


October 2017

President's Message



It's the end of September and its 90 degrees!!! How crazy is that?! I'm sure cool weather is coming, but for now, it has been feeling like mid-summer. That includes our Annual Golf Outing. It was a hot one, but a good...no GREAT, one!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out this year! It was a lot of fun with great prizes and some new twists to the game. Grenade Balls?! Strings?! Mulligans.... They all added to the fun of the afternoon. I know my team used them all. We could have used a few more. The turn out was great this year too! It's always fun to catch up with others in our industry and to meet new people too! It was a fun and relaxing day to do just that and play some golf. We had a Hole in One this year, someone walked away with a Yeti Cooler, and one lucky guy gets a 2 night stay at the Grand Traverse Resort. Those were just a few highlights of the day. If you missed it this year, be sure to sign up next year. You won't regret it.

I want to be sure to thank our sponsors Eco Green, Bosch's Landscaping, Hope College, and Landscape Design Services. Also, a big thank you to those of you who purchased Tee Box signs. The money we raise goes to helping young people get in to the industry we all love! Grand Haven Golf Course was a great host again this year as they always make sure things go smoothly.

Once again, on behalf of the entire WMNLA board, Thank you for coming out and/or showing your support if you couldn't make it. It was a lot of fun and all for a great cause!

Ryan Weesies
President
Weesies Brothers Garden Centers and Landscape

Contact Ryan at ryan@weesies.com or 231-894-4742

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> 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 **Thursday, March 1st, 2018** 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.

The 18th Annual WMNLA Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser



1st place: Mellema Nursery
2nd Place : Mattson Landscaping
Hole in One: Scott Sprick, Bosch's Landscaping & Lawn Specialties



Thank you to event sponsors **Eco Green Supply** and **Bosch's Landscape & Lawn Specialties**.
Lunch sponsor, **Landscape Design Services**. Dinner sponsor **Hope College**. We appreciate their generous support for the WMNLA 18th Annual Golf Outing Scholarship Fundraiser



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Golf Teams

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WMNLA 2017/18 Programs

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 John Stone, Michigan State University, Integrated Pest Management at the Grand Haven Community Center, Grand Haven, Mi.

Wednesday, November 8, 2016 Dr. Bob Schutzki, Michigan State University, Department of Horticulture at the Grand Haven Community Center, Grand Haven, Mi.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 Stan Moore, Michigan State University, Senior Educator 'Staff Retention', at Hope College, Holland, Mi.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 Rick Lohman, Business Coach, Trainer, Speaker; Woohooing.com at Hope College, Holland, MI.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Mike Bryan Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; '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





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RSVP your attendance to WMNLA at
wmnla2013@gmail.com



**Mark your
Calendar!**

November 8, 2017
Dr. Bob Schutzki
Professor of Horticulture, Michigan
State University

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**“Healthy Plants begin with Healthy Soil
Understanding the soil microbial community leads to healthy plants and less pest pressure”**
*presented by
John Stone, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Department of Entomology, Michigan State University*

Wednesday, October 11th
11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
***At The Grand Haven
Community Center***
Mackinaw Ballroom
***421 Columbus
Grand Haven***
***\$15 per person,
includes lunch***
Send 3, 4th employee is free
RSVP by October 6th
**Let us know you are coming so
our hosts can prepare!**
**WMNLA member businesses &
staff are welcomed!**
**RSVP to Pam Cater at
(616) 402-4885 ♦
wmnla2013@gmail.com**



John Stone, Academic Specialist and Program Coordinator for the Integrated Pest Management Program at Michigan State University will present a program about the relationship between soil microbiology and healthy plants.

John has a B.A. in Biology from Albion College and a M.S. in Entomology from Michigan State University. John's responsibilities include developing and revising Pesticide Applicator Certification Manuals, developing and revising Pesticide Recertification Manuals, new pesticide application certification training, responding to pesticide questions and networking with Michigan Department of Agriculture regarding certification programs. .