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PA CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ANNOUNCE UPCOMING MEETING IN BATH, PA

HARRISBURG, PA- The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA) announces its upcoming summer meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 31st and Wednesday, August 1st at Unangst Tree Farm in Bath, PA. Each year this annual meeting includes many informative speakers and demonstrations on the farm, a trade show, product demonstrations given by vendors, and a reception.

The meeting begins on Tuesday, July 31st at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel with a welcome given by PCTGA President, Ron Mancabelli. Sessions start at 8:30 am at Unangst Tree Farm where attendees will have the opportunity to attend the following sessions: Larry Kuhns of Kuhns Tree Farm demonstrating herbicide application; Jim Rockis of Quarter Pine Tree Farm and Gary Westlake of Westlake Tree Farms hosting a panel discussion on Phytophthora; Rick Bates of Penn State University speaking on choosing plant stock; Paul Shealer of Evergreen Acres Tree Farm demonstrating calibrating and backpack sprayers; as well as a session and farm tour given by Roger and Trudy Unangst, owners of Unangst Tree Farm. Vendor visitation and equipment demonstration will be available during the day. On Tuesday night, a banquet will be held at the hotel and our National Christmas Tree Association representative, Drew Yenser of Yenser's Tree Farm, will present.

After the membership meeting held on Saturday morning, Lynda Farrell of Blue Heron Consulting and Honeysuckle Hill Farms and Emelie Swackhamer of the Lehigh County Cooperative Extension will speak. The summer meeting will adjourn on Wednesday, August 1st at noon.

Registration for the upcoming summer meeting will be available at www.christmastrees.org or by calling PCTGA headquarters at (717) 238-9765. Members of neighboring associations are invited to register at PCTGA member rates. Don't miss out!

The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA), with over 300 members, works to promote and develop a community of interest among growers of Christmas trees in Pennsylvania and adjoining states, as well as to raise public awareness about Christmas trees. To find a Christmas tree grower near you, and for more information from the Pennsylvania Christmas tree authority, visit www.christmastrees.org.

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