



## **MFGA Winter Educational Program**

**Tuesday February 24, 2026**

*For Greenhouse Growers, Outdoor Cut Flower Growers, Garden Retailers,*

*NON MFGA Members are Welcome*

**New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill**

**11 French Drive, Boylston, MA**

**Registration: 9:00 - 9:30 am. Coffee and Pastries**

### **9:30-10:00 am. Incentive Programs for Agricultural Energy Improvements**

***Griffin Pelaia, Agricultural and Energy Engineer, UMass Extension***

This presentation will provide an overview of state and federal funding programs that support on-farm energy projects, with a focus on NRCS cost-share opportunities and other clean energy incentives for greenhouse operations.

### **10:00-11:00 am. What's New in Biocontrol for Greenhouse Crops**

***Phil Gerry, Technical Sales Consultant, Koppert USA***

In this session, Phil will discuss new developments in biocontrol, highlighting new products, formulations, and distribution methods for enhancing IPM programs.

### **11:00-11:30 am. Get ready for Spring- Best Practices for Sampling and Submitting Samples**

***Geoffrey Njue, Extension Educator UMass Extension***

This session will discuss best practices for collecting and submitting substrate, leaf, and water samples for nutrient analysis, and for disease diagnosis. Handouts will also be provided.

### **11:30 – 12:30 pm. A Review of the Best New Varieties of Plants to order for 2026**

***Kerri Stafford, Head Grower, Annual Production Manager, Cavicchio Greenhouses***

This session will be a review of Some of the best NEW plant varieties to grow in 2026.

Information from Cavicchio's Trial Gardens and from **Cindy Drumgool**, Griffin Greenhouse Supply

### **12:30 –1:30 pm. LUNCH and MFGA Business Session (Annual Meeting)**

### **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Special Presentation: Growing & Marketing Outdoor Cut Flowers**

***Nicky Bartley, owner, Cross Street Flower Farm, Norwell, MA***

This is an outstanding Outdoor Cut Flower Business Established in 2015. They are known for their wide selection of outdoor Cut flowers and their marketing Programs

**2 Pesticide recertification credits have been approved for this program**

**For information and to register, contact Bob Luczai at 508-935-8264 or [bluczai@ballhort.com](mailto:bluczai@ballhort.com)**

## Annual Educational Program- Registration Form

Questions contact: Bob Luczai at 508-935-8264 or [bluczai@ballhort.com](mailto:bluczai@ballhort.com)

Name (please include all attendees)

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Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Day Registration includes lunch: \$70.00 per person:**

Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Half Day Program (Morning or Afternoon) (lunch not included) \$45 per person**

Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Note regarding lunch:**

There are no lunch places nearby - bring a lunch or do a half-day program

Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Due to the lateness of this meeting, you can bring your payment to the meeting—  
But Preregister for our attendance count. Contact Bob Luczai at 508-935-8264  
or [bluczai@ballhort.com](mailto:bluczai@ballhort.com) by Friday February 13, 2026**

**Cash or Check acceptable at door.**

### **Credit card:**

We accept—(indicate) Visa, American Express, MasterCard and Discover

Information to provide

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expr Date: MM/YY \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Zip Code of billing address: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC code \_\_\_\_\_

### **For information email:**

**Bob Luczai ([bluczai@ballhort.com](mailto:bluczai@ballhort.com)) or call -cell:508-935-8264**

**Note:** Registration at the door (day of the meeting) is available however, lunch may not be guaranteed. We will try to accommodate as many people as possible.