2016
CHRISTMAS TREE
SUMMER MEETING
& FARM TOUR
JUNE 17 & 18
Salem, Oregon

Pacific Northwest
Christmas Tree
Association

RED LION HOTEL SALEM
3301 Market Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: (503) 370-7835
SUMMER MEETING PROGRAM

Friday, June 17, 2016

We have applied for pesticide credits

Afternoon General Session – Jefferson III

Afternoon Session Moderator: Casey Grogan

1:15 pm
Different Paths to IPM on Your Farm
Paul Jepson, OSU Integrated Plant Protection Center
The essential components of integrated pest management, transitional programs and examples of different types of IPM plans.

2:15 pm
Pollinators as Part of an IPM Approach and Possible Regulation Revisions For Mexico
Helmuth Rogg, Oregon Department of Agriculture

3:45 pm
Saturday’s Farm Tour – Preview of the Featured Farm and Events
Bob Schaefer, Noble Mountain Tree Farm

Evening Activities – Jefferson I & II

4:45 pm
PNWCTA Industry Reception
Hors d’oeuvres and No Host Bar
Dinner – On Your Own

Morning General Session – Jefferson III

Morning Session Moderator: Terry Muilenburg

8:30 am
Coffee Break – Courtesy of Drakes Crossing Nursery

9:00 am
Welcome and Meeting Overview
Terry Muilenburg, PNWCTA Board Member, Summer Meeting Committee Co-Chair

EMPLOYER UPDATE

9:05 am
Drugs & Alcohol in the Workplace
Kevin Pfau, SAIF

10:00 am
New Labor Laws and Regulations – What They Mean to Farmers (Watch out Washington)
Roberta Gruber, Oregon Farm Bureau

10:45 am
Coffee Break – Courtesy of McKenzie Farms

11:00 am
Washington, Oregon and Federal Issues – Chemicals, Waters of the U.S. and Worker Protection Standards
Jenny Dresler, Oregon Farm Bureau
Gail Greeman, Oregon Farm Bureau

11:45 am
PNWCTA Business Meeting – Nominations of Board of Director Candidates
Mark Schmidlin, PNWCTA President

12:10 pm
Lunch – Jefferson I & II
**FARM TOUR**

6:30 - 7:00 am  | **Registration Desk Open**

7:15 am  | **Depart Hotel to Noble Mountain Tree Farm**

We will not be having a bus this year. Attendees can carpool or drive their own vehicle as there is plenty of parking. We will provide maps and driving directions. Please contact the Association office if you have any questions.

8:00 am  | **Arrive at Noble Mountain Tree Farm**

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served courtesy of Northwest Farm Credit Services

**MANAGING A LARGE OPERATION**

Discover what goes into managing a large operation - from laying out your operation to employee issues and harvest logistics. No matter how large or small your farm is we all can learn from each other.

- Deciding how to layout your operation and manage plantings while taking harvest into consideration
- Employee issues
- Harvest logistics, scope and sequence, start to finish, yard layout

**CULTURING**

Danish Christmas tree growers have been culturing for a lighter tree for years and several local growers have started making a change to their culturing as well. Learn why they are changing and strategies for growing a lighter tree.

- Narrow tree culturing and why
- How to achieve a lighter weight tree
- Danish culturing of Nordmann fir

**BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

One of the most important components of farming is being a good neighbor and helping others to understand and appreciate what you do. Working with the neighboring vineyards at Noble Mountain we recognize the value of this relationship and have discovered practices and equipment that can be used on your own farms.

- Neighboring vineyards, dealing with chemicals and managing drift
- How to be good neighbors
- Vineyards - cover crops, narrow rows and equipment (cultivation, seeder, sprayer, mower, etc.)

**SOIL HEALTH AND SOIL EROSION CONTROL**

Understand the long range impact Christmas trees can have on soil health and what management practices we can use that improve soil health and increase productivity. Learn how Noble Mountain minimizes soil erosion through straw bales, addressing soil compaction and other measures.

- Importance of organic matter and soil organisms
- Erosion Control and mitigation measures, legal issues
- Straw bales - how to determine where and how many, how they help and how to spread them
- Soil compaction and how to deal with it
- Winged subsoiler demonstration

**LUNCH**  | **BBQ lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 pm  | **Departure** *(45 minute travel time back to the hotel)*
REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration:

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Note: Pre-registration deadline is June 10. Refunds on tickets will be made only if registration is cancelled by June 13. There will be no refunds after that date or at the door.

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Registration limited to invited guests, members, employees or affiliates of member companies and families.

Make Hotel Reservations Directly with:
Red Lion Hotel Salem
3301 Market Street NE • Salem, OR 97301 • 503-370-7835
Room rates per night: $89 plus tax, double occupancy

Special Notes:
When reserving a room, make sure the Red Lion Hotel registration desk knows you are with the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association.
Red Lion Hotel will start charging regular guestroom rates on a space-available basis after June 3. Make your reservations early!

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