

February 20, 2023

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Pre-Meeting Site Visits

Bus departs from Peppermill at 8 a.m. and returns to Peppermill at 4 p.m.

Note: *A boxed lunch is included in the cost. A note will be sent to participants to confirm choice of sandwich.*

\$175.00

Tentative Stops:

- **8:30 am - 10:00 am:** For the first stop we will go to the University of Nevada Reno's main greenhouse complex for tour and learn valuable intel based on recently conducted research. This stop will include a tour of their facilities along with intel shared by Patricia Santos, Dylan Kosma and Felipe Barrios-Masias who will discuss their current research work. *Patricia Santos and Dylan Kosma have been doing some great work with potatoes and carrots; they focus on pathogens and biocontrol. Also, Felipe Barrios-Masias has been doing work with tomatoes, melons, and hemp.*
- **10:00 am - 10:45 am:** Group will walk next door to the Desert Farming Initiative hoopouses and meet with Jill Moe. Jill will discuss the role of DFI* and their vegetable production.
- **10:45 am:** Depart for Fallon and arrive at Grower operation *TBD*.
- **12:00 pm - 1:15 pm:** Visit grower operation, *TBD*, in Fallon. Drive to Frey Ranch.
- **1:15 pm - 2:45 pm:** Visit the Frey Ranch and Distillery. The Frey team will provide a tour of the distillery (with tastings) as well as a farm tour.
- **2:45 pm - 4:00 pm:** Return from Fallon to Peppermill.

***DFI's mission is to advance climate smart farming and food sovereignty in the region.**

- **Demonstration:** demonstrate sustainable vegetable and fruit farming practices, while bolstering the regional food system.
- **Education:** provide practical on-farm learning experiences for UNR students and develop resources for other growers.
- **Outreach:** actively engage with a diverse array of stakeholders to improve food security and prepare for farming in a changing climate.
- **Research:** conduct research in collaboration with academic faculty, other organizations, and industry to improve agricultural practices for desert climates.

In addition to being a demonstration and research resource in Nevada, DFI operates a year-round commercial farm producing a variety of fruits, vegetables and herbs that are sold directly at markets and wholesale. All crops are certified organic by [California Certified Organic Farmers](#).