



Friday, February 28th, 2025
4 MELNA Recertification Credits for the Day
1 Pesticide Credit

9:00 - 9:20am: Sign in, Coffee, Tea, Refreshments

9:20 - 10:00am: Ray Defeo, Prides Corner Farms
What is missing from your nursery or landscape?!

Join Ray to discuss different specialty Evergreens, Roses and Fruits to have your customer's landscape stand out from the rest!

10:10 - 10:50am: Roanne Robbins, Van Berkum Nursery
Did you say Native?!

Learn about straight- species U.S. natives thriving in New England native and ornamental gardens.

11:00am - 11:40pm: Jeff O'Donal, McSherry's Nursery
Container Growing versus Field Growing

To grow in a container or out in the field, that is the question. Jeff will help guide growers down a successful path.

LUNCH: 11:50 - 12:30pm - Included

12:30 - 1:10pm: Ryan Liberty, Crooked Brook Farm
Christmas Tree Farm Start up

Learn about the challenges and rewards of starting an unconventional Christmas Tree Farm.

1:20 - 2:00pm: John Wagner, Evergreen Farms Nursery
Pruning, Maintenance and Longevity for tree farms

Join John to learn his pruning techniques and how he cares for his farm. Christmas Tree farms require a special knack and we will discuss it!

2:10 - 3:10pm: Michael Parisio, Maine Forest Service + 1 Pesticide Credit
Forest Insect & Disease Update

To wrap up the day, we will summarize the learnings for 2024's insects and pathogens and how we can continue moving forward.

\$50 for members, \$35 for additional employees, \$75 Non-members.

MELNA Education Series SMCC Brunswick Campus
19 Sewall Street, Brunswick, ME Academic Building, Hannaford Lecture Hall