65th Annual Meeting Agenda

Wilbert Snow Elementary School
299 Wadsworth Street, Middletown, CT
Saturday March 7, 2026 - 8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration is $25.00 per person
Bring Your Own Lunch or Catered Lunch $12.00 (See Below to RSVP)

8:30am – 9:00am

Welcome & Sign In

Coffee and Donuts

9:00am - 10:00am

Annual Business Meeting

10:00am - 11:00am

Dr. Richard Cowles - Climate Change Discussion

11:00am - 12:00pm

Audrey Dunlap - Methods to Prevent Needle Loss

Audrey is a master's degree candidate in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Management at the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Rafaella Mayrinck is her advisor, and Dr. Richard Cowles is on her graduate committee. She has spent the last two years working as a research assistant at CAES, working on needle retention in conifers as well as many other topics. Her work is fully funded by the Real Christmas Tree Board.

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch & Networking - Sign up for Catered Lunch $12 - or Bring Your Own

1:00pm - 1:20

Marsha Gray - The Real Christmas Tree Board

Recap of 2025 season and 2026 RCTB updates

1:20pm - 2:00pm

Bill Syme - Syme Family Farm

Common weeds that we encounter on our Connecticut farms.

2:00pm - 3:00pm - Session #1

Speaker from the Korey Stringer Institute

How to Safety Handle The Heat

2:00pm - 3:00pm - Session #2

Social Media & Online Presence Workshop + Q&A in Cafeteria

- Tom Harbinson (Jones Family Farms) — pre-recorded presentation
- Lisa Angevine Bergs (Lisa Bergs Marketing LLC) — live Q&A and group discussion

Bring your laptops or phones for hands-on social media tips and guidance.

FOR CATERED LUNCH, please RSVP to Lisa Angevine Bergs at Executivedirector.CCTGA@gmail.com,
call or text- 860-601-5906, or through website on CCTGA Meetings Page
by March 3rd. Cost is $12, payable at meeting