



2021 NNGA Virtual Conference Agenda

(DRAFT 7/2/2021)

All times are Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Monday, July 26

3:00 - 4:30 CDT NNGA Board meeting.
The meeting will be recorded and posted to the website.

Sunday, August 1

1:00pm to 5:00pm

1:00 - 1:15 CDT Conference opening
President's remarks

1:15 – 1:30 Conference format, recording, technical issues *(facilitator)*

1:30 – 2:30 Keynote Speaker--Diana Beresford-Kroeger
Diana will be available live for Q&A on Tuesday afternoon

2:30 – 2:45 BREAK 15 minutes

2:45 – 3:15 NNGA business meeting--Greg Miller presiding

3:15 – 5:00 Presenter session – Trees and earth ecology
Jerry Henkin - Moderator

Eric Toensmeier	Nut Trees and Carbon Sequestration
Louise Bugbee	Status of the Hersey plantings
Michele Warmund	Danger of Herbicide drift
John Akuoko Nyantakyi	Nuts in Ghana used for food and medicine

Monday, August 2

10am to 4:00pm

10:00 – 12:00 CDT

Presenter sessions – Chestnuts

Sandy Anagnostakis Moderator

Amy Miller Blossom End Rot (Report on NNGA Grant)

Marcus Schaufele Hypocotyl Grafting Chestnuts

Carol Mapes Asian chestnut gall wasps

Ron Revord Chestnut Improvement Network

12:00 – 12:30

BREAK 30 minutes

12:30 – 2:15

Presenter sessions – Hazelnuts

Shawn Mehlenbacher moderator

Shawn Mehlenbacher Blight resistant hazel

Linda & Ernie Grimo Northern hazelnut breeding program

Jeff Zarnowski Hybrid hazel selections

John Kelsey Site issues and sunscald in hazels

2:15 – 4:00

Presenter sessions – Invasive species & other threats

Jim McKenna moderator

Anna Conrad Hyperspectral analysis of plant pathogens

Jim McKenna Study on thousand cankers disease

Geoff Williams The effect of climate & the microbiome on TCD

LJ Grauke *Xylella fastidiosa* in Hickories

Tuesday, August 3

10:00am to 3:45pm

10:00 – 12:30

Presenter sessions – Our other favorite nuts

Jerry VanSambeck moderator

Bill Deeter

Hybrid Butternuts in Indiana

John Wertis

Butternuts

Rod Hart

Almonds

Bill Reid

Training young Pecan trees

John Kelsey

Natural pruning of black walnut for quality timber

Carl Albers

NYNGA English Walnut Project

12:30 – 1:00

BREAK 30 minutes

1:00 – 1:30

NNGA Business meeting

1:30 – 3:00

Presenter sessions – The business of orchards

Gina Zimbardi moderator

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Agricultural marketing

Alex Caryl, Marlene Betts

The Pecan Council

Julia DeBruicker-Valliant

History and present state of Indiana nut markets

3:00 – 3:30

Keynote Q&A Diana Beresford-Kroeger

Greg Miller moderator

3:30 – 3:45

Reminder about the breakout sessions on Wednesday with new link to Zoom meeting

Wednesday August 4

10:00am to 12:00pm (or as long as it is productive)

10:00 – 10:15 CDT

Closing Remarks and Announcements -- Greg Miller

10:15 – 12:00

Nut Growing Breakout rooms

Chestnuts

Hazelnuts

Walnuts (includes Heartnuts and Butternuts, all Juglans)

Pecans