



# MEET US IN FREEPORT



# MFDA FALL FEST 10/13/26 & 10/14/26

## 2026 MFDA Fall Fest Events

### MFDA Scholarship Fundraiser – Val Halla Golf Course

Tuesday, 10/13/2026

- 11:30 am Golf Tournament - Shotgun Start
- 4:30 - 6:00pm Social & BBQ

### MFDA Fall Fest Meet & Greet – Harraseeket Inn

Tuesday, 10/13/2026

- 7:00 - 11:00pm Social in the Broad Arrow Tavern

### MFDA Fall Fest Convention – Harraseeket Inn

Wednesday, 10/14/2026

- 7:15– 8:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:30am Annual Meeting for MFDA Members
- 8:30 – 9:30am Advocacy & Legislation 1 CEU
- 9:30 – 10:00am Alternative Choices for Funeral Professionals .5 CEU
- 10:00 – 11:00am Disaster Response with OCME 1 CEU
- 11:00 – 12:00pm A Fresh Look at the Funeral Consumer 1 CEU
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30pm Alternative Choices for Funeral Professionals .5 CEU
- 1:30 – 2:30pm Attracting Next Generation of Funeral Directors 1 CEU
- 2:30 – 3:30pm Shaping the Future of Funeral Service 1 CEU
- 3:30 – 4:30pm Board Induction Ceremony, Awards & Raffles

### Join us for the 2026 MFDA Fall Fest!

Your chance to enjoy networking, education, and a little relaxation while supporting Maine funeral professionals and the students preparing to join the profession.

Stay at the charming Harraseeket Inn and experience a classic Maine getaway. Freeport offers plenty to explore!

- Stroll the shoreline at beautiful Wolfe’s Neck Woods State Park.
- Hike Bradbury Mountain for stunning fall foliage views.
- Take a Casco Bay boat tour with Portland Schooner Co. and see the iconic Portland Head Light from the water.
- Start your holiday shopping at Freeport’s many outlets, including the world-famous L.L. Bean where you can try one of their Outdoor Discovery Schools.



# MFDA Fall Fest 2026 Agenda

## Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - Val Halla Golf Course & Haraseeket Inn

- 11:30 – 4:30 PM            **Golf Tournament, Shotgun Start – [Val Halla Golf Course](#)**
- 4:30 – 6:00 PM            **Social Hour & BBQ – [Val Halla Golf Course](#) (cash bar available)**
- 7:00 – 11:00 PM           **Meet & Greet – [Haraseeket](#) Inn (cash bar available)**

## Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – Haraseeket Inn – Freeport

- 7:15 – 8:00 AM            **Registration, Breakfast - Tavern**
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM            **Annual Meeting for Full Voting Members**
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM            **Advocacy & Legislation –1 CEU**
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM           **Alternative Choices for Funeral Professionals - .5 CEU**
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM         **Disaster Response and Coordination with the OCME – 1 CEU**
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM         **A Fresh Look at the Funeral Consumer – 1 CEU**
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM           **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM            **Alternative Choices for Funeral Professionals - .5 CEU**
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM            **Attracting Next Generation of Funeral Directors – 1 CEU**
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM            **Shaping the Future of Funeral Service Together – 1 CEU**
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM            **Induction of Officers, Awards, Presentations, Raffles (cash bar available)**

## MFDA Fall Fest Convention CEU Lineup – 10/14/2026

- **Advocacy & Legislation** **1 CEU**  
*Keith Herrick*  
Laws and regulations continue to shape the practice of funeral service. This session will provide an update on MFDA's legislative efforts and key developments from the most recent legislative session.
  
- **Alternative Choices for Funeral Professionals** **1 CEU**  
*Various Sponsors & Vendors*  
Meet with industry vendors to learn about new products, services, and solutions supporting funeral professionals today. Exhibitors will highlight practical tools and innovations designed to help funeral homes enhance operations, better serve families, and stay current with changes in the profession. Participants will visit with all industry vendors to learn how emerging products and services can support funeral home operations and family service. Our vendors make this convention possible. We encourage everyone to take time to visit each exhibitor and learn about the tools and services available to support your funeral home.
  
