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CHRISTMAS TREE



Spring 2021

MID-AMERICA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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LET'S TRY AGAIN – JOIN US IN INDIANA!

July 23 & 24th, 2021

To be Hosted by

**Dull's Tree Farm in Thorntown, Indiana
combined with Indiana and Illinois.
Christmas Tree Associations**

A year ago our lives changed dramatically with the word COVID-19. Summer meetings were postponed or held virtually. We in the Christmas tree industry missed the camaraderie of seeing other growers and learning from each other. We missed seeing our vendors. Shopping online is just *not* the same.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone we missed last year!

Dull's Tree Farm - Their story:

Tom and Kerry Dull moved into their historic 1800s Boone County farmstead a mile west of Ind. 39 when they were married in 1982. At the time, the big old post-and-beam house overlooked fields of corn and soybeans. That first Christmas, they drove 30 miles to pick out their Christmas tree. It was the beginning of a tradition they now share with their own family as well as thousands of families who make a visit to Dull's Tree Farm to celebrate Christ's birth.

Upon college graduation, Tom and Kerry moved back to the family farm to join Tom's parents raising livestock and growing grain crops. In 1985 they decided to try growing Christmas trees on the gentle slopes around the homestead and planted 200 trees. When they survived, they

planted more and spent the next few years tending them, sweating in the hot June sun to shear them to the perfect shape, and looking forward to being able to cut their Christmas tree from their own farm. In 1993, Tom and Kerry opened the farm to sell trees. The first year they sold 200 trees.

In the fall of 2013, Lucas, Tom and Kerry's son, left a job as an engineer to pursue his passion for agritourism. He and his wife Dana came back to join the farming operation and helped grow the business by adding a fall season consisting of u-pick pumpkins, a corn maze, and many other entertaining activities for people to enjoy. Our fall season, known as Dulls' Pumpkin Harvest, officially started in 2014 and has provided many families and school children with engaging fall fun and education on the farm during the month of October.

We operate the Stone Cabin Inn bed and breakfast in an original log cabin that we moved on to the farm and restored. We also recently moved another pin frame barn to the premises and use it as the Haymow Barn event center. We retired from corn and soybean production in 2018 to focus all our energy on growing the Christmas tree and pumpkin farm. Last year we marketed about 6,000 Christmas trees, planted around 8,900 trees in the Spring of 2021, and welcomed around 30,000 visitors to the Pumpkin Harvest.

Tom, Kerry, Lucas, and Dana now co-own Dull's Tree Farm. Erin, Tom and Kerry's daughter, was hired on two years ago to manage events at the farm. Dull's Tree Farm employee around 120 seasonal staff during our fall and tree season and has begun the process of hiring more full-time staff throughout the year. Our mission is to be the best stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us while providing our visitors with high quality agricultural products in a friendly environment where educational and memorable experiences abound. We look forward to hosting you at our farm this summer!

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From the Desk of the President.....

As we are in the midst of planting season, I hope I am reaching everyone in good spirits and good health. Yes, we are going to have a summer meeting! With vaccinations for Covid-19 readily available and many people already vaccinated it will make it possible for us to meet in person again.

Personally, I am looking forward to our upcoming summer meeting and being able to meet in person again. There is nothing like walking a farm and seeing on-the-ground details of how the place works. Not to mention the fun of visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our summer meeting at Dull's Tree Farm on July 23rd and 24th.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Thanks,

Bill Holesinger



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Hotels for 2021 Summer Meeting

Hotel Name

Hampton Inn Lebanon

401 N. Zion Rd.
Lebanon, IN 46052
765-481-2920
11.6 mi to farm (15 min.)
Group Code: MAC \$109.00/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/22/2021

Hampton Inn Whitestown

6005 S. Main St.
Whitestown, IN 46075
317-768-3220
22.2 mi to farm (27 min)
\$129.00/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/22/2021

Double Tree by Hilton Lafayette East

155 Progress Drive
Lafayette, IN 47905
765-446-0900
32.0 mi to farm (34 min)
Group Code: MAC \$119.00/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/21/2021

