

November 2015



WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

## President's Message

As I write this month's letter I am happy to announce that I can feel my fingers and toes after coming inside from work outdoors. During fall the weather can be so unpredictable; we have been extremely fortunate to have had temperatures as mild as they have been this autumn. Warmer weather has made the work of tucking in our retail trees, shrubs, and perennials for the winter so much more enjoyable than in years past. Yesterday we put up new plastic on one of our greenhouses, with the sun on our back, calm winds, and no gloves. I almost could say it was enjoyable. The long-term weather pattern looks promising as well for finishing fall cleanup; it's good to know we won't have to blow leaves in the snow (fingers crossed).

Speaking of weather - in case you missed our last meeting and George Lessen's presentation we can say that his on target forecast has been a bull's-eye!

Please join us for our next meeting November 11 at the Grand Haven

Community Center for Dr. Robert Schutzki's presentation.

We announced at the last meeting that we will be providing **FREE** lunch for all members who join us Nov. 11. The board members as well as I feel that along with the education opportunities offered at the meetings, a big part of their success is the chance to meet with like-minded green industry folks like yourselves. It is our hope to offer this **FREE** lunch to encourage an even larger attendance than usual and an even greater opportunity to network and meet with our friends in the industry. Please come and spread the word!

*Dirk Jonker*

Dirk Jonker, Jonker's Garden  
WMNLA President

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

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

## WMNLA Welcomes New Member: Jacobsen

Jacobsen® is committed to providing high-quality turf equipment to customers around the world. We produce some of the finest commercial mowing equipment on the market, as well as utility vehicles, sprayers and aerators. We engineer our products to meet the needs of today's turfgrass professionals by asking for and listening to their feedback throughout the product lifecycle. Jacobsen provides dedicated support and conducts rigorous testing for quality and reliability. You will find Jacobsen equipment at the finest golf courses and sports facilities world-wide.

In addition to the Jacobsen line, we also carry several allied products such as Ventrac, Smithco, Salsco, Husler zero turns, Woods, Dixie Chopper, Boxer, Buffalo Blowers, Holder, SnowDogg, Ryan, Echo and Shin-daiwa. We are prepared to service all of your turf and snow needs.

We are conveniently located in Grand Rapids off US131 on Clay Avenue SW. Don't worry if you can't make it to us, we have a dedicated sales representative and service technician that can come to you for all your sales or repair needs.

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## WMNLA Scholarship Application Available Online

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# WMNLA 2015/16 Programs

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

**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,



## WMNLA Board Meetings

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 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](mailto:wmnla2013@gmail.com).**

## 2016 WMNLA Membership Directory

The 2016 WMNLA Membership Directories will be handed out at the December Holiday Program for all members and their staff. Advertising space is available **exclusively** to WMNLA members.

1/4 page ad is \$30, 1/2 page ad is \$50

Color ads, add \$25

Deadline is November 21

Reserve your space and send your artwork to Pam Cater at [wmnla2013@gmail.com](mailto:wmnla2013@gmail.com).



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of articles and WMNLA member news:

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**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

**December 9th -  
"Take a Tour of the Grand  
Hotel"**

*By*

*Mary Stancik, Previous Director of Grounds &  
Golf at the Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Island*

**2015-16 WMNLA Board of Directors**

Dirk Jonker, President, Jonker's Gardens  
Nate Weaver, Vice President, Michigan Wood Fibers  
Brian Boyink, Secretary, Berry Family of Nurseries

Mike Teunis, Treasurer, BFG Supply  
Ryan Weesies, Member at Large, Weesies Farm & Garden Center  
Chris Howe, Member at Large, Hortech

**"Updates Within the Green Industry"  
presented**

*by Dr. Robert Schutzki, Michigan State University, Department of Horticulture*

***Wednesday, November 11***

***11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.***

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

***Mackinaw Room***

***421 Columbus  
Grand Haven***

***Lunch is Provided by West  
Michigan Nursery &  
Landscape Association***

***Reservations for lunch necessary  
by Monday November 9th.***

**Dr. Robert Schutzki, Michigan State University, Horticulture Dept.** will present "Updates Within The Green Industry" to WMNLA members on Wednesday, November 11th.

Dr. Schutzki has a B.S. in Landscape Architecture from Cook College, Rutgers University. He has a M.S. in Horticulture from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. in Forestry from Michigan State University.

Dr. Schutzki has been a faculty member at Michigan State University since 1982 with responsibility in teaching and extension. He has served as the coordinator of the IAT Landscape and Nursery Program between 1982-1998. He served as Acting Director of the Institute of Agricultural Technology between 1998-2002. He has also served as Curator of the Clarence E. Lewis Landscape Arboretum since 1983. Teaching emphasis includes courses in Landscape Design and Environmental

Design. Bob has conducted professional workshops on Landscape Design, Plant Evaluation, Plant Selection, Landscape Management, and Plant Establishment in the Landscape, Sustainability in the Built Environment and Natural Shoreline development..

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**RSVP by November 9th  
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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