

Summer 2017



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!



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.

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

Now that Mother Nature has definitely made her mind up with the weather, welcome to Summer! I don't know about you, but these last few weeks seem to have been very unpredictable for the weather. Windows open, a/c on, it's been a daily battle to know for sure what the weather is going to do but I welcome the uncertainty. I'd rather have a slight hope for a boating day than no hope at all!

Many summers ago, our organization was founded to have west Michigan representation at the state level. As we go into summer we want to be mindful of the developments the state chapter MNLA has been focusing on, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Boxwood Blight are still a concern in West Michigan. There are compliance agreements that have been written to help train companies and their staff on how to inspect Boxwood and Hemlock, looking for the known diseases or pests. The upcoming quarantine on Hemlock might help restrict the infected areas.

MNLA is starting Project PLaNT, Season 2. PLaNT stands for Professional Landscape and Nursery Training. The new season is covering the Michigan Pesticide Applicator Turf Grass Manual. These are lessons online that will help prepare people to take the state exam. This would be great opportunity for company training. There are 10 units that will go over content covered by the exam. The course may qualify for 4 credits of CEU.

We would like to welcome the new Board Members for 2017-2018. They don't know what they are in for, but give them a warm smile and get to know them when you see them. Keith and Christina, thank you in advance for stepping up.

The 18th Annual WMNLA Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser is Friday, September 22, 2017. As in years prior it will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club, 1700 Lincoln St, Grand Haven, MI 49417. This is a great cause to help support scholarships and it is always a great time. Remember to please register by September 17, or just do it now and don't wait to the last minute! Get out and enjoy our Pure Michigan Summer!

Nate Weaver

Nate Weaver, Michigan Wood Fibers LL

Contact Nate with any comments, ideas, or questions at (616) 875-2241 or at nate@michiganwoodfibers.com.

WMNLA Introduces New Board Members

Christina Hipshier

Greenhouse Supervisor
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Christina has been the Greenhouse Supervisor at Grand Valley State University for over a year. Her job responsibilities include: maintaining the permanent botanical collection for the university, growing crops for the Biology Labs, and operating and performing routine maintenance of the greenhouse. Previously, Christina was a grower with Hortech, Inc. for 8 years.

Christina has a BS from MSU specializing in Landscape Design & Build. She is CGIP certified, and was voted one of GPN Magazine's 40 Under 40 in 2012.

In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband Chad and daughter Anya, hiking, cooking, and traveling.



Keith Hogan

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Keith began his career in 2008 when he started working for Bartlett Tree Experts, where he was able to bring his passion for rock climbing and being in the woods together. Keith worked on a pruning and removal crew under the mentorship of some of the safest and most skilled Arborists that Michigan has to offer. Along the way he became an ISA Certified Arborist (#MI-4198a) and a qualified tree assessor (TRAQ Certified) through the International Society of Arboriculture as well as a Michigan State Certified Commercial Pesticide Applicator. In 2012 Keith started working as a Plant Health Care Specialist helping to maintain the health and beauty of many of west Michigan's nicest landscapes.



. 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 Scholarship Award

Eric Bauder has been awarded the 2017/18 WMNLA Scholarship Award. Eric is a senior at Allendale Public High School and plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall with a major in Horticulture. Eric and his dad have raised strawberries, sweet corn, sunflowers, blackberries, tomatoes and potatoes and sold them at a local stand in the past summers. Eric has a job at a local greenhouse this summer.

Eric states in his biography: "I am really passionate in the field of Horticultural Science. Ever since I was a kid, I have always dreamed of a job where I would be able to work outside while being immersed in nature. The outdoors makes me feel good inside and gets my creative juices flowing. This is why I have decided to go to Michigan State University and am eager to start studying Landscape Design and Nursery Management. The reason why I choose MSU was due to the fact that they have an amazing and highly respected agricultural/horticulture program.

As of now, I have a few non-career goals. I intend to continue being involved in music. I love playing the trumpet and I am currently considering joining the marching band at MSU. I would also enjoy being involved in some sort of praise team at church later in life. I would also like to do a little bit of traveling and experience cultures in different cities and countries. I am also considering doing a study abroad program at MSU. Another thing I have been thinking about is someday starting a small, profitable farm selling fresh, organic produce. I am excited about the opportunities and experiences lying ahead in the future!"



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RSVP your attendance to WMNLA at
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Register Today!

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

2017-18 WMNLA Board of Directors

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WMNLA 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

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.

