

Maine Christmas Tree Association 2022 Summer/Fall Meeting – September 17 & 18, 2022

Day One: Meetings will be held at Lakewood Inn Restaurant (76 Theater Rd, Madison, ME).

* **Note:** Reservations for Dinner & Play are not included. but can be made by calling 207-474-7176, or online at www.lakewoodtheater.org.

Day Two: Farm Tour at Quinn's Christmas Tree Farm (290 W Ridge Rd, Cornville, ME).

Registration: Registration can be for Day One only, Day Two only, or both days. Registration fees include lunch each day. On Day One, lunch will be at the Restaurant and will be a buffet. There will be a cash bar. The menu has not yet been set, but examples can be seen at Lakewood Inn website under menus (<https://www.lakewoodtheater.org/menus>).

Theater and Dinner reservations: MCTA meeting attendees are encouraged to go to dinner and the play on the evening of Day One (Saturday, Sept. 17). Information about the play is below. Reservations for Dinner & Play are not included. but can be made by calling 207-474-7176, or online at www.lakewoodtheater.org.

About Lakewood Theater

Located amidst stately pines and white birch on the western shore of Wesserunsett Lake, Lakewood is the State Theater of Maine and *America's oldest and most famous summer theater*. Lakewood's tradition is long in years, deep in sentiment, and steadfast in endurance. Now entering its 120th Season, Lakewood offers exceptional performances of comedies, dramas, musicals, and children's shows from late-May through mid-September. We invite you to experience the excitement of live theater.

Lakewood Inn Restaurant

There are few activities as pleasurable as dinner and a show. Lakewood Theater, the official summer theater of Maine, is known for the quality of its entertainment. Drawing from a rich pool of local talent, every show continues a long standing tradition of bringing stage art to the citizens of Central Maine and beyond, the name Lakewood evoking a nostalgic response in hundreds of our friends and neighbors. We strive to achieve the same reaction in our patrons with our food.

Drawing from another selection of local "talent", we are bringing produce, specialty goods, meats and other local fare into our kitchen; the cast is extraordinary. As a result, our food brings a completely new culinary experience to Central Maine.

The show playing the weekend of the meeting:

“Anything to Declare”

The Dupont family is thrilled that their naïve young daughter has married Count Robert de Trivelin. However, upon returning from their honeymoon, it is made

clear that the young bridegroom has yet to consummate the marriage, and indeed seems to be suffering from a psychological block brought on by a border crossing guard yelling out “Have you anything to declare?” at a particularly delicate moment. With only three days left to meet his mother-in-law’s demand for a grandson, or at least the promise of one, the count seeks the assistance of Zeze, a courtesan who is passing herself off to her clientele as a prominent artist. The entire Dupont family manages to parade through Zeze’s salon and back to the Dupont home, along with a sobbing ex-suitor of the bride, a camel dealer of unknown origin, and a maid desperate to break ties with Zeze and start a career of her own. As the clock continues to tick away, a chaotic race to consummate the marriage results in everyone learning just a little bit more than they might have wanted to.

STARRING

Randy Jones	Midge Pomelow	Autumn Stupca	Tucker Atwood
Mike Clements	Ethan Richards	Wendi Richards	Jakob Sutton
Kameron Stover	Evelyn LaCroix	Miles McIntire	
Stephanie Irwin	Heather Bisson		

2022 SEASON TICKET PRICES

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

	<u>IN ADVANCE</u>	<u>AT THE DOOR</u>
ADULTS NON MUSICAL	\$24.00	\$26.00
ADULTS MUSICAL	\$26.00	\$28.00
CABARET SEATING	\$40.00	\$45.00
CHILDREN (4-17)	\$18.00	\$20.00

****ONLY TRANSFERABLE DURING SEASON PURCHASED**
(\$3.00 FEE PER TICKET)**

www.lakewoodtheater.org

History of Quinn's Tree Farm

Cornville has always been known for its Christmas Trees. Carleton Hodges came to Cornville in the early 1960's, and transformed the landscape of the West Ridge into Hodges' Tree Farm, with over 100 acres of Christmas Trees. A young Jeffrey Quinn had his first job in high school shearing trees for Mr. Hodges, and it instilled in him a love for horticulture and Christmas. Carleton even convinced Jeffrey to grow Christmas Trees on his 3 acres of Cornville homestead, where he had started his family with Susan, his bride.

