



It was great to see colleagues from NERA and agInnovation in Grand Rapids last week. The good news, a short newsletter.

“Find your focus by seeking all that is good in your life.” - Lorii Myers (2012) in *3 Off the Tee: Make it Happen*, Leda Publishing Company, Barrie, Ontario, Canada.

Action items:

- The [minutes for the NERA Business Meeting](#) are posted on the NERA website. Check those out.
- This past Friday, NIFA posted the FY24 RFAs for the [Capacity Grants Programs](#). Click on the programs that interest you (e.g., [The Hatch Act of 1887](#); [The Hatch Act of 1887-Multistate Research Fund](#); [McIntire-Stennis Capacity Grant](#); [Animal Health and Disease Research](#)) and check out the **Program Specific Resources**. There you'll find the FY24 RFAs. Hatch regular and Mc-Stennis are due on October 25. Hatch Multistate and Animal Health are due on October 30.

Reminders/Updates:

- [LEAD21](#), the system's leadership training operation, is seeking applications for Class 21. Here's a link for the [instructions to apply](#).

Informational items:

- We've changed our mailing address! Our new physical mailing address is located at: NERA, The Office of the Provost, Green Hall – Room 115, University of Rhode Island, 35 Campus Drive, Kingston, RI 02881.
- *Second Time*: The National Charrette Institute at Michigan State University is hosting the [GROW-Urban Agriculture Conference](#), a virtual initiative that will be held over three consecutive days on November 1-3, 2023. The Generating Research Opportunities Workshop (GROW) is dedicated to enhancing urban agriculture and food systems through the development of collaborative proposals working at the intersection of urban agriculture and food systems. [Registration](#) for the Zoom event is required.
- *The continuing ask*: We've added a photo at the end of the newsletter that either captures “local flavor” or is indicative of current events. If you have a picture that you'd like to share with the NERA News followers, please send those to us with a caption and photographer acknowledgement.



Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the [Hudson Valley Research Laboratory](#), which reports to Cornell AgriTech and focuses on fruit research in the lower Hudson Valley area of NY. (Photo courtesy of Margaret Smith, Cornell University)



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