- **Disaster Response and Coordination with the OCME** **1 CEU**  
*Panel including: Chief Briones, Lindsay Chastain, Joe Kiley*  
In large-scale incidents, funeral professionals work closely with the Office of Chief Medical Examiner to assist with response and recovery efforts. This session will review disaster response coordination, communication protocols, and the role funeral homes may play during mass fatality events. Case discussions from recent regional incidents will provide practical insight into how these events are managed and what funeral professionals should expect when called upon to assist.
  
- **A Fresh Look at the Funeral Consumer** **1 CEU**  
*Chris Robinson, NFDA*  
Consumer perceptions about funeral service, death and dying are shifting and the generational differences in what Baby Boomers, Gen X, Millennials and Gen Z want at the end of life may surprise you! Learn about some new research and key takeaways about how the funeral profession can adapt as younger generations become the funeral planning decision makers.
  
- **Attracting the Next Generation of Funeral Directors** **1 CEU**  
*Panel - Commonwealth, Fine, Cape Cod*  
Provide funeral professionals with insight into the perspectives of students entering funeral service today, including their career motivations, expectations, and the factors that influence where they choose to work and whether they stay in the profession long-term.
  
- **Shaping the Future of Funeral Service Together** **1 CEU**  
*Member Participation Led by MFDA Board*  
This facilitated session examines the evolving landscape of funeral service and the challenges and opportunities facing funeral professionals today. Through structured discussion, participants will explore workforce development, changing family expectations, business pressures, and emerging trends impacting the profession.

# MFDA Fall Fest October 13 & 14, 2026

Harraseeket Inn - Freeport, Maine & Val Halla Golf Club, Cumberland Center

Registration and Payment are Due by **9/25/2026**

Hotel reservations at the Harraseeket Inn are the responsibility of attendees. Group Rate is \$209 plus Tax.

Reservations: call 207-865-9377 or [online](#). Lodging Cutoff Date is **9/14/2026**

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QTY	EVENT	MFDA MEMBERS	NON MFDA MEMBERS	ATTENDEE(S)
	<b>Golf Tournament &amp; BBQ – Oct. 13</b> <i>11:30 am Shotgun Start – Val Halla Golf Includes: Boxed Lunch, Greens Fees, Cart, Games &amp; BBQ (cash bar available)</i>	<b>\$225</b> pp	<b>\$250</b> pp	
	<b>Golf Tournament - Hole Sponsor</b>	<b>\$150 per sign on course</b> <i>artwork/payment deadline 10/2/2026</i>		
	<b>BBQ Only – Oct. 13</b> <i>4:30pm – 6:00pm – Val Halla Golf (cash bar available)</i>	<b>\$50</b> pp	<b>\$75</b> pp	
	<b>Meet &amp; Greet – Oct. 13</b> <i>7:00pm – 11:00pm – Haraseeket Inn (cash bar available)</i>  <i>* Complimentary for MFDA Members, Convention Attendees, Sponsors, and their accompanying guest. Other funeral professionals attending the Meet &amp; Greet: \$100 per person.</i>	<b>\$0</b> pp	<b>\$100</b> pp *	
	<b>Fall Convention – Oct. 14</b> <i>7:30am– 4:30pm - Harraseeket Inn Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Break Refreshments, 6 CEU's (cash bar available)</i>	<b>\$225</b> pp	<b>\$400</b> pp	
<b>TOTAL Amount Due:</b>				

*Proceeds from Golf Tournament & BBQ benefit MFDA Scholarship Fund*

## Registration Deadline 9/25/2026

Registrations received after the deadline will be charged an **additional \$75 per person**  
Payment must be made prior to start of event. No billing of ANY registration fees.

RETURN FORM & PAYMENT TO MFDA PO BOX 926, GARDINER, ME 04345 by **9/25/2026**

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