

"The VABF

Everyone

conference brings

and the region

together to learn,

the best of the state

celebrate, and improve

serious about biological

growing should make

it a point to be there!"

-Janet Aardema, Broadfork Farm

biological and organic farming and gardening in Virginia.

26th Annual

# Virginia Biological Farming Conference

Sowing Seeds, Growing Change

Conference Dates

JANUARY 9TH-11TH, 2026

Location
HOTEL ROANOKE
ROANOKE, VA

# SPONSOR & EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

# **REACH**

+500 Average Attendees +4,500 Newsletter subscribers +4,600 followers on Facebook +2,400 followers on Instagram

Over 75% of our Conference
Attendees are actively
growing / grazing
biologically.

expected attendance 500+

FARMERS, GARDENERS, GRAZERS, & BIOLOGICAL FARMING SUPPORTERS

# 3 DAYS

DEDICATED TO BIOLOGICAL FARMING

WORKSHOPS • KEYNOTES
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS
FARM TOURS • NETWORKING
BUSINESS TRADESHOW
TASTE OF VIRGINIA
LOCAL MEALS

Biological Farming

Sustainable · Holistic

Regenerative · Integrated

Dedicated to Soil Health

"If you're trying
to target small or
beginning farmers in
Virginia, there's no better
place to reach so many in such
a short period of time than
the VABF conference."

-Michelle Olgers, Director of Marketing & Communications, VSU College of Agriculture/ Virginia Cooperative Extension "What an amazing and inspiring conference! I was so elated to see so many women and people of color represented as presenters and keynote speakers."

- Jennifer Evans, 2023 Attendee

"VABF is a wonderful
event for connecting
farmers, gardeners, homesteaders and local food advocates
across the state to further the
adoption and success of biological
food production practices and
techniques, and helps strengthen
Virginia's food economy and a
vibrant ecology."
- Mark Angelini,

Mountain Run Permaculture



VABF's mission is to educate about, advocate for, and promote organic and biological farming and gardening.

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# JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF THE 26TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA BIOLOGICAL FARMING CONFERENCE!

Thank you to all the farms, organizations, and people who have made this Conference successful, year after year, by showing up to participate and build this amazing community of farmers, gardeners, educators, industry professionals, and advocates of biological agriculture!

We have more sponsorship opportunities available than ever before, including our Guardian Presenting Sponsor level and new opportunities like our Taste of Virginia Expo & Social Sponsor, Tote Bag Sponsor, Youth Program Sponsor & Regional Networking Sponsor. We've also increased sponsor benefits in each level.

By becoming a sponsor of the Virginia Biological Farming Conference, your company receives web recognition through our extensive promotional period on our website, social media, and e-newsletters, as well as print recognition in our full-color conference program.

Sponsors have opportunities to interact with attendees all day on Saturday and Sunday. Attendees visit the Tradeshow during and between sessions to learn about your products and buy from your booth. This is an exceptional opportunity to connect with people who are passionate about biological, regenerative, organic, & sustainable agriculture.

Join us as a Sponsor!

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CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS OR TO DISCUSS ANNUAL, CONFERENCE, & CUSTOM SPONSOR PACKAGES

Lindsay Johnson, Conference Manager, coordinator@vabf.org 540-974-5767

Note: We are dedicated to our mission of educating about, advocating for, and promoting organic and biological farming and gardening, and are seeking sponsors whose company values and products are compatible. All sponsors will be reviewed to ensure compatibility. If we have questions or concerns we will be in contact after your application processes.

# Sponsorship Highlights

#### **TRADESHOW**

Included in all sponsorship levels!

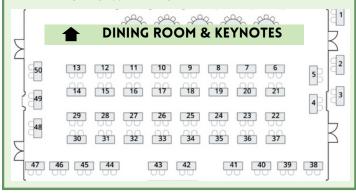
#### **SETUP**

Setup includes a draped 6' table, two chairs and free wi-fi. Electricity available upon request.

#### **LAYOUT**

All exhibitors will be centralized in the Roanoke Ballroom and at the entry doors. Top level sponsors will be provided premier locations.

#### TRADESHOW DIAGRAM



# VABF BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

Cultivator to Guardian Levels · \$200 Value

Access to membership portal with website listing of your company name, logo, & business information including 3 contacts. Free listings of classifieds, job opportunities and events.

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Included in all sponsorship levels

Access to Conference sessions, tradeshow, local-food meals, and our networking social.

Donate extra registrations to the Scholarship Fund!

