

Tennessee Ginseng Growers Fall Meeting
September 26th, 2019
Miller Education Center (MEC), Meeting Room, MTSU
503 East Bell St, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

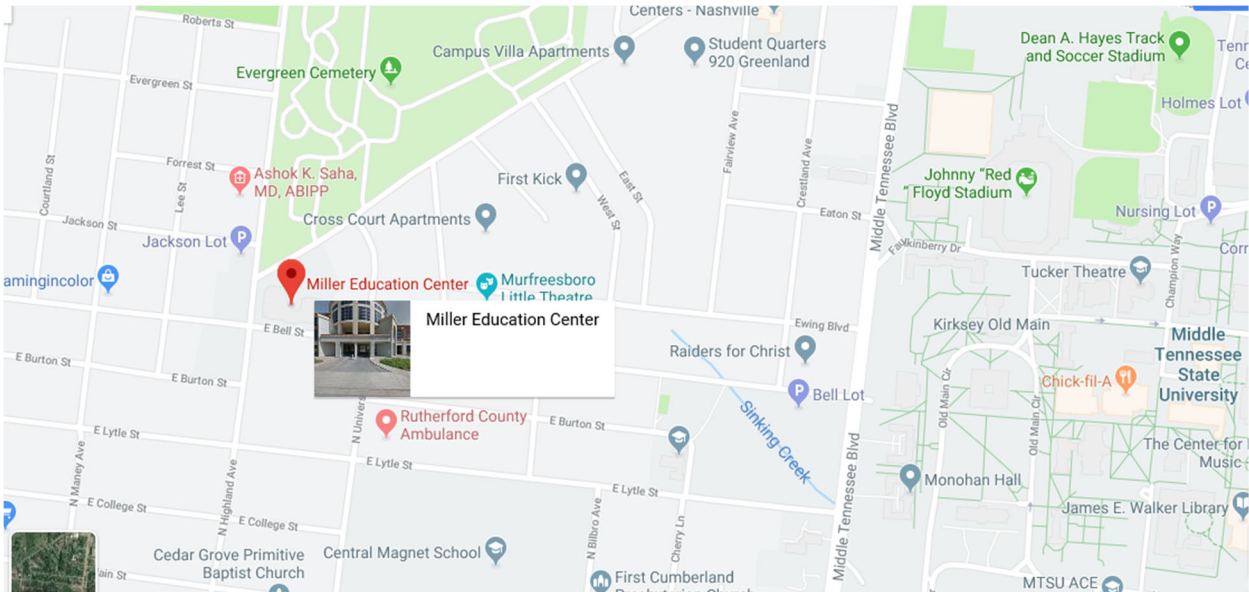


Time	Topic/Speaker
2:30-3:00	Attendee name tag pick up; enjoy coffee, ginseng tea, and other refreshments
3:00-3:10	Brief summary of TN laws & regulations related to ginseng and dealer permitting program Caitlin Elam , Botanist, Division of Natural Areas, TN Dept of Environment & Conservation
3:10-3:35	Can Ginseng Roots Regenerate New Plants from Replanted Rhizomes? Robert "Bob" Beyfuss , Former Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader, Cornell University; Former NY State specialist for American Ginseng Production; Vice President of American Ginseng Pharm
3:35-4:00	Neither wild nor cultivated: American ginseng trade surveys provide insights into ginseng husbandry Dr. Eric Paul Burkhart , Faculty Instructor, Ecosystem Science and Management Department, Penn State University; Program Director, Appalachian Botany and Ethnobotany at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center
4:00-4:25	Common Misconceptions about Wild American Ginseng Dr. Jim McGraw , Professor of Biology, West Virginia University
4:25-4:35	Introduction to 2020 American Ginseng Folklore Festival Betty Balanus , Education Specialist and Curator, Smithsonian Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage
4:40-5:00	A Round Table for Panel Discussion All Speakers & Attendees

Meeting Venue: The meeting will be held at the Miller Education Center (MEC) in Miller Meeting Room, 2nd floor. The MEC is located one mile off the main MTSU campus. For reference, see the map below.

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Parking: Parking passes are not required for the Miller Education Center parking lot. In case MEC parking lot is full, the best place to park will be the Highland Parking Lot, which is across the street from the MEC.



Speaker Biography

Bob Beyfuss retired from Cornell University Cooperative Extension in 2009, where he served as the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader and also as the NY State specialist for American Ginseng Production for Cornell University. Bob received his Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1973, majoring in Botany and his Master's degree in Agriculture from Cornell in 1987. His Master's project was entitled "The History, Use and Cultivation of American Ginseng". He is the author of "American Ginseng Production in NY State", "The Practical Guide to Growing Ginseng" (a 65-page grower's guide), "Ginseng Production in Woodlots" "The Economics of Woodland Ginseng Production" (both published by the USDA National Agroforestry Center). His educational videos on ginseng, produced by Virginia Tech, may be found here (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkGnhqRAQRA&list=PL7w1Cs3Ysjfp-V_YOIu9QZVI2XtToBRM&index=2).

Mr. Beyfuss is now semi-retired from his position as Vice President of American Ginseng Pharm, a large Agroforestry operation. AGP currently owns or leases 800 acres of forestland in the Catskill Mountain region of NY State, which has planted more than 150 acres of wild simulated ginseng. He offers Agroforestry Consulting services and continues to teach classes for Cornell on Woodland Ginseng Production, Mycology and several other topics related to Forest based Natural Resources Income Opportunities.

Dr. Eric Burkhart is a botanist who specializes in ethnobotany, non-timber forest products and plant conservation in his teaching, research and educational outreach endeavors. He holds degrees in Ethnobotany (B.A, Idaho State University), Horticulture (M.S., Penn State University), and Forest Resources (Ph.D., Penn State University) and is currently Appalachian Botany and Ethnobotany Program Director for Shaver's Creek Environmental Center and Faculty Instructor for the Penn State Ecosystem Science and Management Department. His research program in Pennsylvania is focused on developing sustainable wild stewardship and agroforestry production systems for specialty forest products including American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*), goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*), and ramps (*Allium tricoccum*).

Dr. Jim McGraw received his BS in Biology from Stanford University in 1978 and his PhD in Botany from Duke University in 1982. He was a professor of Biology at West Virginia University from 1982 until 2019, where he taught ecology, evolution, and biostatistics. He was selected as an Aldo Leopold Leadership Program Fellow in 2000, based on his interest in communicating science to the public. His lab began research in medicinal plants in 1995 and in the following 21 years, several Masters and PhD students pursued basic research on natural populations of American ginseng.