



Home Nursery University 2026

June 25th, 2026

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7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Coffee & Registration

8:00 AM - 8:10 AM

Welcome Message & Introduction to Home Nursery

Ann Tosovsky, President, Home Nursery, Inc.

8:10 AM - 9:00 AM

Great Performing Perennials

Darren Barshaw, Darwin Perennials

9:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Peace's Pruning, Prop and Production Tips

Jason Peace, Tennessee Farm Manager, Home Nursery, Inc.

9:40 AM - 10:05 AM

Break

10:05 AM - 10:50 AM

Native Trees & Natural Forests of Illinois and Missouri

Christopher Evans, Forestry Extension and Research Specialist, University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign

10:50 AM - 11:50 AM

If Some is Good, More is Better, Plant Diversity Forever!

Scott Beuerlein, Manager of Botanical Garden Outreach, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

11:50 AM - 12:55 PM

Box Lunch

12:55 PM - 1:45PM

Botanical Battles: Pests and Diseases of Midwest Landscapes

Daria McKelvey, Supervisor of Home Gardening Information and Outreach, Missouri Botanical Garden

1:45PM - 2:30 PM

New and Awesome Shrubs

Jeff Van Buren, O'Fallon Distribution Manager, Home Nursery, Inc.

Nursery Locations:

Albers, IL
O'Fallon, MO
McMinnville, TN

Event Location:

Ratterman Theatres-
900 Caledonia Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63368