



President's Message

February Greetings Everyone!

A month into 2019, is that possible? I always have remembered January to drag on and on and on and on.., (you get the idea)

I guess clear roads and a warm start to the year can help to pass time quickly ... Although you never know when you will be saying 'welcome back winter'. Face it, we live in Michigan, it has to snow and be cold at some point!

And of course, it has! As I write this, I'm checking the radar, hoping those single digit high temp forecasts are a mistake, coordinating with co-workers, turning up the thermostat, wondering how many layers I need to wear tomorrow?! ...Winter. Oh, how I've missed you! Ha!

Don't get me wrong, I assure you, I love winter and I am not complaining. I just like a little more consistency. To experience a bitter cold of -5 and two days later witness 35, its a bit much. Yikes!

So, with milder weather in our recent past, I would like to thank everyone that had the chance to attend our January meeting. A great attendance for the lunch and seminar. We were a host to 3 speakers this past month. They had a chance for a presentation and discussion among our members. Topics were a range, but the focus was new legislation that will directly impact our industry. This, including the topic of recreational marijuana. Which has a lot of unknown regulations and many questions to be answered remain. Also, an in depth

glimpse of the critical and concerning issue of Ottawa County's groundwater. This was a topic that generated a lot of conversation, with great purpose. Just because we have an abundance of wonderful fresh water to our West doesn't mean it is the only water we utilize. We all need to be aware, as well as, stewards and leaders to promote best practices. I would urge everyone to look into this information, I was surprised myself on the findings!

I would like to thank Amy Frankmann with MNLA, Rebecca Park with Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel, and Paul Sachs with Ottawa County Parks, Planning and Performance Improvement for their informative information.

As for February, I say bring it! Snow, Sleet, or Sun! Whatever the case, happy to experience it all!

And if you are available, please join us on Wednesday the 13th!

We will be hosting the last meeting of this season's seminars at Michigan Wood Fibers

The program will be a presentation of fleet compliance for 2019.(It's always good to be reminded of what we shouldn't be doing.

In the meantime...enjoy the weather, Best wishes for a safe and productive day!

Your WMNLA President,
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February 13, Michigan Wood Fibers
"Fleet Compliance"

Call for WMNLA Board Nominations

WMNLA has openings for *two* new board members to serve the next three-year term starting in July 2019.

Finishing their terms are: **Allison Jesky, Hope College and, Russ Hillman, Bosch's Landscaping and Lawn Specialties.**

Our goal is to have balanced representation from the green industry. Contact one of the current board members if you have interest in serving on the WMNLA Board of Directors or if you have any suggestions for nominees that you think would serve. WMNLA well

March Garden Day Expo

Registration for

March 16, 2019

WMNLA will host the Annual **March Garden Day Expo** to the gardening public of West Michigan on **Saturday, March 16** at the **Grand Haven Community Center.**

This day long event allows WMNLA a great opportunity to market our professional members to consumers in advance of the Spring season.

Over 250 people attend this event from Ada to Zeeland, Allegan to Whitehall, and Allendale to West Olive and all locales in between. Proceeds go to support the **WMNLA Scholarship Fund** and the **Horticulture Education Grant Fund.**

A Standard Booth space of 10' x 10' is available. **Early Bird registration cost is \$60 before February 1, 2019 after this date the cost is \$75.** Reserve your space early and take advantage of the "early bird" price.

Exhibitor move in will be on Friday, March 9, from 1-5:00 PM and Saturday March 11, from 7-8:00 AM. Tear down will be at 3:30 PM on Saturday. Contact Pam 616-402-4555 or wmnla2013@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Contact **Pam Cater, wmnla2013@gmail.com. Or call 616-402-4885 to reserve your space.**

WMNLA Scholarship Application Available Online

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

The WMNLA Scholarship Application through the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation will be available for completion online December 1st 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 1st, 2019 All of these instructions are also on the online application.

