

Snap Peas (yes, snap peas)

Introduction

- Dan Lamborn
 - Intel – 2007-Now
 - PhD – Chemical Engineering, [Penn State](#)
 - BS – Chemical Engineering, [Utah](#)
 - MBA (ongoing), [Penn State](#)

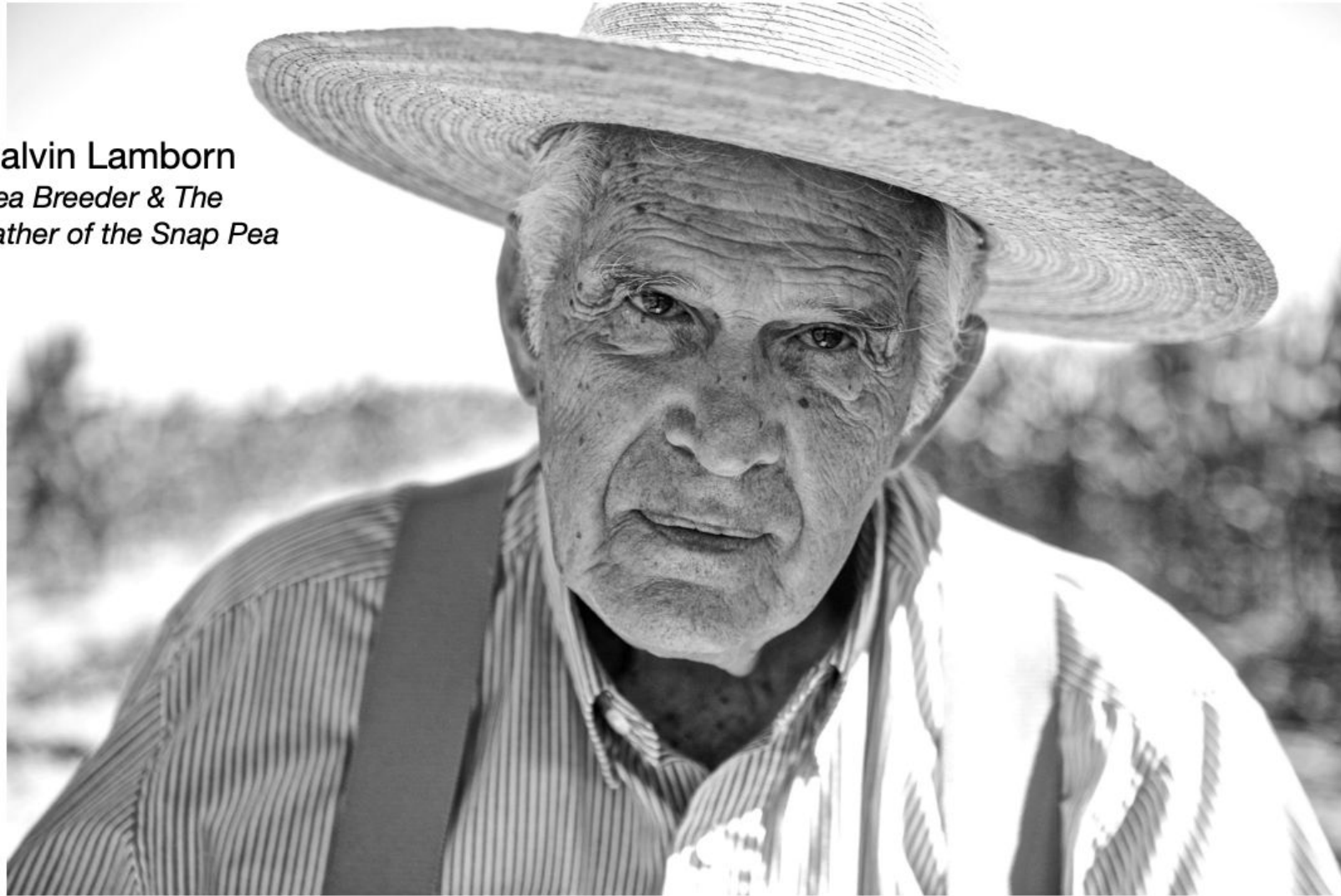


The Family

- Jessica (wife 23 years)
- Selena (Junior @ NAU – Chemistry)
- Anna (Freshman @ NAU – Psychology)
- Julia (Sophomore @ Highland High School)
- COCO – best dog ever (Gordon Setter)



Dr. Calvin Lamborn
*Pea Breeder & The
Father of the Snap Pea*



1933-2017

Dr. Calvin Lamborn's creation of the Sugar Snap Pea has forever changed our expectations of how peas could be eaten and enjoyed.

Lamborn's life would never be the same after his accidental discovery of the snap pea in 1969. As a plant breeder his first assignment was to correct pod distortion of a snow pea. With this debut, he crossed a snow pea with a *rouge* thick-podded shell pea which surprisingly resulted in a round, edible podded pea. *"It tastes more like candy than a vegetable and kids are going to love it!"*

Long after Lamborn's retirement, his pea work continued as he embarked on the most expansive world search for rare and obscure pea germplasm. Today Calvin's legacy is enjoyed globally through the work of his children in the family business, Magic Seed Inc. based in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lamborn's determination and focus is a powerful example of the potential one can achieve by probing deeper and remaining curious.



“Retirement”

- “highly encouraged to retire” in his early 60’s.
- Close friend and supporter had already left and started a fresh distribution of snap peas company.
- Calvin negotiated rights for breeding varieties
- Incorporated and partnered with his friend
- Beat himself in 5 years – research in Idaho, California and Mexico
- If your snap peas come from Mexico or California – they are likely “our” peas. If they come from Guatemala or Peru, odds are high that he touched them.

Snap Pea naming

- Sugar Daddy ☐ Calvin, heavily used in Guatemala
 - Sugar Bon ☐ Bonnie (80th birthday yesterday)
 - Sugar Rae ☐ Daughter #1
 - Super Sugar Mel ☐ Daughter #2 (aka... the favorite)
 - Sugar Ann ☐ Daughter #3, you can still find this in stores
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- No Sugar Rod ☐ son #1
 - No Sugar Dan ☐ me...






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Calvin's Stories

Directed by Rod Lamborn

Johnny's Selected Seeds : video

Pea Dinner @ Lincoln Restaurant : video