

February-March 2020



WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

President's Message

Greetings everyone, This century isn't a teenager anymore! I don't know if it's because the weather has been so warm and I have been comfortably spending more time outside, or that it seems we have already seen more sun this year than we did all last winter or that I have been too busy to enjoy it but I can't believe we are already a month in. This always seems to happen. I don't take time to stop, breathe and enjoy the moment. I hope you all have taken the opportunity take a break, soak up the vitamin D and appreciate the gift of not having to slip'n slide your way around town.

Many thanks to the crew at Hope for providing our meeting location and lunch at our last meeting. Thanks also to Amy Upton for traveling out to give us an update on MNLA and all the positive things happening at the state

level. Allison, Linda and Jamie deserve a huge thanks as well. That presentation of the OZ project was fantastic. I enjoyed hearing all of the background and effort it took to get this project off the ground. Inspiring.

In February, we can look forward to our last winter member meeting on February 12 hosted by Nate Weaver at Michigan Wood Fibers. We will be hearing from Michigan State Police on DOT rules and regulations.

Then, POOF, spring will be upon us with March Garden Days just around the corner!

Until next time,
Keith Hogan
WMNLA President

Bartlett Tree Experts
ISA Certified Arborist #MI4198

Wednesday, February 12,
"State Police: 2020 Transportation
Update"

at Michigan Wood Fibers
9426 Henry St, Zeeland, MI 49464
Zeeland, MI
Lunch provided by WMNLA

Call for WMNLA Board Nominations

WMNLA has openings for *two* new board members to serve the next three-year term starting in July 2020.

Finishing their terms are: Keith Hogan, Bartlett Tree Experts and Christina Hipshier, Grand Valley State University.

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 14, 2020

WMNLA will host the Annual **March Garden Day Expo** to the gardening public of West Michigan on **Saturday, March 14** 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 13, from 1-5:00 PM and Saturday March 14, from 7-8:00 AM. Tear down will be at 3:30 PM on Saturday.

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 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 Friday, February 28th., 2020. 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., lgrevel@ghacf.org.

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 14, 2020

8:00 Registration and Check In

View exhibits, indoor gardens and Silent Auction.



9:00 Session 1

“Undervalued Native Plants with Matthew Ross. Matthew Ross is the Director of Continuing Education at Longwood Gardens. Matthew will share his insight into the lesser known and grown native plants from spring ephemerals, to marginal plants to vibrant colored fall favorites. Learn about the importance of finding these plants in the wild to better understand their niche within the ecosystem and ultimately what types of conditions they prefer.

10:30 Session 2

“Shade Perennials: What Kind of Shade do You Have” with Barb Bolgoyen.

Barb has been working in the West Michigan green industry for almost 40 years. She is a passionate, self-proclaimed ‘Plant Geek ’ currently working for the leading wholesale perennial grower right here in our backyards of Zeeland, Michigan. Join Barb as she will showcase some excellent perennials, including some new and under-used plants that thrive in many types of shady gardens.



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

“What about Bulbs” with Ryan Stehouwer, Vandenberg Horticulture

“A Tale of Dwarf Conifers: Little Known Secrets”, with Paul Surian, Co-owner and Head Propogator for Blue Horizon Nursery & Gardens, Grand Junction, MI.

“New and Unusual Vegetables for the Home Garden” with Gregory Dunn, owner of Blackbird Farm, Coopersville, MI.

“Understanding Ground Water in Ottawa County”, with Paul Sachs Director of Planning and Performance Improvement for Ottawa County, MI.,

“From Farm to Table” with Pennyroyal Café, Saugatuck, MI

1:45 Session 3 :

“Lessons from Great Gardens” with Matthew Ross. Matthew is a passionate advocate for public gardens with a special affinity for the underappreciated and unheralded gardens. Matthew will present some of his favorite gardens with ideas and concepts that can be used in your own home garden setting. Learn the tips and techniques behind some of the most elaborate and intricate garden displays and the intentional recreation of nature that span the full regiment of garden themes.

Got to www.wmnl.com for registration information.



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**Mark Your
Calendar!**

March 14, 2020
March Garden Day
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www.wmnla.com

2019-20 WMNLA Board of Directors

Keith Hogan, President, Bartlett Tree Experts
Josh Roggenbuck, Vice President, Walter's Gardens
Scott Jacobs, Secretary, Specialty Gardens

Christina Hipshier, Treasurer, Grand Valley State University
Ryan Stehouwer, Member at Large, Vandenberg Hort

“Transportation Update: Michigan State Police

**Wednesday, February 12th
11:30 a.m.**

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Register : by Friday, February 7th 616-402-4885

or wmnla2013@gmail.com

Members & Guests welcome
