



## Saturday, April 20th WVMSPA – Annual Meeting



**Where?** St Paul's Episcopal Church, 206 E 2nd St. Weston, WV

### What's up?

- 9:00 – 12:00 WVMSPA business meeting.
  - Committee reports
  - WVDA/NRCS updates
  - Producer Maple season's reporting (come prepared to tell your 2024 story)
  - Welcome to new members
  - New Business
- WV State maple syrup and maple products contest (bring a sample to enter the contest)
- Hydrometer testing (bring yours to have it tested)
- 12:30 – 1:30 Annual Banquet – Free to all WVMSPA members, and it's never too late to join!!!
- **Banquet speaker – Janet Woods**, of the Hurry Hill Farm and Maple Museum, Edinboro, PA. home to the 1956 Newbery Medal awarded to [Virginia Sorensen](#) for her acclaimed children's book [Miracles on Maple Hill](#).
- Afternoon – Social time to hang out and swap maple lies before heading home.

## Friday, April 19th Maple Madness

10:00 - 2:00. Following up on the success of last year's pre-meeting 3/16 workshop, this year we will be holding a confectioner's workshop by the master confectioner of them all, **Steve Childs**. Steve literally wrote the book on all things sweet made from maple

(<https://bpb-us-e1.wpmucdn.com/blogs.cornell.edu/dist/7/5773/files/2021/04/Confection-Notebook5th-edition-with-bookmarks.pdf>). This will be a "hands-on" and a taste bud stimulating session, so get ready to get messy. We will be learning the science behind and useful tricks for making maple candies, granulated sugar, cream, coated nuts, and soft drinks.

**Where?** Episcopal church, same place as the Annual meeting the next day.

**When?** The day before, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**What else?** Participation is limited to 25, so register early to reserve your spot. Register at <https://bit.ly/maplemtg>. Each participant should bring along a quart of their finest maple syrup.

2:00 - 3:00 Immediately following the confectioners workshop, Paul Ronk will give an instructional session on using and caring for the WVMSPA cotton candy machine. This is an especially important session for anyone planning to man the WVMAPA booth at the State Fair.

3:30 - 5:00 Title: Kody Boone and Thomas Wood will share their experiences with diaphragm pumps in a presentation titled **"Maximizing Production and Profits on 3/16 in Appalachia."** In this presentation, they will be "Debunking the tune of "Too Early" in relation to our recent climate trends through studies on side-by-side comparisons of diaphragm pumps vs gravity-only 3/16 systems in North Central and Northern West Virginia

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