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	GUARDIAN \$20,000	REGENERATOR \$15,000	HARVESTER \$10,000	SUSTAINER \$5,000	POLLINATOR \$3,000	CULTIVATOR \$1,500	SEEDLING \$850	EXHIBITOR \$450
TRADESHOW EXHIBITOR SPACE	✓ Triple Booth Space	✓ Triple Booth Space	✓ Double Booth Space	✓ Double Booth  Space	✓ Double Booth Space	✓ Single Booth Space	✓ Single Booth Space	✓ Single Booth Space
CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS	15	10	8	5	4	3	2	1
WEBSITE LISTING	Linked logo, business name & description, website, and social handles on Homepage & Conference Page	business name & description, website, and	•	business name & description on Homepage &	Linked logo on Homepage & Conference Page & Business Name Listed	Homepage &	Linked logo on Conference Page & Business Name listed	
PRINTED PROGRAM	Full Page Ad on Inside Back Cover & most prominent logo in Sponsor Thank You	prominent logo in Sponsor Thank You	Sponsor	prominent logo in	Half Page Ad & Logo in Sponsor Thank You	Quarter Page Ad & Logo in Sponsor Thank You	Logo in Sponsor Thank You	Company Name listed as exhibitor
SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT	Personalized	Personalized	Personalized	Personalized	Personalized	Personalized	✓	✓
SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUTOUTS	12+ Monthly posts + Conference posts	12+ Monthly posts + Conference posts	5	4	3	2	1	Group Post
VABF BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
E-NEWSLETTER RECOGNITION	Introductory write-up, linked logo & description on all Conference & Monthly VABF E-newsletters	description on all Conference	Linked Logo & description on all Conference E-newsletters	Linked Logo on all Conference E-newsletters	Logo on all Conference E-newsletters	Logo on all Conference E-newsletters	NON-PROFIT EXHIBITORS \$100 DISCOUNT Tradeshow exhibitor	
LOGO SHARED AT MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	rate is \$35 profit orga	
VERBAL PODIUM RECOGNITION	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>		-	BENEFITS TI	MELINE
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTION	3 Scholarships	2 Scholarships	1 Scholarship	MEDIA SPONSORS  Full Year: July-July				
PODIUM ADDRESS	10 minutes	5 minutes						
RESERVED DINING TABLES	3 Tables	2 Tables		print, web, newsletter, or radio advertising opportunities.  Conference season: Sign-up until Feb				
PRESENTING SPONSOR CREDIT	✓			opportunities.				

# ADD-ON & A LA CARTE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# TASTE OF VIRGINIA **EXPO & MARKET SPONSOR** \$1.500

This unique event draws both Conference attendees and the general public for a celebration of local food, crafts & libations!

- Listed as Presenting Sponsor on Taste of Virginia highlight in our printed program (full page), as well as on VABF website & social media.
- Your banner or signage displayed at the event.

# REGIONAL NETWORKING **SOCIAL SPONSOR** \$5,000

Your support provides locally-sourced food for our networking social for farmers in VA!

- Listed as Presenting Sponsor on all mentions & media promotions.
- · Your banner or signage displayed.

# HOTEL KEY SPONSOR \$1.200

Take the opportunity to be in the hands of each conference attendee staying at the Hotel!

• Logo on all hotel guest keys (600 key cards printed).

Note: Send vector file logo by Nov 24th.

# **SCHOLARSHIP** SPONSOR / ADD-ON \$400/SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsor the full registration of a farmer seeking financial aid for the conference. Deadline Dec 26th

• 1 Scholarship funded in your company's name with printed program and website recognition of your contribution to the conference scholarship fund.

# **TOTE BAG SPONSOR** \$5.000

Make a lasting impression with a bag that attendees bring home.

• 500 organic cotton canvas bags with VABF Annual Conference design and your company name/logo given to attendees for free.

Optional: Include your own promotional materials Note: Art deadline Dec 1st.

# **DEMONSTRATION ADD-ON** \$300

(4 available)

Available for Cultivator sponsor level and above as an add-on:

- 45 min demonstration in the Crystal Ballroom on Sunday.
- Business name & presentation description listed in printed program as a new feature of the Conference.

### COFFEE BREAK **SPONSOR** \$500

Coffee service is always a popular gathering place showcase your company!

- Signage with logo at each coffee service (am/pm)
- Eighth Page Ad in Printed Program.

Note: Art deadline Dec 9th

# YOUTH PROGRAM **SPONSOR** \$3,000

Make the Youth Program more affordable for participants!

• Presenting Sponsor listed on all mentions of Youth Program, linked logo on webpage, & spoken acknowledgement.

# Printed Program Advertising

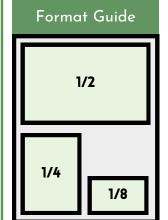
**AVAILABLE A LA CARTE** 

Even if you can't join us in person, promote your company in our conference program! • 300 DPI in color

# Ad Specifications:

- .jpg or .png accepted

PROGRAM AD DEADLINE: DEC 9TH



Program Ad Page Size	Dimensions for Print	Price a la carte	Included in Sponsorship Level	Bonus: Website Listing
Full Page	7.5″w x 10″h	\$675	Sustainer & above	Linked Logo
Half Page	7.5″w x 4.75″h	\$425	Pollinator	Business Name
Quarter Page	3.5″w x 4.75″h	\$300	Cultivator	Business Name
Eighth Page	3.5" w x 2.25" h	\$175	Coffee Break	Business Name