September 2014



I would like to start out my message to you this year with a big thank you to Paul Keifer and Tony Hamilton for their 3 years of service on the board. Also as we just wrapped up the 15th annual golf outing at The Meadows, thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, other board members and Pam Cater for making it a success.

This program season (2014/2015) will feature some new twists. First we will be at the **Grand Haven Community Center**, where March Garden Day is held, second, we will have catered lunches from several different vendors, and third, we will be on location at Michigan Wood Fibers for our MDOT day. The programs will include our winter weather predictions, business solutions, and much, much more.

In talking with many of you we are having a good 2014 season with fall schedules already full till the snow flies. We are always looking for new members to educate, so if you know of anyone, please invite them to any of our programs so they can see what we are about and encourage them to join our association. Let's continue the good work and I hope to see you all at our first program of the year on October 8.

Matt Mellema

President's Message

Matt Mellema owns Mellema Nursery in Fremont and is the 2014/15 President of WMNLA. Contact him with comments, ideas, & questions at (231) 924-5106 or mellemam@ncats.net

WMNLA Golf Outing-

The 15th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser was a huge success for the WMNLA Scholarship Fund with 94 golfers participating. It was a great day for golf, even with the chilly morning. The Meadows Golf Club hosted another excellent outing and the camaraderie is always good fun.

First place honors went to the Mellema Nursery team of Matt Mellema, Jason DeKuiper, Steve Yonker, and Merle Ross. Second place honors go to team BFG Supply Co. golf chairman Mike Teunis and former board member Kurt Gernaat. And our Last Place award is happily accepted by Specialty Gardens with team leader Paul Kiefer..Congratulations to all teams for supporting the WMNLA Scholarship funds!

WMNLA is truly grateful for the generous support from Event Sponsors Eco Green Supply and Forever Green Sod. Over 50 businesses, both in and outside of WMN-LA, supported the event and the scholarship & horticulture education grant fund through hole sponsorships, cash prizes, and raffle gifts. Some of the great prizes included a two night stay at Grand Traverse Resort, Michigan State Basketball tickets & GVSU Football tickets, golf rounds, restaurant certificates, and more. The Hole-In-One Prize, Pontiac Grand Auto of Grandville sponsored a free one-year, 12,000 mile lease on a new Buick Regal to a hole-in-one winner on tee #3. Unfortunately our golfers didn't win the car, but a few got close, better luck next year.

This year applause goes to Mike Teunis of BFG Supply Co. for chairing this year's event. He did a great job! Also, thanks to the board and Lisa Denison of Landscape Design Services for all of their time spent soliciting donations! And Thank You to every-one who supported the event with hole sponsorships and gift donations. We appreciate all your support!

WMNLA is very fortunate to be able to award a \$1500 scholarship for 2014/15from the WMNLA Scholarship fund to Kira M. Thomas, a student at Michigan State University.

WINILA News





First Place Winners -Mellema Nursery Second Place –BFG Supply Co. Longest Drive—Dave Runyon Closest to the Pin—Brent Addis Longest Putt—Chris Baccus Closest to the Utility Pole—Doug Haverman











Look for all team pictures on Facebook





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WMNLA 2014/15 **Programs**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 George Lessens, Chief Meterologist, WZZM Channel 13 Weather 'Future Weather Trends'

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 Dr. Robert Schutzki, MSU, Horticulture

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 'Christmas Meeting'

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 'Marketing Trends'

Wednesday, February 11, 2015, "Michigan Department of Transportation: Regulations/Question & Answer" 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. Cost: \$15.00 person, Employee special: Send 3-4th employee eats free

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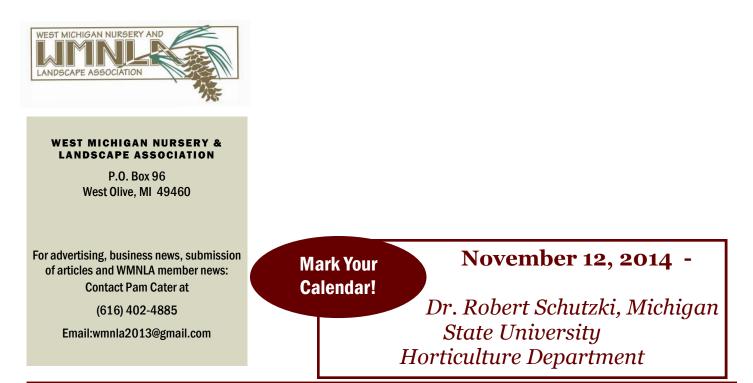




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"Weather Trends for the Future" presented by

George Lessens, On Target Chief Meteorologist, WZZM Channel 13 News

Wednesday, October 8 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. At <u>The Grand Haven</u> Community Center

Woodbine Room

421 Columbus Grand Haven

\$15 per person, includes lunch Send 3, 4th employee is free

George Lessens On Target Chief Meteorolgist for WZZM Channel 13 News

will present a program about the long term weather forecasts for the green industry.

George is a member of the American Meteorology Society (AMS) and holds its highest seal of approval as a **Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM.)** George is a graduate of Penn State University where he earned a **B.S. in Meteorology**, and is also a graduate of Grand Rapids Community College, where he earned an **Associate Science degree in Chemistry**. Watch George Lessens weekdays at 5:30, 6:00 and 11:00 pm. On Channel 13,WZZM.

You can email George at georgelessens@wzzm13.com

RSVP by October 1 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