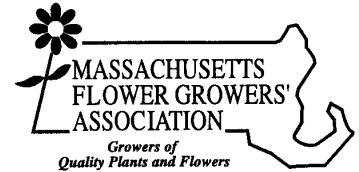




**Winter Flower Growers
Association Annual Meeting
Tuesday February 2, 2016**



Cavicchio Greenhouses, 110 Codjer Lane, Sudbury

*Sponsored by the Massachusetts Flower Growers' Association and
University of Massachusetts Extension Greenhouse Crops and Floriculture Program*

Special Feature: Allied Trade Tables

- 8:00 – 9:45** **Open Houses at Greenhouses**
Cavicchio Greenhouses, 110 Codjer Lane, Sudbury (Host tours will be available)
Russell's Garden Center, Route 20, Wayland
J.P. Bartlett Co., Inc. 578 Boston Post Rd. (Rte 20)
- 9:15** **Registration:** Complimentary Coffee
- 9:45** **Welcome:** Tina Bemis- President MFGA, Paul Cavicchio, Cavicchio Greenhouses
- 10:00 – 10:45** *** Plant Growth Regulators for Hanging Baskets and Vigorous Floriculture Crops
for Growers and Retailers** - *Rick Yates, Griffin Greenhouse Supply Co.*
This presentation will cover how to properly apply PGRs on petunias, calibrachos, combination pots and other important crops that benefit from PGRs during production or for retail sales. Rick will cover how PGRs work, choosing the correct PGR, proper application methods, when not to use PGRs and precautions.
- 10:45 – 11:30** **Top Native Perennial Plants for Pollinator Gardens** – *Carrie Wiles, North Creek Nursery*
Learn how potential new introductions filter through the pipeline of North Creek's trial and evaluation process. This presentation will feature a mix of tried and true favorites, underused varieties and reliable new introductions.
- 11:30 – 12:00** **Demonstration: New Greenhouse Technology** -*Glenn Harrison, Cavicchio Greenhouses*
Glenn will show how the high volume of products are planted on the farm. He will describe the Customizing Bouldin and Lawson Soil mixing line providing mix for 3 planting lines. We'll see 2 automated transplanting lines. One with a Visser transplanter to plant trays and Packs. Another is a TTA Transplanter which can plant up to 8000 6.5" pots per hour. These automated lines allow for increased planting capacity. Increased accuracy and precision of planting leading to higher quality finished product.
- 12:00 - 1:15** **Catered Lunch** – Reservations requested by January 28
MFGA Annual Meeting- *Tina Bemis, Bemis Farms Nursery, President MFGA*
Plant Something Marketing Update
Henry Gillet will provide an update on legislative issues affecting our industry.
- 1:15 – 1:45** **Transplants for Ethnic Crops in MA** – *Dr. Frank Mangan, UMass Extension*
Transplants for ethnic vegetable crops may be a niche crop to add to your spring crop mix. Frank will share his expertise on the immigrant population in the state, specific crops desired, seed sources and resources.

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1:45 – 2:35 *Biocontrols to Manage Pests for Growers and Retailers: Details to Get you Started

Ronald Valentin, Syngenta Biocontrol

Getting started with biocontrols can be overwhelming. Ronald will walk us through details to get started including using biocontrols in retail greenhouses.

2:35 - 3:25 *Updates for EPA Worker Protection Standard

Taryn LaScola, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

New Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Worker Protection Standards (WPS) are in the works. Taryn will provide information on these updates.

Massachusetts has implemented new fertilizer regulations that establish standards for the applications of plant nutrients to agricultural land and non-agricultural turf and lawns. Learn what this may mean to your business by visiting the *Mass Dept of Agriculture Exhibit*.

*** 2.5 pesticide credits for attending 3 presentations**

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