## **President's Message**

September 2018



Happy September everyone!

With Labor Day in the rear view mirror and the sunset of summer approaching, all I can do is wonder where did these months go??

Well, make no mistake, there is a lot to look forward to...more comfortable weather, football season, and of course, the annual WMNLA golf outing!

The event will be here soon enough. So, (if you haven't already), sign up a team and join us for a Friday of fun! If you're like me and didn't get much opportunity to get out on the course this season, now is your chance! And if golf just isn't your thing you can certainly still be involved by sponsoring a hole.

As for the rest of autumn be sure to watch for our seminar program lineup. We have some interesting and unique topics, as well as some new meeting locations.

Best wishes for a productive day!

Allison Jesky, WMNLA President jesky@hope.edu

## The 19th Annual WMNLA Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser





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#### Friday, September 21

### **Grand Haven Golf Club**

1700 Lincoln St, Grand Haven, Mi 49417

**NEW TIME!** 

Sign-In at 9:00 a.m.

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. Lunch Sponsor is Landscape Design Services, Inc. Hope College is the dinner sponsor and Evergreen Acres and Alta Equipment are snack sponsors. There are a few hole sponsorships available. There will be a lot of great golf, a good time, and all supporting a wonderful cause!

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, dinner, 18 holes of golf, power cart, and an all-round great time. Advance Registration Required by September 14th.

Spouses and non golfers welcome to "dinner only" for \$25 Cash bar available.

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# WMNLA 2018-19 CALENDAR

Date/Time	Event	Information
Friday, September 21, 2018 9:00 a.m.–Registration 10:00 p.m.–Shot Gun Start 4:00 p.m.– Dinner	WMNLA Golf Outing (Scholarships & Horticulture Grants Fundraiser) Bring Friends & Spouses. Reward your Staff, Entertain Customers & Vendors. Bring Your Sales Team!	<ul> <li>\$75 per person—Open to all!</li> <li>\$25 "dinner only"</li> <li>\$75 Corporate Hole Sponsorship Grand Haven Golf Club, Grand Haven, MI</li> <li>Registration deadline September 14</li> </ul>
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	Program Presented by Spring Meadow Nursery	Lunch provided by Spring Meadow RSVP by October 5th At :Spring Meadow Nursery 12601 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.	"Pollinator Gardening" Presented by Heidi Lindberg, Nursery and Greenhouse Extension Educator, Michigan State University	<ul> <li>\$15 per person, includes lunch.</li> <li>Employee Special—Send 3, 4th employee free.</li> <li>RSVP by November 5</li> </ul>
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.	"Technology and Young Plant Production" Presented by Walters Garden Staff	Lunch provided by Walters Gardens RSVP by December 7 At: Walters Gardens, 1992 96th Ave, Zeeland, MI
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	"Legislative Updates and the impact of Marijuana on your Green Industry Business". Presented by Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative Counsel and Amy Frankmann, Executive Director,	<ul> <li>\$15 per person, includes lunch</li> <li>Employee Special—Send 3,</li> <li>4th employee free.</li> <li>RSVP by January 4</li> <li>At Hope College, Maas Center, 264 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. **Employee Meeting**	"Fleet Compliance"	Lunch provided by: Michigan Wood Fibers RSVP by February 8 At: Michigan Wood Fibers, 9426 Henry St., Zeeland, MI
Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	March Garden Day This is the annual garden event to the public presented by WMNLA featuring gardening seminars and member expo showcase.	\$60 Early Bird Booth Registration ; \$75 after February 1, 2019 At the Grand Haven Community Center, Open to the Public
Certified Green Industry Professional	All Meetings eligible for CGIP Credit Members and guests welcome RSVP: 616-402-4885 or wmnla2013@gmail.com	WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

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Check enclosed Amount <u>Please</u> Please Bill Visa/Mastercard (will pay at golf outing) <b>Please send checks to WMN</b> <u>or register onl</u> Thank you for supporting WMNLA Scho	ent Information <u>Se make out to WMNLA</u> LA, PO Box 96, West Olive, MI 49460 <u>Sine at www.wmnla.com</u> Iarship, Horticulture Grant and Master Gardener arship Funds.

### 2018/19 WMNLA Scholarship Winners

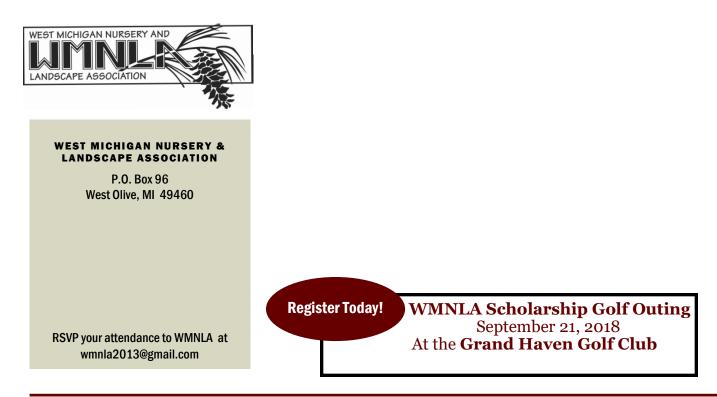
West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association was pleased to award two scholarships for the 2018-19 school year. Scholarships are made possible because of funds raised by the Annual Golf Outing, profits from March Garden Day and donations from members.



Abby Denning will be a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in Horticulture with a focus on landscape design, construction and management. She is a member of the Student Horticulture Association and has been elected Secretary for the coming school year. Abbey has been employed by Enchanted Gardener for the last four years.



Victoria Stark will be a student at Michigan State University, majoring in Horticulture. She has previously worked for Specialty Gardens and Earthscape Full Circle Farm. Victoria is passionate about continuing her path in the agriculture and landscaping profession.



2018-19 WMNLA Board of Directors Allison Jesky, President, Hope College Keith Hogan, Vice President, Bartlett Tree Experts Russ Hillman, Secretary, Bosch's Landscape & Lawn Specialties

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### **MNLA Scholarships & Horticulture Grant Fund**

WMNLA Horticulture Educational Grant
Program

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 2018/19 school year. Applications are available at www.wmnla.com* 

#### 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.

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.

