

# Grow Maine Green Expo

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Augusta Civic Center

- 7:30 am - 8:30 am** Registration & Continental Breakfast *Main Lobby*
- 8:00 am** **Grow Maine Green Expo Trade Show Floor Opens**
- 9:00 am - 10:15 am** **Mr. Ken Fisher** *Androscoggin-Aroostook-Cumberland Room*  
CEO, AmericanHort, Columbus, Ohio
- Keynote - "Harness Industry Growth"**  
Ken will talk about where we are as an industry and where we might be headed in 2022. He will help us focus on what's driving nursery and landscape opportunities and where headwinds could develop. This will be a great discussion to help you plan for your business future. You will have a chance to ask Ken questions about AmericanHort and industry trends.
- 10:15 am - 10:30 am** Break, exhibitor viewing *Paul Poulin Auditorium*
- 10:30 - 11:30** **1 Pesticide Credit** **Mr. Gary Fish** *Androscoggin-Aroostook-Cumberland Rm*  
State Horticulturist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Seminar – "Invasive Plant Stakeholder Committee Report and Pest Update"**  
This presentation will provide an update on the invasive plant stakeholder committee meetings and encourage comments and feedback from MELNA members. It will also cover current pest concerns and updates on plant quarantines of interest.
- 11:30 am – Noon** Break, exhibitor viewing *Paul Poulin Auditorium*
- Noon to 1:15 pm** **Lunch** *North Wing, 2nd floor*
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm** **MELNA Recognition Awards**
- 1:20 pm – 2:25 pm** **MELNA Annual Business Meeting** *Lincoln-Oxford Room*
- 1:30 pm** **TRADE SHOW RESUMES, CASH BAR** *Paul Poulin Auditorium*



**2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

**Jonathan Briggs**

*Lincoln-Oxford Room*

Northeast Sales Manager, Alliance Designer Products, Inc.

**Seminar – “Open Graded Base – A Better Hardscape Installation”**

Open graded base hardscape systems are becoming more and more prevalent, and for good reason. They provide numerous benefits that traditional installation practices cannot. This presentation will focus on the benefits of open graded base hardscape systems, the appropriate materials needed and the specific installation steps to be taken. Bring your hardscape installations to the next level by incorporating open graded base systems

**2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

**Dr. Daniel Robarts** *Androscoggin-Aroostook-Cumberland Room*

Grower and Horticulturist, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

**Seminar – “Ericaceae: From Rhododendron and Beyond”**

The vast plant family of Ericaceae is widespread throughout New England, and its beauty abounds practically year-round. While rhododendron species tend to be the frequent focus of this family, there are so many more. From heath to mountain laurel to wintergreen, from blueberry to cranberry and bearberry, the Ericaceae family provides enormous color and biodiversity. Dan Robarts will discuss and evaluate the Ericaceae genera’s ideal growing conditions, their habits, and seasonal appeal.

**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm**

Fruit & Drinks on Trade Show Floor

*Paul Poulin Auditorium*

**4:00 pm**

Trade Show Floor Closes

*Paul Poulin Auditorium*

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Education, Certification Planning Session**

*Paul Poulin Auditorium*

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

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**Dr. Hillary Peterson**

*Lincoln-Oxford Room*

IPM Entomologist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

**Seminar – “Berries & Biocontrol: Current Status of Biological Control Prospects of Important Berry Pests”**

Integrated pest management practices employ a wide range of tactics to control pests in crops. Biological control can be a powerful method of controlling pests but can also present challenges in research and application. This presentation covers the most problematic pests in berry crops in Maine right now, such as spotted winged drosophila, and summarizes the current knowledge and research on biocontrol of these species, along with potential future options as well. A brief background of biological control within the integrated pest management framework will also be provided.

**5:00 pm**

**Grow Maine Green Expo Ends**

*2 Pesticide Applicator Credits; 5 MELNA Certification CEU’s*