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WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

# The 18th Annual WMNLA Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser



Friday, September 22

**Grand Haven Golf Club**

1700 Lincoln St, Grand Haven, Mi 49417

Sign-In at 9:00 a.m.

**NEW TIME!**

Shotgun Start at 10:00 a.m. Dinner at 4:00 p.m.

This year's Event Sponsors are **Eco Green Supply of Wyoming** and **Bosch's Landscape & Lawn Specialties**. Sponsorships are also available for lunch and dinner, as well as hole sponsors.

There will be a lot of great golf, a good time, and all supporting a wonderful cause!



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### Event Sponsored by

Open to all WMNLA members, employees, friends, customers, vendors, & family. Bring the sales team! Bring a new member! You can sign up individually or as teams of 2, 3 or 4. We'll partner individuals to make foursomes.

**\$75 Per Person** – Includes Hot Dog Lunch, Chicken and pulled pork dinner, 18 holes of golf, power cart, and an all-round great time. **Advance Registration Required by September 16th.**

Dinner includes a cook-out after the tournament of chicken and pulled pork. Spouses and non golfers welcome to **"dinner only"** for **\$25**  
Cash bar available.

**Register by mail or online at [www.wmnl.com](http://www.wmnl.com)**

### **Sponsorship Levels**

All sponsors will receive recognition:

in the Golf Outing Program

A Company Sign at the Golf Course

In the Michigan Landscape magazine

On the WMNLA Website

In the WMNLA Newsletter

**Dinner Sponsor \$350**

**Lunch Sponsor \$250**

**Hole Sponsor \$75**



## President's Message

Hello!

For those who don't know me, I am one of the 4<sup>th</sup> generation owners of Weesies Brothers Garden Centers and Landscaping. I have been on the WMNLA Board now for 3 years and the time has come where they asked me to be the President. So here we go!!

I would like to start by thanking Nate Weaver and Brian Boyink who have finished their time with the board. They both did a great job and I'm sure they will continue to be involved in the WMNLA. I also want to welcome our new board members Christina Hipshier and Keith Hogan. We are happy to have them join the team!

I hope to touch base on many topics over the year but I want to be sure to talk about the upcoming Golf Outing. This marks our 18<sup>th</sup> year of the outing! Last year was a lot of fun and we look to continue that this year. The money made on this golf outing goes to the WMNLA Scholarship and Horticultural Grant that the WMNLA gives out each year. Getting young men and women interested in our industry will help us all out in the long run. I don't think there is a company I've talked to this year that isn't looking for good help! Hopefully with these Scholarships and Grants, we can get this upcoming generation interested and excited about the industry that we all have come to love. So, come on out with a team (or we can match you up) and have fun for the day all while knowing you're helping out this industry's continued growth! Spread the word to others in our industry that may not be members of the WMNLA. This would be a great opportunity to show them what a great organization this is!

With that I will close my first Presidents Message. I hope to see you all at the golf outing! I know there are also some great classes coming up this fall/winter, make a point to stop out at one and grab lunch! Thank you

Ryan Weesies  
President  
Weesies Brothers Garden Centers and Landscape

# Upcoming Events

Dr Schutski's 2017 Plant Academy, August 29, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m at Michigan State University, East Lansing; August 31, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Frankemuth Insurance Headquarters, Frankenmuth: MI. *Receive 6 MDARD recertification credits in Private and Commercial Core Categories 3A, 3B and 6:* Register at: [www.mnla.org](http://www.mnla.org)

Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes, October 9-11, Traverse City, MI  
This conference is designed for academic professionals, educators and ornamental and green industry professionals, explore methods to preserve and protect pollinators. Register at: [www.msue.anr.msu.edu/news](http://www.msue.anr.msu.edu/news)

2017 Snow and Ice Summit, September 19, 9a.m.-3:30 p.m., Summit Sports Complex, Lansing, MI register at: [www.mnla.org](http://www.mnla.org)

**. WMNLA GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM**

Company : \_\_\_\_\_

Company Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Sponsor @ \$350 \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Sponsor @ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsor @ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfers \$75 per player**

Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner only @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**

*Please make out to WMNLA*

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Amount

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Bill

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Mastercard (will pay at golf outing)

*Please send checks to WMNLA, PO Box 96, West Olive, MI 49460/ Fax: 616-846-6591*

**Thank you for supporting WMNLA Scholarship, Horticulture Grant and Master Gardener Scholarship Funds.**

**2017/18 WMNLA Meetings**

September 22, 2017 18th Annual Golf Scholarship Outing,  
Grand Haven Golf Club, Grand Haven, MI

October 11, 2017 11:30 a.m. WMNLA Monthly luncheon/  
meeting Grand Haven Community Center

November 8, 2017 1130 a.m. WMNLA Monthly luncheon/  
meeting Grand Haven Community Center

December 13, 2017 11:30 a.m. WMNLA Monthly luncheon/  
meeting Hope College

January 10,2018, 11:30 a.m. WMNLA Monthly luncheon/  
meeting Hope College

February 14, 2018, 11:30 a.m. Michigan Wood Fibers

*Be a Hole Sponsor for \$75 at the WMNLA  
Golf Outing on September 22nd at the Grand  
Haven Golf Course.  
Reserve by September 15th at  
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P.O. Box 96  
West Olive, MI 49460

RSVP your attendance to WMNLA at  
wmnla2013@gmail.com

**Register Today!**

**WMNLA Scholarship Golf Outing**  
September 22, 2017  
At the **Grand Haven Golf Club**

**2017-18 WMNLA Board of Directors**

Ryan Weesies, President, Weesies Brothers Garden Center & Landscaping  
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**MNLA Scholarships & Horticulture Grant Fund**

**WMNLA Horticulture Educational Grant Program**

**WMNLA Master Gardener Education Scholarship Fund**

The WMNLA uses this Fund to award annual grants to youth programs offered by area high schools to promote awareness of the horticulture industry. This competitive grant program awards grants of up to \$500 to horticulture educational projects offered by teachers in our serviced counties; Ottawa, Allegan, Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo during the school year. Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis.

The WMNLA Grant Fund has special interest in projects & activities designed to give students a better understanding of the green industry, specifically, greenhouses, nursery and landscaping.

The advisory committee has reserved \$1500 to be awarded annually. Grant requests for up to \$500 may be submitted for projects and activities that enhance classroom learning and which require funds beyond those available through normal school resources.

**Funds are available for the 2017/18 school year.**  
**Applications are available at [www.wmnla.com](http://www.wmnla.com)**

WMNLA has established a new fund to provide scholarships for employees of WMNLA members who successfully complete the Master Gardener Training Program.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who attend Master Gardener classes and pass the final exam.

The available fund monies for the year will be divided between successful applicants, not to exceed \$300 per employee.

**To apply for the WMNLA Master Gardener Scholarship contact Pam Cater at: [wmnla2013@gmail.com](mailto:wmnla2013@gmail.com).**

