

MCTA 2021 SUMMER/FALL MEETING

Information and Draft Agenda

Dates: September 11th and 12th, 2021

Location:	<u>Saturday Meeting</u>	<u>Sunday Farm Tour</u>
	Central Church 627 Route 3 South China, ME 04358	Ben and Molly's Christmas Tree Farm 424 Hanson Road South China, ME 04358

Lodging: Two nearby hotels are holding rooms for MCTA members who need lodging.
If you need hotel lodging, you must call one of the hotels yourself.

1) Best Western Plus Augusta Civic Center Inn -
20 minutes to Central Church / 26 minutes to the farm
10 rooms are being held

110 Community Dr, Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 622-4751

2) Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel
26 minutes to Central Church / 24 minutes to the farm
10 rooms are being held

375 Main St, Waterville, ME 04901
(207) 873-0111

Camping: The Palmer's have very limited room for RV/campers at their farm, but have graciously offered folks that want to pitch a tent on Saturday night to do so.

We are expecting there to be a fire pit, BBQ grill and some cold refreshments for folks that want to do this. Ryan Liberty and his wife, Colleen, will be doing this for sure as long as the weather is reasonable. They're looking for more hardy souls to join them!

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Saturday, September 11, 2021

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| 9:00 - 10:00 AM | Registration |
| 10:00 - 10:05 AM | Welcome and housekeeping items – Ryan Liberty |
| 10:05 - 10:15 AM | Presidents welcome – Art Mingo |
| 10:15 - 11:00 AM | NCTA update – Dugald Kell |
| 11:00 - 12:00 PM | Maine Woodland Owners - Harold Burnett |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM | 'The Importance of YouTube and Other Media To Your Farm'
Matt Quinn: MCTA Marketing Committee |
| 2:00 - 3:00 PM | Dept of Agriculture/Maine Office of Tourism: Presenter and topic TBD |
| 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Pesticide Credit Topic TBD - Ron Lemin: Nutrien |

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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| 9:00 - 9:05 AM | Welcome and housekeeping items – Ryan Liberty |
| 9:05 - 9:30 AM | 'The History of Ben & Molly's Christmas Tree Farm': Rob & Donna Palmer |
| 9:30 - 11:00 AM | MCTA Business Meeting |
| 11:00 - 11:15 AM | Break |
| 11:15 - 12:00 PM | Christmas Tree Promotion Board: Cyndie Knudson |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 1:30 PM | 'In The Field Weed Identification'
Len Price: MCTA Seed Orchard/Scholarship Committees |
| 1:30 - 2:00 PM | 'The Origins of The MCTA Seed Orchard' - Dr. Maxwell McCormack:
Research Professor of Forest Resources at the University of Maine |
| 2:00 - 2:30 PM | 'MCTA Seedling Supply Update' - Larry Downey: Downey Nurseries |
| 2:30 - 3:30 PM | Shearing Demonstration
Duane & Matthew Lacasce: Finestkind Christmas Tree Farm |
| 3:00 - 3:15 | Break |
| 3:15 - 4:00 PM | 'Ben & Molly's Christmas Tree Farm Tour' - Rob Palmer: Owner |
| 3:15 - 4:00 PM | 'Christmas Tree BINGO' - Donna Palmer: Owner |