



MID-AMERICA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION Fall 2025 NEWSLETTER



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News from the MACT

Memberships: We currently have 42 paid memberships, down from 77 members last year. Please review your records or the MACT website to ensure you paid for the current year. All unpaid memberships will be removed from future newsletter emails and will not be published on the website.

Memberships renew July of each year. If you still need to renew your membership, please send to the MACT, C/O Kathy Woliung, 7621 SR 48, Aurora, IN 47001. If you know any farms that would be interested in being members, please let us know.

In 2026, we will also be offering the option to pay for a 3 year membership which may assist with keeping track if membership is paid. Also, we are in the process of setting up an option to pay via PayPal or credit card. Stay tuned...

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MACT Needs Your Help! MACT Openings

Since the 1980s, MACT has united growers, vendors, and educators through summer meetings held at member farms in the Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. The mission has been focused on fostering growth and collaboration across the Christmas tree industry and specifically being the organization focused on choose and cut farms, as well as retail operations. To keep our organization thriving and sustainable, **we need your participation!**

There are several openings in the MACT organization due to several board members serving multiple terms as well as the treasurer. We are currently seeking replacements for Board

Member positions, the Treasurer, and also the Executive Administrator. Descriptions of the positions are below. **We kindly ask you to consider volunteering to help sustain our organization. Questions – call a current board member or Kathy to get more information.**

Board Member – meets three times per year (via telephone and at the summer meeting). Guides the organization (This is the easiest way to be involved in the organization).

Treasurer – may be either an Active or Professional member. Deposit and track monies collected for membership, advertisement, and meetings. Prepare and maintain financial documents. Maintain bank accounts.

Executive Administrator – this is a permanent paid non-voting position on the MACT Board of Directors. The Executive Administrator reports to the board of Directors, Officers, and to the President of MACT. Duties include: Maintain membership; write and publish a bi-annual newsletter; collect registrations and monies for the annual meetings; Send the monies and a summary thereof to the MACT Treasurer; Assist in organizing the annual meeting; and Submit expense summaries to MACT Treasurer for payment. If you know of anyone associated with you or the organization, please contact Kathy Woliung.



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****SAVE THE DATE****

2026 Summer Meeting co-hosted with Indiana

July 17 & 18, 2026

Woliung's Farm, 6781 SR 48, Aurora, IN

Woliung's Farm is a new farm, started just 4 years ago. With the theme of getting back to the basics, we will have education sessions for new growers, experienced growers, and the retail / crafting side of the business and are hoping to have our numerous vendors back this year.

We hope you join us and enjoy Dearborn County, located in Southeast Indiana, the place we call home! Dearborn County is situated along the Ohio River where Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky meet Located adjacent to Interstates 275 and 74. We are just 30 miles from the heart of downtown Cincinnati and 20 miles from Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport via Interstate 275 and US 50. Indianapolis, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky are only 90 miles away.

<https://visitsoutheastindiana.com/>

Hotels - Several are listed on the MACT website. I am working on hopefully securing discount codes.

Vendors - registration forms will be sent out in January or February.

Registration – Look for the registration form at the end of January or early February. There will be options to purchase lunch for each day and a lite appetizer happy hour will be held on Friday after the last session.

Topics - The sessions are being scheduled. If you have a specific topic you would like addressed, please send it to Kathy Woliung. New grower sessions will be planned primarily for Saturday.

For those with children, a Junior Growers Adventure Area is being planned for kids under 12. This will allow parents the ability to attend sessions.



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Real Christmas Tree Board

Retail Locator Reminder

A reminder to encourage retail partners to add their location — or update their listings — to RCTB's most utilized tool, the free online retail locator.

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- **Retail Locator Veterans** – Those featured in past years received an email last week from RCTB reminding them to renew their listing with instructions of how to do so. Retailers should respond directly to that email.
- **Retail Locator Newbies** – If a retailer would like to add a retail location, they can simply register at the consumer site: www.realchristmastreeboard.com. Click on the Retail Locator and the button that says: "Are You a Retailer" to sign up.

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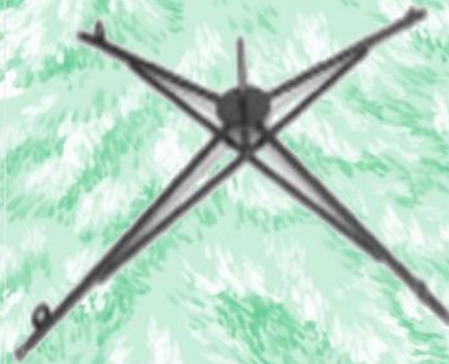
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AGDAILY Reporters published a summary of the RCTB report on October 14, 2025. Click or the link or go to the agdaily.com website to view the article.

