

December 2015



WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

President's Message

Happy Holidays! As we close out 2015 and enter into 2016 it seems like a great time to reflect on what we have accomplished, the journey we have taken to get here, and our plans to bring us into the bright future. Those of us who are still standing in this industry have a optimistic future ahead. The challenges we've overcome have taught us how to make our business survive under lean circumstances, focus and excel at what we do best, and never take for granted what we have. We are all still here because we are passionate about our work, find fulfillment in what we do, and love our industry. It is an exciting time again in our industry which will allow us to make changes, take risks, and become more efficient and more profitable in the future. With the winter months here and things slowing down at work this is a great time to reflect on all the hard work you have done and appreciate where you are today. The slower months ahead will also give us more time to do what really matters; to spend time with our friends and family. We had a good turnout for our November meeting and a special

thank you to Dr. Robert Schutzki for another very interesting presentation. Our most highly attended meeting of the year is our Christmas meeting on December 9th, don't miss it. Amy Frankmann, Executive Director of MNLA, will provide industry updates, from the MNLA. Mary Stancik, the former Director of Grounds & Golf at the Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, will take us on a illustrative tour with photos and details of the beautiful grounds of the Grand Hotel Mackinac Island. We are very excited to have these two guest speakers and to see all of you on December 9th. Have a wonderful and safe holiday break with your friends and family and best wishes for a happy and successful 2016!

Dirk Jonker

Dirk Jonker, Jonker's Garden
WMNLA President

Contact him with comments, ideas, & questions at (616) 392-7234 or info@jonkersgardens.com

***New Meeting Location
Grand Haven Community Center
421 Columbus, Grand Haven, Mi 49417***

- December 8-10, 2015. Greenhouse Growers Expo and Great Lakes Fruit and Vegetable Expo. DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, MI.
- January 13-15, 2016. Use of Biopesticides, Biostimulants and Beneficial Insects in Ornamental and Vegetable Production in Controlled Environments. Columbus, OH. For more information, https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6JCeUMLwV62mWmV
- February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016. Plant Nutrition Nursery and Christmas Tree Webinar Series. 12:30 -1:30 pm. More details coming soon.
- February 3. Winter Nursery Meeting. West Olive, MI. More details coming soon.
- February 25, 2016. West Michigan Ag Labor Meeting. Walker, MI. 9 am-2:15 pm. Registration opens in January.
- For more information, contact:
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WMNLA Master Gardener Education Scholarship Fund

WMNLA has established a new fund to provide scholarships for employees of WMNLA members who successfully complete the Master Gardener Training Program. **To apply for the WMNLA Master Gardener Scholarship contact Pam Cater at: wmnla2013@gmail.com.**



The Great Lakes Trade Expo 2016!
January 25-27, 2016

Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

For registration information go to: www.glte.org

You are welcome to attend the WMNLA Board Meetings at 10 a.m. on the day of the Program. It is an excellent opportunity to address the Board with any industry & membership issues.

WMNLA 2015/16 Programs

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 Succession 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 meetings eligible for CGIP Credit

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

Cost: \$15.00 person,

Employee special: Send 3-4th employee eats free



WMNLA Scholarship Application

Attention all High School & College Students in Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Newaygo, Muskegon and Oceana interested in a degree in a Green Industry field..

The WMNLA Scholarship Application through the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is available for completion online at : <http://www.ghacf.org/scholarships.htm> Students should go to this page to see available scholarships and then go to the application tab to click the link to begin the E-grant process.

The printed and signed application, transcript and page one of the FAFSA must be stapled together and postmarked to GHACF no later than March 5th, 2016 All of these instructions are on the online application also. For questions contact: Barbara Post, Director of Donor Services and Scholarships, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, 1 South Harbor, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 616-842-6378



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2015-16 WMNLA Board of Directors

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“Take a Tour of the Grand Hotel”
presented
by Mary Stancik

Wednesday December 9

11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

***At The Grand Haven
Community Center***

Mackinaw Room

***421 Columbus
Grand Haven***

***\$15 per person,
includes lunch***

Send 3, 4th employee is free

Mary Stancik previous Director of Grounds and Golf at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island will present “A Tour of the Grand Hotel” Mary will share the behind the scenes of getting the hotel ready for the season and highlight some special projects that were done.

Amy Frankmann, Executive Director of MNLA will provide an industry update at the December 17th meeting.

RSVP by December 4th
Let us know you are coming so our hosts can prepare!

WMNLA member businesses & staff are welcomed!

RSVP to Pam Cater at
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January 13, 2016

**‘Farm and Business Seccession
Plannng:’**

By

*By Adam Kantovich ,Business Management
Educator from Michigan State University*