberry producer at the peak of the harvest season. Tour leaves at 7:30 a.m. Box lunch. Returns 7 p.m. Cost \$30 per person.

• **Mount Rainier National Park.** The 14,411 foot Mt. Rainier, an inactive volcano, will be visited. Close views of alpine meadows, Box Canyon and Chinook Pass are included. The

eleven-hour motorcoach ride has a box lunch. \$43. Call Grayline direct by May 31, toll-free 1-800-544-0739.

In Seattle on Sunday, July 3, delegates are asked to check-in at the registry desk at The Westin Hotel (Grand Foyer, 4th floor). The President's reception starts at 6 p.m. in the Westin's Grand Ballroom with tributes to the Association President John Selz and directors of the national board.

The Fourth of July begins with

an early golf tournament, three Seattle tours, salmon BBQ, national cattle sale and harbor fireworks.

Tuesday, July 5, elected delegates attend to the business of the Holstein Association. The highlights of the day include the Juniors' dairy bowl competition, state officers' breakfast, early bird talks on North American genetics, annual meeting general sessions, and Ladies Day activities.

Wednesday, July 6, the day's calendar focuses on a second-day annual meeting and the farewell banquet. Highlights include Annual Meeting Keynote Jack C. Parnell, President Bush's deputy ag secretary, dairy bowl team winners, national distinguished juniors, an election of officers and directors, the announcement of the national outstanding breeder, and recognition of 40-year members.

The national convention dinner dance with a salute to Holstein leaders concludes the convention. The 1995 national convention is to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in June.

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