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

? 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
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- Chestnuts
- Hazelnuts
- Walnuts (includes Heartnuts and Butternuts, all Juglans)
- Pecans