

September 2015

President's Message



WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

As I think about our Green Industry and organization, I'd like to say it's an honor to have the opportunity to serve for the next year as your President. I'm grateful to the past President Matt Mellema and all board members who have worked and devoted personal resources and time to lend to the vision that makes the WMNLA the strong, successful organization it is today. We are excited for the upcoming year and continuing success of the WMNLA. To do so we would like not only to call on the existing board for their continuous support but also for the help from of our current members.

Let me skip the usual presidential message fluff (I'll save that for the next message) about summer turning into fall, trees changing colors, and changing landscapes to ask everyone reading for some help. Please help us GIVE AWAY MONEY! Well not exactly, our intention is not exactly to make it rain dollar bills and give away the hard earned money but to invest it in all of our futures and budding future horticulturists. Because of the continual success and fiscal responsibility of the WMNLA we are in a position to help those would like to continue their education in the Green Industry through several grants and

scholarships. We have the ability to fund those who wish to get their master gardener certification. Please visit WMNLA's website or refer anyone you may think would be a good candidate, for the last several years MOST of applicants were rewarded with some sort of financial help from our wonderful Non-Profit Organization.

Please take a moment to take a look at our upcoming seminar schedule, we hope that there are topics being covered that can benefit you, your employees, and your business. Even if you think a particular topic may not be directly beneficial **COME** to our meeting anyways. The strength in our organization is made through the networking and friendships made at our meetings, and as a bonus the lunches are good. We will see you there!

Dirk Jonker

Dirk Jonker, Jonker's Garden
WMNLA President

Contact him with comments, ideas, & questions at
(616) 7234 or info@jonkersgardens.com

***Be a Hole Sponsor for \$50 at the
WMNLA Golf Outing on September
11th at the Grand Haven Golf Course.
(Reserve by September 4th)***

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*West Michigan Nursery &
Landscape Association*

The 16th Annual WMNLA Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser



Friday, September 11
Grand Haven Golf Club
1700 Lincoln St, Grand Haven, Mi 49417

Sign-In at 10:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 11:00 a.m. Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

This year's Event Sponsors are **Eco Green Supply of Wyoming and Forever Green Sod of Fremont. Sponsorships are also available for the first time for lunch and dinner, as well as hole sponsors.**

There will be a lot of great golf, a good time, and all supporting a wonderful cause



The Golf Outing is open to all WMNLA members, employees, friends, customers, vendors, & family. Bring the sales team! Bring a new member! You can sign up individually or as teams of 2, 3 or 4. We'll partner individuals to make foursomes.

\$75 Per Person – Includes Hot Dog Lunch, Chicken and pulled pork dinner, 18 holes of golf, power cart, and an all-round great time. **Advance Registration Required by September 6th.**

Dinner includes a cook-out after the tournament of chicken and pulled pork. Spouses and non golfers welcome to **"dinner only" for \$25**
Cash bar available.

To donate prizes for the raffle (golf shirts, golf outings, restaurants, etc) Contact Mike Teunis at (616) 366-2916 or mike.teunis@bfqsupply.com



Sponsorship Levels

All sponsors will receive recognition:

in the Golf Outing Program

A Company Sign at the Golf Course

In the Michigan Landscape magazine

On the WMNLA Website

In the WMNLA Newsletter

Dinner Sponsor \$350

Lunch Sponsor \$250

Hole Sponsor \$50

WMNLA GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

Company : _____

Company Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email _____ Fax: _____

Dinner Sponsor @ \$350 _____

Lunch Sponsor @ \$250 _____

Hole Sponsor @ \$50 _____

Golfers \$75 per player

Player #1 _____ \$ _____

Player #2 _____ \$ _____

Player #3 _____ \$ _____

Player #4 _____ \$ _____

Total _____

Dinner only @ \$25 _____

Payment Information

_____ Check enclosed _____ Amount

_____ Please Bill

_____ Visa/Mastercard (will pay at golf outing)

Please make out to WMNLA

Please send checks to WMNLA, PO Box 96, West Olive, MI 49460/ Fax: 616-846-6591

Thank you for supporting WMNLA Scholarship, Horticulture Grant and Master Gardener Scholarship Funds.

WMNLA 2015/16 Programs

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 George Lessens, Chief Meteorologist WZZM Channel 13 Weather, 'Past and Present Weather Trends including WZZM's Long Range Forecast'

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 Dr. Robert Schutzki, MSU, Horticulture; 'Updates within the Green Industry from the MSU Horticulture Department'

Wednesday, December 9 2015 Mary Stancik, Previous Director of Grounds & Golf at the Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Island; 'Take a Tour of the Beautiful Grand Hotel'; Amy Frankmann , Executive Director MNLA; 'Updates from MNLA and the Capital'

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 Adam Kantovich, Business Management Educator from. MSU; 'Farm and Business Seccession Planning'

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Mike Bryan, Nursery & Export Specialist, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; 'Green Industry Specific Updates from the Department of Agriculture' **at Michigan Wood Fibers, 9426 Henry St, Zeeland, Mi 49464** (Lunch provided by Michigan Wood Fibers)

All meeting eligible for CPIG Credit

Meeting time 11:30 a.m. at The Grand Haven Community Center, 421 Columbus, Grand Haven, Michigan.



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P.O. Box 96
West Olive, MI 49460

RSVP your attendance to WMNLA at
wmnla2013@gmail.com

Register Today!

WMNLA Scholarship Golf Outing

September 11, 2015
At the **Grand Haven Golf Club**

2015-16 WMNLA Board of Directors

Dirk Jonker, President, Jonker's Gardens
Nate Weaver, Vice President, Michigan Wood Fibers
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WMNLA Scholarships & Horticulture Grant Fund

WMNLA Horticulture Educational Grant Program

WMNLA Master Gardener Education Scholarship Fund

The WMNLA uses this Fund to award annual grants to youth programs offered by area high schools to promote awareness of the horticulture industry. This competitive grant program awards grants of up to \$500 to horticulture educational projects offered by teachers in our serviced counties; Ottawa, Allegan, Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo during the school year. Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis.

The WMNLA Grant Fund has special interest in projects & activities designed to give students a better understanding of the green industry, specifically, greenhouses, nursery and landscaping.

The advisory committee has reserved \$1500 to be awarded annually. Grant requests for up to \$500 may be submitted for projects and activities that enhance classroom learning and which require funds beyond those available through normal school resources.

Funds are available for the 2015/16 school year.
Applications are available at www.wmnla.com

WMNLA has established a new fund to provide scholarships for employees of WMNLA members who successfully complete the Master Gardener Training Program.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who attend Master Gardener classes and pass the final exam.

The available fund monies for the year will be divided between successful applicants, not to exceed \$300 per employee.

To apply for the WMNLA Master Gardener Scholarship contact Pam Cater at: wmnla2013@gmail.com.

Currently, the WMNLA Scholarship Fund balance is \$14,760.02 and the Horticultural Education Fund balance is \$8,312.93

In 2014 the WMNLA Board invested \$3,000 of the proceeds from the March Garden Day and Golf Outings into the Scholarship Fund and the Horticulture Education Grant Fund.