

GROW MAINE GREEN EXPO

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Augusta Civic Center

7:30 am - 8:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast *Main Lobby*

8:00 am **Grow Maine Green Expo Opens**

9:00 am - 10:15 am **Keynote Speaker: Mark Sellew** *Andro-Aroostook-Cumberland Room*
President/Owner Prides Corner Farms

Mark will share how Prides Corner Farms has strived to stay relevant. He will share what has worked and what has not worked in hopes it will help others on their own journeys to increased relevance.

10:15 am - 10:25 am Break, exhibitor viewing *Paul Poulin Auditorium*

10:30 am - 11:30 am **Seminar: Gary Fish** *Andro-Aroostook-Cumberland Room*
State Horticulturist, Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Title – “Plant Health Programs Update”

Gary will review the 2020 changes to the invasive plant rules and the status of the major invasive species that threaten Maine nurseries and landscapes.

11:30 am – Noon EXCLUSIVE TRADE SHOW w/demonstrations *Paul Poulin Auditorium*

Noon to 1:20 pm **Lunch** *North Wing, 2nd floor*

12:30 pm – 1:15pm **MELNA Recognition Awards**
Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award
Al Black Award

1:20 pm TRADE SHOW RESUMES *Paul Poulin Auditorium*
Raffle Drawing, Door Prizes Drawn, Event Pictures, Cash Bar Opens

1:20 pm – 3:30 pm TRADE SHOW w/demonstrations *Paul Poulin Auditorium*

1:20 pm – 2:30 pm **MELNA Annual Meeting** *Penobscot Room*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm EXCLUSIVE TRADE SHOW *Paul Poulin Auditorium*
Break – Fruit & Drinks

3:15 pm–4:15 pm **Seminar: Dr. Hannah Carter** *Andro-Aroostook-Cumberland Room*
Associate Provost of Online & Continuing Education and Dean of Cooperative Extension,
University of Maine

Title - "How can Extension be of service to you?"

From diagnosing plant diseases and pests, to creating professional development opportunities, UMaine Cooperative Extension provides a wide variety of programs and services of benefit to this industry. Come learn what Extension can do for you!

3:15 pm–4:15 pm **Seminar: Bob Mann** *Penobscot Room*
Senior Director of Technical and Regulatory Affairs
National Association of Landscape Professionals

Title – “Pesticide Policy Update”

The last twelve months have brought a suite of important changes to the way that pesticides are regulated both in Maine and in the United States. From PFAS to compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act, join Bob for a review of what to expect in the coming year.

3:30 pm Trade Show Floor Closes *Paul Poulin Auditorium*

2 Pesticide Applicator Credits; 5 MELNA Certification CEU's