



2016

**CHRISTMAS TREE
SUMMER MEETING
& FARM TOUR**

JUNE 17 & 18

Salem, Oregon

Pacific Northwest
Christmas Tree
Association

RED LION HOTEL SALEM

3301 Market Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

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SUMMER MEETING PROGRAM

Friday, June 17, 2016

8:30 am - Noon **Registration Desk Open**

We have applied for pesticide credits

Morning General Session – Jefferson III

Morning Session Moderator: *Terry Muilenburg*

8:30 am **Coffee Break –**
Courtesy of
Drakes Crossing Nursery



9:00 am **Welcome and Meeting Overview**
Terry Muilenburg, PNWCTA Board Member,
Summer Meeting Committee Co-Chair

EMPLOYER UPDATE

9:05 am **Drugs & Alcohol in the Workplace**
Kevin Pfau, SAIF

10:00 am **New Labor Laws and Regulations –
What They Mean to Farmers
(Watch out Washington)**
Roberta Gruber, Oregon Farm Bureau

10:45 am **Coffee Break –**
Courtesy of McKenzie Farms



11:00 am **Washington, Oregon and Federal Issues –
Chemicals, Waters of the U.S.
and Worker Protection Standards**
Jenny Dresler, Oregon Farm Bureau
Gail Greeman, Oregon Farm Bureau

11:45 am **PNWCTA Business Meeting –
Nominations of Board of
Director Candidates**
Mark Schmidlin, PNWCTA President

12:10 pm **Lunch – Jefferson I & II**

Afternoon General Session – Jefferson III

Afternoon Session Moderator: *Casey Grogan*

1:15 pm **Different Paths to IPM on Your Farm**
*Paul Jepson, OSU Integrated Plant
Protection Center*

The essential components of integrated
pest management, transitional programs
and examples of different types of IPM plans.

2:15 pm **Pollinators as Part of an IPM Approach
and Possible Regulation Revisions For Mexico**
Helmuth Rogg,
Oregon Department of Agriculture

3:15 pm **Break**

3:30 pm **Conservation Practices for the Christmas
Tree Industry: Working with SWCD
& Resources Available**
*Jon Blatchford, Marion Soil and Water
Conservation District*

4:00 pm **Sales Contracts for Wholesale Trees**
Kristi Scholz-O'Leary, Attorney at Law,
Snowshoe Evergreen, Inc.

4:30 pm **Saturday's Farm Tour –
Preview of the Featured Farm and Events**
Bob Schaefer, Noble Mountain Tree Farm

Evening Activities – Jefferson I & II

4:45 pm **PNWCTA Industry Reception**
Hors d'oeuvres and No Host Bar

Dinner – On Your Own



6:30 - 7:00 am **Registration Desk Open**

7:15 am **Depart Hotel to Noble Mountain Tree Farm**

We will not be having a bus this year. Attendees can carpool or drive their own vehicle as there is plenty of parking. We will provide maps and driving directions. Please contact the Association office if you have any questions.

8:00 am **Arrive at Noble Mountain Tree Farm**

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served courtesy of Northwest Farm Credit Services



MANAGING A LARGE OPERATION

Discover what goes into managing a large operation - from laying out your operation to employee issues and harvest logistics. No matter how large or small your farm is we all can learn from each other.

- Deciding how to layout your operation and manage plantings while taking harvest into consideration
- Employee issues
- Harvest logistics, scope and sequence, start to finish, yard layout

CULTURING

Danish Christmas tree growers have been culturing for a lighter tree for years and several local growers have started making a change to their culturing as well. Learn why they are changing and strategies for growing a lighter tree.

- Narrow tree culturing and why
- How to achieve a lighter weight tree
- Danish culturing of Nordmann fir



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

One of the most important components of farming is being a good neighbor and helping others to understand and appreciate what you do. Working with the neighboring vineyards at Noble Mountain we recognize the value of this relationship and have discovered practices and equipment that can be used on your own farms.

- Neighboring vineyards, dealing with chemicals and managing drift
- How to be good neighbors
- Vineyards - cover crops, narrow rows and equipment (cultivation, seeder, sprayer, mower, etc.)

SOIL HEALTH AND SOIL EROSION CONTROL

Understand the long range impact Christmas trees can have on soil health and what management practices we can use that improve soil health and increase productivity. Learn how Noble Mountain minimizes soil erosion through straw bales, addressing soil compaction and other measures.

- Importance of organic matter and soil organisms
- Erosion Control and mitigation measures, legal issues
- Straw bales - how to determine where and how many, how they help and how to spread them
- Soil compaction and how to deal with it
- Winged subsoiler demonstration

LUNCH **BBQ lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Departure** (45 minute travel time back to the hotel)

REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration:

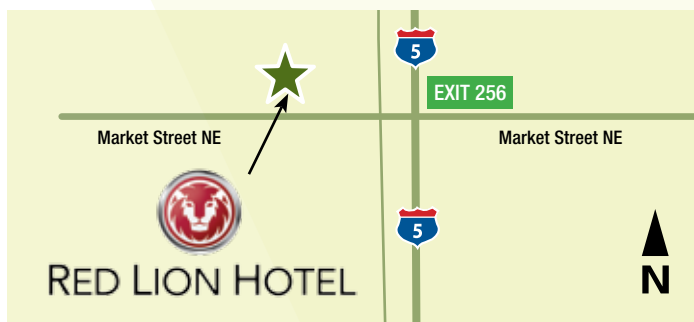
Summer Meeting Package*	\$89 per person
Friday only (Includes lunch and reception)	\$50 per person
Additional Friday Reception Tickets	\$15 per person
Saturday only (Farm tour and lunch)	\$59 per person

*Summer Meeting Package includes Friday meeting, Friday lunch, Friday reception, Saturday farm tour and lunch.

Note: Pre-registration deadline is June 10. Refunds on tickets will be made only if registration is cancelled by June 13. There will be no refunds after that date or at the door.

Make Hotel Reservations Directly with:

Red Lion Hotel Salem
3301 Market Street NE • Salem, OR 97301 • 503-370-7835
Room rates per night: \$89 plus tax, double occupancy



Registration at Door:

Summer Meeting Package*	\$99 per person
Friday only (Includes lunch and reception)	\$60 per person
Additional Friday Reception Tickets	\$15 per person
Saturday only (Farm tour and lunch)	\$69 per person

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Registration limited to invited guests, members, employees or affiliates of member companies and families.

Special Notes:

When reserving a room, make sure the Red Lion Hotel registration desk knows you are with the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association.

Red Lion Hotel will start charging regular guestroom rates on a space-available basis after June 3. Make your reservations early!

MEETING COMMITTEE

Casey Grogan – Co-Chair	Chal Landgren
Terry Muilenburg – Co-Chair	Jim Puffer
Gayla Hansen	Bob Schaefer
Jan Hupp	

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