

Summer 2016



WEST MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

WMNLA News

The 17th Annual WMNLA Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser



Friday, September 23

Grand Haven Golf Club

1700 Lincoln St, Grand Haven, Mi 49417

Sign-In at 10:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 11:00 a.m. Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

This year's Event Sponsors are **Eco Green Supply of Wyoming** and **Forever Green Sod of Fremont**. Sponsorships are also available for the first time 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 \$50



President's Message

Lets talk politics! Stay with me, not the national ones, but the WMNLA.

I would like to welcome our newly elected WMNLA board members both Allison Jesky of Hope College and Russ Hilman of Boschs Landscape. We have had a board meeting with them, and I can tell you we are off to a great start. Thank you for stepping up to serve, we look forward to your efforts making our organization excel. Also, a big thank you to our outgoing board members Dirk Jonker and Mike Teunis. Both The WMNLA and our industry are stronger because of your service. Well done guys, I know you put the pressure on!

I'm going to assume your Spring went a lot like mine and you were not in search of something to do, more so wondering how you were going to get it all done. Most seasonal businesses can bring added pressure and problems that need to be worked out. At times it can be difficult to find the right "balance" in the Spring. I know I have had my share of long days this Spring that might have thrown my "balance" off especially all the late nights stuck at the office. Add into the mix running kids to baseball games, dance lessons, doctor's appointments, church events, my spouse having appointments and the everyday hustle – MERCY!

I can only do so much and be in one place at a time! Now I know a few of you who might be thinking Nate, I think there is enough of you to maybe be in several places, we can talk about my footprint later. However, I urge you to take a look and make sure you are in balance. Believe me, I know our job is important, but we have to work to find the right balance. I hope you consider adding what WMNLA has to offer into your balance. WMNLA board is busy preparing for our annual golf outing on September 23 at Grand Haven Golf Club. Also, as you all know starting October, our monthly lunch meetings begin, we are finalizing our speakers and topics. These meetings are definitely a great way to meet some new people and get involved. Hope you can find "balance" and consider attending both the golf outing and a meeting. Hope to see you there! Have a great 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

Allison Jesky
Irrigation Specialist
Hope College
200 E. Ninth St.
Holland, MI 49423
jesky@Hope.edu



For the past decade, Allison has been the Irrigation Specialist at Hope College. In addition to water management and repairs, she also is responsible for coordinating and designing the annual plantings for the campus. As well as being a CGIP, Ms. Jesky completed Michigan State's Landscape and Lawn Management program. She has had former involvement with the WMNLA and remains on the March Garden Day committee. When not on Hope's campus, Allison enjoys cooking, entertaining, hiking, and travel.



Russ Hillman
Bosch's Landscape & Lawn Specialties
4275 136th Ave.
Holland, Mi 49424
616-399-6861
service@boschslandscape.com

Russ is an experienced and knowledgeable landscape designer who has been in landscape business for 32 years. Russ joined Scott Sprick as a partner in Bosch's Landscape & Lawn Specialties in 2006. Russ has a teaching degree from Western Michigan University, is married to Shawn and has three daughters, Emily, Megan, and Mekaela. Russ enjoys all sports and fishing.



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. WMNLA GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

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Company Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email _____ Fax: _____

Dinner Sponsor @ \$350 _____

Lunch Sponsor @ \$250 _____

Hole Sponsor @ \$50 _____

Golfers \$75 per player

Player #1 _____ \$ _____

Player #2 _____ \$ _____

Player #3 _____ \$ _____

Player #4 _____ \$ _____

Dinner only @ \$25 _____

Total _____

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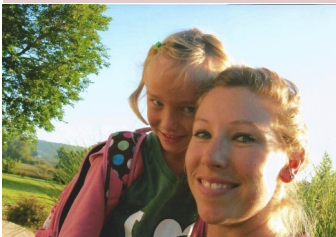
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Please send checks to WMNLA, PO Box 96, West Olive, MI 49460/ Fax: 616-846-6591

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

2016/17 WMNLA Scholarship Award



Rachel M Grinwis was awarded the 2016 WMNLA Scholarship Award. Rachel was also the recipient of the 2015 WMNLA Scholarship. Rachel is a student at Michigan State University majoring in Horticulture with a track in Landscape Design and Construction Management. Rachel has a wide range of experience with a west Michigan tree nursery and was involved in all aspects of the business, from bidding and installing landscape jobs to harvesting and preparing plant material for Christmas season sales. Rachel has also been involved in a research projects for Muskegon Conservation District, including a project planting and monitoring trees used to clean heavy metals from the environment.

Rachel has finished spring semester at MSU with a 4.0 grade point average and currently has an internship at MSU with Bert Cregg involving tree research. We are pleased to award this Scholarship to Rachel and wish her success at her studies at Michigan State University.

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RSVP your attendance to WMNLA at
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Register Today!

WMNLA Scholarship Golf Outing
September 23, 2016
At the **Grand Haven Golf Club**

2016-17 WMNLA Board of Directors

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Russ Hillman, Member at Large, Bosch's Landscape & Lawn Specialties

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 2016/17 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.

