

Re-Certification Workshop
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Keeley's Banquet Center

2 Pesticide Applicator Credits; 5 Recertification Credits for the Day

8:15 am – 8:50 am REGISTRATION. Coffee.

8:50 am – 9:00 am Welcoming Remarks

9:00 am – 9:40 am **Gary Fish**, State Horticulturist
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Title: **“Cannibis and Hemp”**

Gary will provide the latest on Legislative updates and current status of Maine’s budding cannabis industry.

9:40 am -10:00 am **Jesse O’Brien**,
Down East Turf Farms

Title: **“Working in the World of Pesticide Bans”**

Jesse will share ideas and updates on municipal pesticide bans; learn how to be proactive and in compliance.

10:00 am- 10:05 am **BREAK**

10:05 am – 11:05 am **Peter Van Berkum**, Co-owner
Van Berkum Nurseries, Deerfield, NH

Title: **“A Grower’s Perspective on Native Perennials”**

Peter will discuss the challenges of growing and selling native plants. With growing interest in natives and pollinator plants and the debate about the ecological value of “nativars,” this is a subject that is getting a lot of consideration by plantologists.

11:05 am -11:10 pm **BREAK**

11:10 am -12:10 pm **Eric Topper**, Dir. Of Education
Maine Audubon Society

Title: **“Bringing Nature Home” in Maine**

“Bringing Nature Home” is Maine Audubon’s new community engagement and habitat stewardship initiative based on the bestselling book of that title by Doug Tallamy. Join Maine Audubon’s Director of Education, Eric Topper, to explore the plants, practices and perks involved in restoring native food webs in our gardens, yards and communities.

12:10 pm – 1:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK** for a delicious luncheon. *(Included in cost of registration)*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Shane Northrup**,
Me State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Title: **“Complying with Motor Vehicle Regulations”**

Many businesses operate commercially registered vehicles here in Maine that do not require special licenses to operate, yet they fall under strict guidelines that may be getting overlooked. Shane will address State and Federal Regulations for commercial vehicles in Maine. Touch upon Distracted Driving issues, Load securing requirements, and other issues pertaining to operating statewide.

Keeley's Banquet Center is located at 178 Warren Avenue, Portland. From Maine Turnpike I-95, take Exit 48. Turn right onto Riverside Street. At second light, turn right onto Warren Avenue. For answers to any questions, call Don Sproul, 207-623-6430; or email: MngmtPlus@aol.com

Registration Form for Workshop ** Submit by February 23, 2018**

Company Name _____

Name of attendee _____

Additional Names _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is \$55.00 per person for MELNA members and their employees, \$75.00 for non-members, \$20.00 for students. List all attendees' names.

Send to: MELNA, PO Box 4666, Augusta, ME 04330. Fax 623-6431; Call 207-623-6430 with questions, or email MngmtPlus@aol.com.

Total amount (enclose check or fill in credit card info below) \$_____.

CC # _____ Expiration Date ____/____

Name as it appears on card: _____ 3-digit security code: ____

Signature _____

Billing address for credit card, if different from above:

Billing street address _____ (town and state not required)

Zip code _____

* Pre-registration fee is non-refundable. * There is no storm day, unless directed by Public Safety. Any cancellations will be broadcast on Channels 6 and 2 * Pick up badges at the door. * No confirmation will be sent.