

December 2016



WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

President's Message

I'm thinking of a white Christmas, but as I write this message it occurs to me that we have yet to see a snowflake, it is 70 degrees, Donald Trump is President elect, and it is time to prepare for the holidays.

It's hard to think about sipping hot chocolate and eating Santa's cookies, but ready or not it looks like winter is getting closer! The holidays are fast approaching and so is the end of 2016. Trying to maintain a positive attitude in today's world is not an easy thing to do. In 2016 we still fear terrorism, social unrest, the threat of climate change and face a stagnant economy. It could convince some people to build a bunker, arm themselves, stock up, and prepare for doomsday, but as it is said in the good book "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."

Even at this fast paced time of the year, be sure to take time to reflect upon who

and what is important in your life. Count your blessings, forget about the world's problems, and for a short time enjoy the warmth and love of family and friends, and take time to enjoy the wonders and joy of the season and remember what is most important about the season.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next meeting featuring Rick Vuyst from Fruit Basket Flowerland. I am anxious to hear what Rick has to say! Don't forget the meeting will be at Hope College. Hope to see you there.

I sincerely hope that you had a successful and wonderfully blessed year. I wish you and yours a great holiday season filled with happiness and peace of heart.

Nate Weaver, WMNLA President
Michigan Wood Fibers LLC

Contact him with comments, ideas, & questions at (616) 875-2241 or nate@michiganwoodfibers.com



New Meeting Location
Maas Center
Hope College
264 Columbia
Holland, MI

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, 2017 All of these instructions are on the online application also.

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

Little Hawks Discovery Preschool: WMNLA Horticulture Education Grant Award Recipient

Little Hawks Discovery Preschool at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Holland has been awarded a \$500 grant from the WMNLA Horticulture Education Fund. Little Hawk's Preschoolers spend half of everyday outside as a part of their curriculum. Little Hawks currently has 56 students, with more than half on tuition assistance. This grant will help fund an outdoor classroom with native plants. This grant will help increase students' curiosity and appreciation for the outdoors.



Little Hawks
Discovery Preschool

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is located at: the Outdoor Discovery Center,
5678 143rd Ave., Holland, MI.

www.littlehawks.org.

For WMNLA Horticulture Education Grant applications, go to www.wmnl.com and click on the scholarship tab.



WMNLA 2016/17 Programs

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Rick Vuyst, Flowerland Garden Centers; ‘Mow-tivational.....a good swift kick in the plants’, at Hope College, Holland, MI.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 Rick Lohman, Business Coach, Trainer, Speaker; Woohooing.com; ‘Is Your Chemistry Right for the Results You Want to Generate?’ at Hope College, Holland, MI.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan State Police; ‘Green Industry Specific Updates’
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. (October and November)

Hope College, Holland, MI (December and January)

Cost: \$15.00 person,

Employee special: Send 3-4th employee eats free



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.



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For advertising, business news, submission of articles and WMNLA member news:

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Mark Your Calendar!

January 11, 2017
“Is Your Chemistry Right for the results you Want to Achieve?”

By

Rick Lohman, Woohooing.com

2016-17 WMNLA Board of Directors

Nate Weaver, President, Michigan Wood Fibers, LLC
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Brian Boyink, Secretary, Zelenka Farms

Chris Howe, Treasurer, Hortech
Russ Hillman, Member at Large, Bosch’s Landscape & Lawn Specialties
Chris Howe, Member at Large, Hortech

“Mow-tivational....a Good Swift Kick in the Plants”
presented by Rick Vuyst, Flowerland Garden Centers

Wednesday, December 14

11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

At The Maas Center

Hope College

264 Columbia Ave

Holland, Mi

Reservations for lunch necessary
by Friday December 11

RSVP by
December 11th
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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