

THURSDAY

11:30 - 12:30

MCTA PAST PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

The MCTA Board would like to invite all past MCTA presidents to join them for lunch. Please RSVP to info@mcta.com or 517.545.9971 if you plan on attending.

12:30

REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITORS

1:30

INSECTS

Coming to a tree near you Dr. Deb McCullough, MSU will review management options of a few of the more pesky pests and potential new insects.

2:00

AUXILARY PROGRAM

Alice Waterous Floral Design Artist specializing in Christmas decor.

2:30

MAXIMIZING YOUR HERBICIDE PROGRAM

Weed control is an important and potentially costly activity for a Christmas tree producer. Tracey Harpster of Pennsylvania State University will provide a review of pre and post weed control programs and offer tips to help you get the biggest bang for your weed control buck.

3:45

CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION BOARD - MARSHA GRAY

4:30

EXHIBITORS

6:00

BANQUET

FRIDAY

7:00 – 9:00

BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS

9:00

TURKISH FIR/COFIRG

Dr. Bert Cregg, MSU will review the successes and challenges of growing Turkish fir in the CoFirG Turkish seed source trials that were established in 2013 across the United States.

9:45

GLYPHOSATE – FRIEND OR FOE

Using glyphosate can be an effective and inexpensive herbicide option to control weeds. For these reasons it has been used more intensively in recent years and used in ways that can cause injury. Tracey Harpster, PSU will discuss how to use glyphosate effectively and how to avoid damaging your trees.

10:30

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

11:15

MCTA ANNUAL MEETING

12:00

LUNCH

1:30 – 3:30

PROGRAM (see groups below)

Choose and Cut Session – Season Review

Wholesale Growers – Season review

Retailers – Season review