

Massachusetts Christmas Tree Association

61th Annual Meeting

September 15, 2019

Arrowhead Acres

www.arrowheadacres.com

84 Aldrich St. (Rte. 98)

Uxbridge, MA

Hosts: Dave and Vicki Morin

(2 Pesticide Credits Applied For)

Arrowhead Acres first planted trees in 1988 with 10 varieties of 2-year old plugs and now are into the 2nd and 3rd crops in most fields. Traditionally two-year old plugs are planted as the rocky soil has not been conducive to bare root transplants. These smaller transplants require extra care the first 2-3 years to protect them. We are now planting Fraser Fir (80%) and Concolor Fir (20%) and have approximately 35,000 trees between 6" and 8'. All of our fields have been forest land we have cleared. We have weathered several cycles over the years in terms of growing trees and customer retention. We are now starting to have substantial inventory of marketable trees and gradually business is building each year.

In the 1990's we started a function and outings business as a sideline and now it has grown to almost 100 weddings a year and requires much of our time. Many of our employees are family members spanning 3 generations.

8:00 - 9:00	Registration	Coffee, pastries - socialize, visit vendors. Farmers' Market – Bring your equipment to sell.
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome	Introductions, meeting agenda and farm history
9:30 – 10:00	Annual Meeting	MCTA Annual Business Meeting
10:00 – 10:50	Christmas Tree Promotion Board	Marsh Gray, Executive Director - CTPB
11:00 - 11:50	Farm Transition	Jason Silverman, Massachusetts Field Agent, Land For Good.org
12:00-1:00	Lunch and Visit Vendors	Chicken breast, rice pilaf, garden salad, homemade corn bread Soda, water
1:00 – 3:00	A Year in the life of a Christmas Tree Farm	Larry Downey, Downey Tree Farm & Nursery, Quebec, Canada.

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

Registration - Annual Meeting Sunday, September 15, 2019

Deadline: for meal count September 10, 2019

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cost \$20 per person (includes lunch) No. of persons _____. X \$20.00= \$ _____ total enclosed

Maximum \$50 per family (children under 12)

Make checks payable to MCTA & send to: MCTA, Jim Colburn, 104 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA 01860 or

Email name and number of attendees to: jas.colburn@verizon.net, pay at registration desk.