



43rd Conference and AGM
Forest Nursery Association of BC

September 23rd – 25th, 2025
Sidney, BC

Rooted in Resilience: Growing in Challenging Times
Updated Agenda – Aug 15, 2025

Tuesday September 23, 2025

12:00 – 6:00	Supplier Set up
1:00 – 4:00	Nursery Tours: Western Forest Products & Arbutus Grove Nursery
2:15 – 5:30	Golf Tournament – Ardmore Golf Course
6:00 – 10:00	Registration/Ice Breaker/Trade Show

Wednesday September 24, 2025

7:00 – 8:00	Full Breakfast, Registration and Trade Show
8:15 – 8:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks FNABC President Christina Lavoie; First Nations representatives; Municipal representative
8:30 – 9:30	CTNA Forest Nursery & WFCAs Silviculture Training Programs John Betts, Western Forest Contractors Association Rob Keen, Canadian Tree Nursery Association
9:30 – 10:00	Reforestation of Minimally Economic Stands: Kelley-Percy Guichon, Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Co.
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break and Trade Show

- 10:30 – 11:00 **Risk & Communication and Greenhouse Safety**
Melissa Lacroix, AgSafe BC
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Maximizing Conifer Seed Germination in the Nursery**
Dave Kolotelo, Tree Seed Centre, Ministry of Forests
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Trichoderma Biocontrol for Fusarium Root Rot on Douglas-fir Seedlings**
Nico Feau, Pacific Forestry Centre, Canadian Forest Service
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Trade Show**
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Growing Media for Growing Trees: Properties, Products, and Possibilities**
Brian Jackson, North Carolina State University – [Zoom](#)
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Pathogen Introduction from Foreign Sources**
Paul Rhoades, RNGR, USDA Forest Service – [Zoom](#)
- 2:30 – 3:00 Coffee Break and Trade Show**
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Sirococcus Screening Trial and Pesticide Updates**
Mario Lanthier, CropHealth Advising & Research
- 3:30 – 4:00 **BCTS Nursery Services Updates**
Kona Van Diest, Nursery Services, BC Timber Sales
- 4:00 – 5:00 **AGM Business Meeting**
- 5:00 – 6:00 **Cash Bar and Trade Show**
- 6:00 – 11:00 BANQUET**
Chief Forester's Award (412A Ss)
Green Timbers Award
Entertainment: David Gogo (Juno Nominee)
Mood Beach – DJ session

Thursday September 25, 2025

- 7:00 – 8:15 Full Breakfast, Registration and Trade Show
- 8:15 – 8:30 Opening Remarks/Updates, logistics of tours
- 8:30 – 9:00 **Seedling Nutrition 101**
Barbara Hawkins, University of Victoria

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Realistic LED Lighting Applications**
Nabil Khadduri, Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Nursery Assets Tracking Using Radio Frequency Tags (RFIDS)**
Pablo Crespell-Montero, College of New Caledonia
- 10:00 – 10:30 - Coffee Break and Trade Show**
- 10:30 – 11:00 **High Tunnel Greenhouses**
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- 11:00 – 12:00 **Production of Native Plants & Gene Conservation**
- Native plant seed: gene conservation: Don Piggot, Yellow Point Propagation
 - Conservation/Species Adaptation - Haley Tumas, Forest Genetics, MOF
 - Nursery Q&A session - Mesachie Lake, MOF; Sylvan Vale; Western Forest Products
- 12:00 – 12:30 Passport Prizes and Conference wrap up
- 12:30 – 5:00 Tours (Bag Lunch on Bus)**
Applied Bionomics
Pacific Forestry Centre
Victoria Cider Co.