LaQuinta Inn Indianapolis North at Pyramids

3880 W. 92nd St.
Indianapolis, IN 46268
317-872-3100
29 mi to farm (29 min)
\$109.99/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/22/2021

Holiday Inn Express Lebanon

335 N Mt. Zion Rd.
Lebanon, IN 46052
765-483-4100
11.6 mi to farm (15 min.)
Group Code: MAC \$149.99/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/09/2021

Holiday Inn Express Whitestown

6064 S. Main St.
Whitestown, IN 46075
317-769-0932
22.2 mi to farm (27 min)
Group Code: MCT \$129.00/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/25/2021

Hampton Inn

3941 South St.
Lafayette, IN 47905
765-447-1600
32.2 mi to farm (33 Min)
Group Code: MAC \$105.00/night

BLOCK EXPIRES 6/22/2021

****ROOMS ARE BLOCKED UNTIL DATES LISTED****

You must reserve your room prior to the date these blocks expire in order to receive the above rate.

****Remember to give the Group Code when making your reservation.****

(if no group code is listed, use Mid-America Christmas Tree Assoc.)



Mid-America Christmas Tree Association (MACT)

2021-2022 Membership Application

Company Name: _____

Contact Name(s): _____

Contact Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Above Address: Home _____ Farm _____ Web Site: _____

Farm Address (if different from above): _____

Type of Operation:

_____ Tree Lot	_____ Wreaths/Roping
_____ Wholesale	_____ Grave Blankets/Greens
_____ Choose & Cut	_____ Christmas Shop
_____ Nursery/Transplant B&B	_____ Growing and Shearing Supplies
_____ Chemicals	_____ New Grower (no sales yet)
_____ Related Industry	_____ Other: _____

List all State Association Memberships: _____

Growers: Acres of Trees: _____ List all tree species that you grow: _____

Exhibitor/Vendor: List type of merchandise offered: _____

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Please check box if you would like the newsletter mailed to you.

Annual Dues = \$35.00

(As an added benefit, members will receive a year's subscription to Christmas Trees Magazine, if not receiving it through your state association, and a 50% discount on MACT newsletter advertisement rates)

Please make all checks payable to MACT and mail with this completed form to Donna Cackler, Executive Administrator, Mid-America Christmas Tree Association, 5025 Cackler Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Web: www.midamericachristmastree.com Email: midamericachristmastreeassoc@gmail.com Phone: 740-815-6107

Completed form required with payment, even if there are no changes. All dues must be paid by July 15, 2021. Membership will be cancelled, and member will be removed from website July 31 if not paid.

2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for the membership year 2021-2022 will be \$35.00 per farm membership and due by July 15, 2021. Members not paid by the end of the show or those not attending by July 31, 2021 will be removed from the website and subscription list. See Donna Cackler for any changes. Each member should fill out a membership form even if no changes are needed.

SUMMER MEETING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please check the MACT website – www.midamericachristmastree.com for up to date Information on the Summer Meeting including the program and meal information.

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2021 Summer Meeting Registration Form

MACT/Indiana/Illinois

July 23-24, 2021 at Dull's Tree Farm

1765 W. Blubaugh Ave., Thorntown, Indiana

The conference registration fee admits you to all sessions, exhibit area, and tours.

One day registration admits you to all sessions on that day.

Continental breakfast and tour refreshments served both days.

Farm/Business Name _____

Address _____

Phone, email _____

Association Affiliation – circle all that apply: MACT Ohio Illinois Indiana _____ Other*

Name <i>Please print as you wish to appear on name badge(s)</i>	REGISTRATION			MEALS			Late Reg. After 7/3 Add \$20	Non-Member Add \$25	Total
	Full 2-Day	Fri. Only	Sat. Only	Friday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sat. Lunch			
	\$90	\$55	\$55	\$12	\$20	\$10			
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2)									
3)									
4)									
5)									

Member rate is available to any grower who is a member of MACT or their local state association. Please indicate association affiliation.

