

THE CONNECTICUT TREE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION



102nd Annual Meeting Thursday JANUARY 18, 2024 Aqua Turf Club 556 Mulberry Street Plantsville, Connecticut

CT DEEP 2, 3D - 4.50 CEU's
CT Forest Practitioner - 1.5 CEU's
ISA Certified Arborist - Pending
Adv. Cert. Tree Wardens- 4.25 CEU's

The President's Call to Meeting

I would like to invite all people interested in trees and people working in tree care in Connecticut, especially all members of CTPA, to attend the 102nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association.

The first talk will be with Emery Gluck and he will be speaking on Pitch Pine and loss of trees under current conditions. The second talk will be by Polly L. Weigand, Science and Stewardship Program Manager, Westhampton Beach, NY. Her presentation will cover Southern Pine Beetle Management for Urban Landscapes.

The keynote speaker is Claire Rutledge, Ph.D. Associate Agricultural Scientist, CAES. She will be speaking on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and the outlook for helping the ash trees rebound.

The day will include the annual awards ceremony, updates from the CT DEEP and the CT Agricultural Experiment Station.

During the Business Meeting, the members will elect the CTPA Officers and Directors for 2024.

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2024:

President:	Michael Almstead
Vice President:	Emmett Shutts
Secretary/Treasurer:	Sean Redding
Directors:	Bud Neal Charlie Iselin
	Claire Rutledge Allan Fenner
	Greg Foran Kevin Wyatt
	Carter Peck Stacey Marcel
	Casey Tresp

At the morning business meeting we will also have the opportunity to discuss issues of concern for members as well as Brian Fain of Ferguson and McQuire talking about what you need to know for a proper Certificate of Insurance.

As always, the tradeshow allows attendees to network with folks who supply goods and services of all sorts and the sit down lunch to bring everyone together.

Please join us at our 102nd Annual Meeting.

All my best,

Michael Almstead, President, CTPA

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association's 102nd Annual Meeting Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

Featuring: Emery Gluck - *Restoring Pine Pitch in Connecticut* and Polly L. Weigand - *Southern Pine Beetle Management for Urban Landscapes*. And to round out the day, Dr. Claire Rutledge - *Hope for Connecticut's Ash Trees*.

The Program

Morning

- 8:00 Registration and Coffee
- 8:20 President's Welcome -Michael Almstead
- 8:30 Business Session

- Election of Officers
- Treasurer's Report
- Discussion of Issues

- 8:45 Brian Fain, Ferguson & McQuire -

Competing with Non-Complaint Operators.

9:00 **Restoring Pitch Pine in Connecticut.**

Mr. Gluck will talk about Pitch Pine that was once a common tree in much of Connecticut and now, one of Connecticut's thirteen imperiled ecosystems with an estimated loss of over 95% of its area. Trees are being lost at an alarming rate and they are not adequately sustaining new generations under current natural conditions especially with the expansion of the Southern Pine Beetle range into Connecticut. Reviving a viable population will take an active hand.

by Emery Gluck,
Retired CT State Forester, DEEP

- 10:00 Meet the Exhibitors

10:15 **Southern Pine Beetle Management for Urban Landscapes.** Southern pine beetle (SPB) is killing hard pine species, especially pitch pine. This talk will give an overview of SPB's natural history, identification and impact; the signs and symptoms of infestation and the recommended best management practices for urban and forested landscapes will help arborists, foresters, and land managers alike

advance early detection of, and rapid response to SPB, which is key to suppressing this little, but mighty insects' costly impact while ensuring public safety.

by Polly L. Weigand
Science and Stewardship Program
Manager, Westhampton, NY

- 11:30 Awards Presentation

- 11:45 Lunch

Afternoon

- 1:45 *Updates*

Diane Jorsey, DEEP Pesticides
Lindsay Triplett, CAES

2:15 **Hope for Connecticut's Ash Trees.**
Dr. Rutledge will discuss the history of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Connecticut, and the current outlook for the ash trees in the state. The talk will focus on the ongoing biological control program for EAB and strategies for helping ash trees rebound.

by Claire Rutledge, Ph.D.
CT Agricultural Experiment Station

- 3:45 **Adjourn - CEU's Available**

Please consider a donation to the Healing Garden at the Rocky Hill Veterans Healthcare and Residential Facility.

CEU's may be available for CT Licensed Arborists, ISA Certifications, Forest Practitioners, and Advanced Certified Tree Wardens.

Register On-Line at
www.CTPA.org

Connecticut Tree Protective Association's 102nd Annual Meeting Thursday, January 18, 2024

Preregistration (received by January 12th)

	Members	Non-members*
Adults	\$90.00	\$120.00

After January 12th and at the door

	Members	Non-members*
Adults	\$105.00	\$135.00

*Members may register non-members at member rates

Student Rate with ID: \$40.00

Please reserve _____ tickets for the Annual Meeting

1. Member Name: _____

(*Member must be attending the meeting)

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Guest Names:

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Due to space limitations, late registrants and walk-ins cannot be guaranteed lunch.

All payments are non-refundable and no monetary credit will be given.

The check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed

Make checks payable to CTPA and mail to:

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If you have questions, please call: (203) 484-2512

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