Life took over, and the trees, while always there, were managed by other local farmers, providing a small income for the Quinn's, and keeping the land active and beautiful.

Fast forward to the fall of 2018, when Jeffrey and his grown son Matthew bought a tractor together. Matt toured the tree fields on said tractor and decided that they were in need of a lot of love and care. Much of the North Field had grown up into full sized trees, and many of the viable trees were in need of shearing. He convinced his father that it was time to take back the family fields, and Matt went to work starting a new business, The Cornville Christmas Tree Company, which operates Quinn's Tree Farm.

No trees were sold that year, there was just too much to do to get ready, but in 2019, after a year of shearing, mowing, and culling and burning over 500 overgrown trees from the fields, Quinn's Tree Farm was ready to make local family's holiday season more joyous with a real Cornville Balsam Fir!

In 2021, The Forest, another local Christmas Tree Farm was put up for sale. Quinn's Tree Farm made the leap from a three acre side project to owning and managing 25 acres of Christmas Trees.

Farm Tour

On Sunday, we will return to the farm for a shearing demonstration by my father Jeff. He will show everyone how he uses shears to shape trees, as he hates using knives.

I will have all of my equipment on display. This will include what I have found to be essential, my flail mower, grapple bucket, and battery backpack sprayer.

The fields will be open for wandering, and guided tours. People will be able to see trees that had been sheared aggressively in 2021 and what they look like now.

We can work to identify the different species I have on the farm, some of them even baffle me. I know I have Balsam, Korean, and Frasers.

I would like to show people the Ass Over Treekettle Field. This is next to my sisters Bloody Mary Mix kitchen, where I planted 500 MCTA seedlings in 2020.

There is a good chance I will have a "Yard Sale" table up, of items that I do not need that could go to a good home.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1 – Lakewood Restaurant

9:00 AM	Gathering Time - coffee & doughnuts
9:30 AM	Registration
10:00 AM	Meeting Begins
10:30 AM	Committee Updates
Noon:	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Various Speakers
Dinner On Your Own. Perhaps at the Lakewood Restaurant?	
8:00 PM	Optional: “Anything To Declare” play at Lakewood Theater

Day 2 – Quinn’s Tree Farm

8:00 AM	Gathering Time - coffee & doughnuts
8:30 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Meeting Begins
Noon:	Lunch
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Various demonstrations and presentations in the field
3:00 PM	Farm Tour
4:00 PM	Board Meeting

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Pre-Registration Form

Meeting Dates: September 17 & 18, 2022

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Day Two (Sept 18):	Farm Tour	Location: Quinn's Christmas Tree Farm 290 W Ridge Rd, Cornville, ME 04976

Farm/Business Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Telephone: _____

List additional attendee names: _____

Pre-Registration Deadline: Form must be received by September 15th, 2022

Registration Type	Quantity	Pre-registration (by Sept 15th)	On-Site Registration	Extended Amount
Saturday / includes Lunch (hot luncheon & cash bar)		\$40.00 includes lunch	\$50.00 includes lunch	\$
Sunday / includes Lunch (Maine-style barbecue)		\$30.00 includes lunch	\$40.00 includes lunch	
Both Days / includes both lunches		\$65.00 includes lunch	\$80.00 includes lunch	\$
<i>Lunches provided by the Lakewood Inn Restaurant</i>				
Total Enclosed (make checks payable to MCTA)				\$

Mail completed form & payment (make checks payable to MCTA) to:

Joanne Bond (ph. 793-4658)
MCTA Exec. Treasurer
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