Grand Total = \$

Return registration form and payment to: MACT
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IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE:

Support our Vendors


Visit the MACT website www.midamericachristmastree.com for a list of vendors attending the Summer Show. This site is updated as registrations come in. Pre-order your supplies and save on shipping!

Silent Auction

Once again, we will be having a silent auction. Be sure to place your bid before they close on Friday at 12:00 pm. Winners will be announced at lunch on Friday.


Donation of Items

Please let us know at the registration table if you wish to donate an item for the silent auction. Forms will be available at the registration table. We really appreciate your support! Proceeds help cover show costs.



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Mid-America Christmas Tree Association

Mike Gwinner/ Lois Graves Awards

Nomination Form

Please complete form, print, and mail to MACT, c/o Donna Cackler, Executive Administrator, 5025 Cackler Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. All entries will be compiled and considered by the MACT Association Board.

Circle award that applies:

Mike Gwinner

Lois Graves

Nominate _____

Farm Name or Organization nominate is associated with:

Years contributed to the Christmas Tree Industry: _____

Contributions to the industry: _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

Farm Name or Organization of submitter: _____

Contact Information of submitter: Ph# _____

E-mail _____

☐ Yes, I would like to introduce nominate at the Summer Meeting if he/she is selected.

☐ No, I would prefer to not introduce nominate if he/she is selected.

Mike Gwinner and Lois Graves Recipients

Mike Gwinner Award		Lois Graves Award
1995	Stan Hensler (presented to son)	1995 N/A
1996	Sally and Chuck Wright	1996 N/A
1997	Morris Graves and Frank Evans	1997 Muriel Weber
1998	'Crow" Miller, Leonard Hill, and Virgil Armstrong	1998 Marge Evans
1999	Paul Githens and Glen Massie	1999 Joyce Miller
2000	Jim Murphy	2000 Peggy Province
2001	Leroy Rood	2001 Mary Rood
2002	Jim Strautman	2002 N/A
2003	John A. Sester	2003 Sally Wright
2004	Carl Young	2004 Jeanne Hopwood
2005	Buzz Meyers (posthumously)	2005 Verda Meyers
2006	Jim Stevens	2006 Margaret Stevens
2007	Bill Redmann	2007 Hazel Redmann
2008	Willard Nelson	2008 Lois Nelson
2009	Harold Kingma	2009 Barb Jeske
2010	John Scheetz(Hensler)	2010 Catherine Howard
2011	Cecil Alfeldt	2011 Eleanor Kingma
2013	Robert Grady	2013 Emily Grady
2016	LeRoy Rood	
2017	Jerry Peterson	
2019	Jon Schultz	

DO YOU HAVE USED EQUIPMENT FOR SALE??

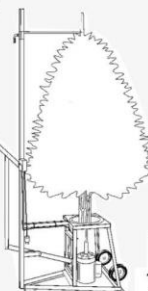
BRING IT TO THE SUMMER MEETING!

We will be having a designated spot for used equipment for sale at the summer meeting. Please email Dana Dull @ dana@dullstreefarm.com with what you are bringing so she can put a list together and post it on the Great Lakes Facebook page.



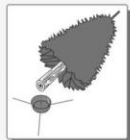
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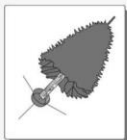


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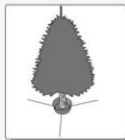
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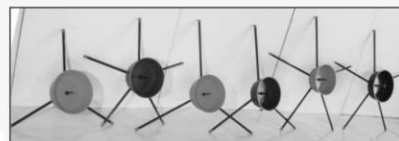
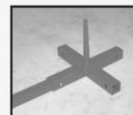
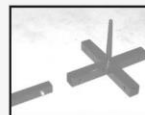


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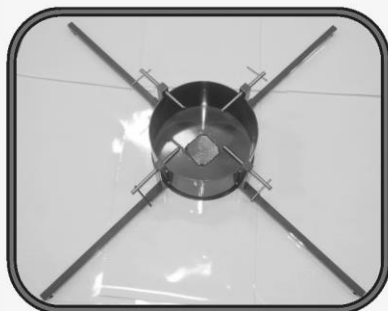


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