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WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

President's Message

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

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 WMNLA, 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 everyone 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 2014/15 from the WMNLA Scholarship fund to Kira M. Thomas, a student at Michigan State University.



First Place



Second Place



Special Award



Cutest Clubs



Funniest Team



Best Dressed



Most Relaxed



Where's Lisa?

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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who generously contributed to the WMNLA 15th Annual Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser

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Golf Teams

BFG Supply
Berry Family Nursery
Double L Enterprises
Dykstra Landscape Management
Eco Green Supply
Enchanted Gardener, LLC
Evergreen Acres
Grand Haven Garden House
John Deere Landscape

Jonkers Garden
Landscape Design Services
Mellema Nursery
Michigan Turf & Ornamentals
Michigan Wood Fibers, LLC
MNL
Pete's Lawncare
Specialty Gardens
Van's Pines

WMNLA 2014/15 Programs

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 George Lessens, Chief Meteorologist, 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,

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**Mark Your
Calendar!**

November 12, 2014 -

*Dr. Robert Schutzki, Michigan
State University
Horticulture Department*

2014-15 WMNLA Board of Directors

Matt Mellema, President, Mellema Nursery
Dirk Jonker, Vice President, Jonker's Gardens
Lisa Denison, Secretary, Landscape Design Services

Mike Teunis, Treasurer, BFG Supply
Brian Boyink, Member at Large, Berry Family of Nurseries
Nate Weaver, Member at Large, Michigan Wood Fibers

“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 The Grand Haven
Community Center***

Woodbine Room

***421 Columbus
Grand Haven***

***\$15 per person,
includes lunch***

Send 3, 4th employee is free

**George Lessens On Target
Chief Meteorologist 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
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