

THE CONNECTICUT TREE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION



104th Annual Meeting Thursday JANUARY 15, 2026 Aqua Turf Club 556 Mulberry Street Plantsville, Connecticut

CT DEEP 2, 3A, 3D - 4.00 CEU's
CT Forest Practitioner - Pending
ISA Certified Arborist - 3.75 CEU's
Adv. Cert. Tree Wardens- 4.75 CEU's

The President's Call to Meeting

All people interested in trees and people working in tree care in Connecticut, especially all members of CTPA, are invited to attend the 104th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association.

The first talk will be from Kass Urban-Mead, PhD, Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Forests & Forestry and she will be speaking on Seeing the Forest for the Bees. The second talk will be by Jack Swatt, CT Chapter, President of The American Chestnut Foundation. His presentation will cover Restoration of the American Chestnut.

The keynote speakers are Nathan Dubosh, AirSpade Ambassador and ISA Certified Arborist and Allan Fenner, Consulting Arborist and Advisor for Bartlett Tree Experts. They will be speaking on Preserving Trees During Site Development and Construction.

The day will include the annual awards ceremony, and 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 2026.

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2026:

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

At the morning business meeting we will also have the opportunity to discuss issues of concern for members as well as Thomas Worthley from UCONN Ext, talking about the country's 250th anniversary and how you can participate in the celebration as it relates to trees and the State of Connecticut.

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 104th Annual Meeting.

All my best, Emmett Shutts, President, CTPA

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association's 104th Annual Meeting Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

Seeing the Forest for the Bees - by Kass Urban-Mead, PhD

Restoration of the American Chestnut - Jack Swatt

Preserving Trees During Site Development and Construction - Nathan Dubosh and Allan Fenner

The Program Morning

8:00 Registration and Coffee

8:20 President's Welcome - Emmett Shutts

8:30 Business Session -
Election of Officers
Treasurer's Report
Discussion of Issues

8:45 Thomas Worthley, UCONN Ext.-Tom will present ways to promote a white oak theme for the 250th anniversary of our country at events in 2026. We encourage all to see Tom at the UCONN booth.

9:00 Awards Presentation

9:15 Seeing the Forest for the Bees. In the historically forested northeastern US, up to 2/3 of our wild bee species use forested habitats for part of their life cycles. Join Kass for an adventure exploring how wild bees use the woods--from the leafy forest floor to deadwood to the "meadow in the sky" at the tippy top of the canopy! She will connect these to applied suggestions, and introduce "focal bees" whose life cycles rely on different characteristic elements of a healthy forest.

by Kass Urban-Mead, PhD (she/her), Pollinator Conservation Specialist, Forests & Forestry

10:15 Meet the Exhibitors

10:30 Restoration of the American Chestnut. The presentation will review the history of the American chestnut as an important resource from the early eastern forests, from mast for wildlife, food for people and wood for timber and furniture making. Introduction of the chestnut bark blight and its spread throughout the Appalachian Range will be reviewed. Efforts to breed chestnut blight resistance into American chestnut through hybridization with Chinese chestnut and backcrossing will be discussed as well as current efforts with genetic engineering, biocontrol with a hypovirulence virus and improved breeding through recurrent genomic selection.

by Jack Swatt, President of The American Chestnut Foundation - CT Chapter

11:45 Lunch

Afternoon

1:45 Updates

Diane Jorsey, DEEP Pesticides and Dr. Jason White, CAES

2:15 Methods and Approaches for Preserving Trees During Site Development and Construction. Nathan Dubosh and Allan Fenner will explore strategies for protecting trees during site development, including pre-construction planning and design considerations. These presentations will also feature collaborative case studies from real-world projects.

by Nathan Dubosh, AirSpade Ambassador and ISA Certified Arborist

Allan Fenner, Consulting Arborist and Advisor for Bartlett Tree Experts

3:45 Adjourn - CEU's Available



Emmett Shutts,
CTPA President,
presents
Paloma Doyle
the 2024 OPS
Scholarship

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Preregistration (received by January 9th)

	Members	Non-members*
Adults	\$100.00	\$130.00

After January 9th and at the door

	Members	Non-members*
Adults	\$115.00	\$145.00

*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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PO Box 1946
Wallingford, CT 06492

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

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Register On-Line at www.CTPA.org