Outlook for real Christmas trees ahead of 2025 holiday (Control and click link)


<https://www.agdaily.com/lifestyle/outlook-for-real-christmas-trees-ahead-of-2025-holiday/>



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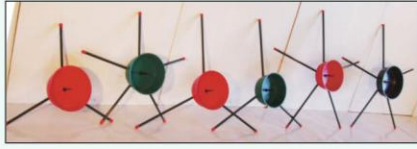

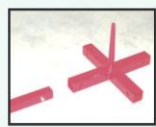
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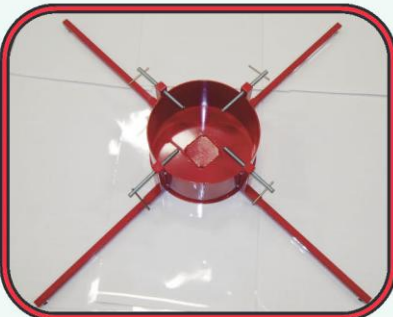


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Below are the 2025 bases receiving trees.

Air Force

1. Davis Monthan AFB - AZ
2. March AFB - CA
3. Travis AFB - CA
4. Buckley SFB - CO
5. Homestead AFB - FL
5. Hurlburt - FL
7. MacDill AFB - FL
8. Scott AFB - IL
9. Selfridge - MI
10. Cannon AFB - NM
11. Holloman - NM
12. Niagara Falls ARS - NY
13. Vance AFB - OK
14. Altus AFB - OK
15. JBSA Ft. Sam Houston - TX
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Marines

1. MCAS Yuma - AZ
2. Camp Pendleton - CA
3. MCAGCC 29 Palms - CA
4. MCAS Miramar - CA
5. MCLB - Barstow - CA
5. MCRD San Diego - CA
7. MCLB - Albany - GA
8. Camp Lejeune - New River - NC
9. MCAS Cherry Point - NC
10. MCB Quantico - VA
11. Camp Elmore - VA

Army

1. Fort Rucker - AL
2. Fort Hunter Liggett - CA
3. Presidio of Monterey - CA
4. Fort Irwin - CA
5. Fort Carson - CO
6. Fort Gordon - GA
7. Fort Benning - GA
8. Fort Stewart - GA
9. Hunter Army Air Field - GA
10. Rock Island - IL
11. Fort Leavenworth - KS
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13. Fort Campbell - KY
14. Fort Knox - KY
15. Fort Polk - LA
16. Fort Leonard Wood - MO
17. Fort Bragg - NC
18. Fort Drum - NY
19. West Point - NY
20. Fort Sill - OK
21. Fort Bliss - TX
22. White Sands Missile Range - NM
23. Fort Jackson - SC
24. Fort Hood - TX
25. JB Lewis-McChord - WA
26. Fort McCoy - WI

Coast Guard

1. Base Alameda - CA
2. Sector San Diego - CA
3. Sector/Air Station New Orleans - LA
4. Baltimore SFLC/Yard - MD
5. USCG TRACEN Cape May - NJ
6. Sector New York - NY
7. Sector Lake Michigan - WI

Navy

1. Naval Air Facility El Centro - CA
2. Naval Base Coronado - CA
3. Naval Base Point Loma - CA
4. Naval Base Ventura County - CA
5. NAWS China Lake - CA
6. NWS Seal Beach - CA
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25. NASJRB Fort Worth - TX
26. JEB Little Creek - Fort Story - VA
27. NAS Patuxent River - VA
28. NWS Yorktown - VA
29. Naval Station Everett - WA
30. NB Kitsap-Bangor - WA
31. NB Kitsap-Bremerton - WA

Additional Information

Scholarship Update: The MACT Board members approved the disbursement of the \$1,000 scholarship to presented to Michigan State University, forestry program due to MACT joining Michigan Christmas Tree Association meeting.

Last but not least, the Spring 2026 Newsletter will be issued around the beginning of May. If you have anything to submit, including photos from the upcoming season, please email to midamericachristmastreeassoc@gmail.com.

MACT Address: Please update the address for MACT to the following: MACT, C/O Kathy Woliung, 7621 SR 48, Aurora, IN 47001.

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2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list is published on our website

www.midamericachristmastree.com

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