



MID-AMERICA CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATION

Fall 2024 NEWSLETTER



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News from the MACT –

The Mid-America Christmas Tree Association (MACT) summer meeting was co-hosted by Ohio Christmas Tree Association and held at Timbuk Farms, Granville, OH. Timbuk Farms was started by the Schmidt family in 1952 and after 53 years in business, in 2004, they retired and turned the farm over to Jim and LaVonda Gibson. The farm spans over 300 acres and offers a fall fest in addition to the Christmas tree farm. Thank you for hosting!

MACT was joined by members from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, and other states. We were blessed with beautiful weather during the event.



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Photos from the Vendor Area



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Real Christmas Tree Board

During 2023 and 2024, The Real Christmas Tree Board partnered with MSU Extension to host a quarterly webinar series. The topics included: communication as a representative of the Christmas tree industry, Elongated Hemlock Scale management, Christmas tree genome project, weed control, deer management & repellent, and promotion resources.

Free Webinar Series can be viewed at the link:

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Growing Christmas Trees for the Future – Published September 23, 2024 – Justin Moore, N.C. State University

“With nearly \$7.5 million in funding, NC State is leading a project to accelerate the genetic improvement of Christmas trees across the United States. The NC State Christmas Tree Genetics Program has spent decades working to develop “elite” Fraser fir trees capable of withstanding these climate-related impacts. Now the program is one step closer to achieving its goal thanks to a nearly \$7.5 million, four-year grant awarded by the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The grant is one of four NC State projects receiving a total of \$18.3 million in USDA funding.

“This project represents the best chance for not only Fraser fir but the major Christmas tree species grown around the United States to be rapidly adapted for future climates,” said Justin Whitehill, NC State Extension specialist and director of the Christmas tree genetics program.” To read the entire article go to <https://www.morningagclips.com/growing-christmas-trees-for-the-future>



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MACT Openings

There are several openings in the MACT organization. We are currently seeking replacements for a few Board Member positions, the Treasurer, and also the Executive Administrator.

Descriptions of the positions are below:

Board Member - meets three times per year (via telephone and at the summer meeting).

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.



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Sympathy

MACT would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ken Scheetz, Scheetz Tree Farm, Coshocton, Ohio who passed on June 5, 2024. Along with his wife, he owned & operated Scheetz Tree Farm for many years. Their first trees were planted in the Spring of 1959, followed by the first harvest for Christmas in Dec. 1962. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken's family during these difficult times.

Trees for Troops

Trees for Troops anticipates serving 93 total bases in 2024. For pickup locations in Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri check out the local State Associations webpages for donation locations or contact <https://www.christmasspiritfoundation.org/trees-for-troops/>.

Additional Information

Scholarship Update: The MACT Board members approved the disbursement of the first \$1,000 scholarship to The Ohio State University forestry program. The 2025 scholarship will be presented to Michigan State University, forestry program due to MACT joining Michigan Christmas Tree Association meeting.

Last but not least, the Spring 2025 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.

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