



## ME, NHVT Meeting September 21-22, 2024

Great Works Christmas Tree Farm  
392 Oakwoods Road, North Berwick, ME 03906

Saturday & Sunday: 8:30 AM – 3 PM

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	Registration (Donuts and Coffee)
	<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	Business meetings for separate associations
	<b>9:45 – 11:45</b>	Introduction to Soil Ph, Nutrients and Fertilization. How to take Soil and Needle test samples and how to read test results. Bill Urbanowicz, Sr. Agronomist, Spectrum Analytic.
	<b>12:00- 1:00</b>	LUNCH: Grilled Chicken Thighs, BBQ Pulled Pork, Rolls, Salads and Cookies.
	<b>1:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>Break into 3 Groups for three 40-minute presentations.</b>
	<b>J. Archambault:</b>	Field Tour: Small Trees on 42” spacing. Field with Durango White Clover. Concolor’s and Corkbark’s with needle cast. Cannan firs on both dry and wet areas. Lots of huge trees with 6’x6’ spacing. Ledge, stone piles and stone walls.
	<b>Rich Cowles:</b>	Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station: Latest Research about Needle Retention
	<b>Brett Johnson:</b>	UMaine Extension's Sustainable Agriculture and Farm Business Management Educator: Integrated Disease and Weed Management
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>	Registration (Donuts and Coffee)
	<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	Marsha Gray Shares Updates from Real Christmas Tree Board
	<b>9:30 - 10:00</b>	Trees for Troops 2024 News by Rick Dungee
	<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	Basil Insecticide Application For Systemic Protection, Presented by Rich Cowles, Entomologist, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
	<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	Pesticide Safety: Understanding and Implementing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Using Pesticide Labels with Rachel Maccini, UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialist
	<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	Lunch: Salad, Grilled Vegetables, lasagna, Tuscan Chicken Pasta, & Desserts
	<b>1:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>Break into 3 Groups for three 40-minute presentations.</b>
	<b>L. Archambault:</b>	<b>Christmas Barn</b> , Wreath Decorating, Angora goats, weaving Fiber, vineyard
	<b>J. Archambault:</b>	<b>Irrigation:</b> How we irrigate 15 acres with 1 inch of water in 7 days, Field layout for pipe, sprinkler locations. <b>Drainage:</b> Ditches, drain pipe, runoff catch basin.
	<b>James Rosa:</b>	<b>Meet the Sheep:</b> Shropshire Breed, they graze around fir trees without causing damage.

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