For questions contact: Laurel Grevel at Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, 1 South Harbor, Grand Haven, MI 49417. 616-842-6378.

A Celebration of Gardening!
Sponsored by the West Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association
Grand Haven Community Center
421 Columbus St., Grand Haven MI 49417
Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:00 Registration and Check In

View exhibits, indoor gardens and Silent Auction.

9:00 Session 1

“Taking Flight: Attracting Pollinators and Winged Wonders to Your Garden” with Elly Maxwell.

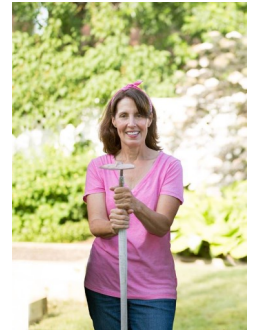
Elly has been the Entomologist at the Dow Gardens since 2006. Gardening to attract pollinators starts with providing appropriate habitat for butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and other critters! Selecting appropriate plants and timing blooms will attract nectaring adults. Another important detail is planting host plant species for caterpillars as they complete their lifecycle. Lastly, we’ll focus on overwintering habits of Michigan insects to help us understand how to encourage them from season to season.



10:30 Session 2

“How to Garden with Comfort, Ease and Simplicity with Jan Bills.

Jan is the author of *Late Bloomer*, a certified landscape designer, Advanced Master Gardener, entrepreneur, and contributing writer for State-by-State Gardening magazine. After a successful career in the corporate world, she made a major life reassessment and followed her heart: She traded in her heels for Wellies and started the Detroit-area landscape design company Two Women and a Hoe® (twowomenandahoe.com).



11:45-1:15 Lunch Break/Break Out Sessions

“The Spirit of Container Gardening” with Scott Jacobs, Garden Liason for Specialty Gardens.

“What’s Bugging Our Trees”, with Keith Hogan, Certified Arborist and ISA Tree Risk Assessment Certified

“Operation Healthy Heights” with Dr Rick and Nancy Peters, Coalition for Community Development, Muskegon Heights.

”Not Your Grandma’s Jade Plant” with Rachel Kemme, owner Dutch Touch Growers

“The Snack that Bites Back: A Researchers Peek at SE Asian Tropical Carnivorous Plants” with Dr. Rachel Love, Professor, Grand Valley State University

1:45 Session 3 :

Romantic, Inspiring, Educational—Public Gardens of Today

“Romantic, Inspiring, Educational-Public Gardens of Today” with Rebecca Finneran. Rebecca received a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Michigan State University in 1983. Her current role as MSU Extension Senior Horticulture Educator finds her teaching classes in every corner of Michigan.. Join Rebecca in a look at a collection of gardens that are inspirational, educational and have shaped our lives.



Got to www.wmnl.com for registration information.



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Calendar!**

March 16, 2019
March Garden Day
Grand Haven Community
Center
Www.wmnla.com

2018-19 WMNLA Board of Directors

Allison Jesky, President, Hope College
Keith Hogan, Vice President, Bartlett Tree Experts
Russ Hillman, Secretary, Bosch's Landscape & Lawn
Specialties

Christina Hipshier, Treasurer, Grand Valley State University
Scott Jacobs, Member at Large, Specialty Gardens
Josh Roggenbuck, Member at Large, Watlers Garden

“Fleet Compliance” Fleet Compliance Group, Ltd.

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Michigan Wood Fibers

9426 Henry St, Zeeland, MI 49464

Lunch provided by Michigan Wood Fibers

Register by Friday, February 8th 616-402-4885 or wmnla2013@gmail.com

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Fleet Compliance Group, Ltd.
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Byron Center, MI 49315 Phone: 616-532-1444

Fleet Compliance will explain their compliance services and how the law applies to your business based on vehicle sizes (hours of services, drug testing, accident file, mcs-90, mcs 150, driver files, etc) They will also be available to answer any question you may have for the upcoming season.

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