



### ***A Message from our President ~ by Amy Harrison***

Over the past few years our industry has faced a lot of challenges; pandemic, shut down, and worker shortages- to name a few. Yet we work with optimism and looking to the future ahead of us. We continue to move forward as THE Green Industry.

With 2022 here and spring upon us, I am confident that things are moving forward in a positive direction.

As I write this, in the first week of April, we've had rain, snow, 47 degrees, 14 degrees, and sunshine/rain/snow in the forecast. Yes- It is Michigan. But really, spring is here, bulbs are coming up, witch hazel is blooming, and the green season is starting. So much to be thankful for.

The Home and Garden Show was successful with a great turn out, we're planning the summer field day, and monthly meetings are taking place in person. We are looking forward to another busy green season, newly appointed board members already hitting the ground running, and warmer weather ahead.

I am honored to be appointed the President of the AGRLP back in January. I think to myself about how fortunate I am to meet so many other professionals working towards a common goal. We beautify each season and overcome struggles that are in our path. Thank you, AGRLP members and thank you to our retiring board members, Dave Diekevers, Bob Speelman, and our 2021 President Brian Reiffer.

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### **2022 Scholarship Award Winners**

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Congratulations to Austin Brandt and Matthew George our 2022 Scholarship Winners. Both Austin and Matthew received a \$1400 scholarship from the AGRLP. They were presented with checks at the Winter Awards Banquet on February 10. Austin works for Witte Lawn Care and attends Davenport University and Matthew works for Bartlett Tree Experts and attends Michigan State University.

Thanks to all our members who sponsored our Scholarship Golf Outing last August and to those who contribute with their annual membership dues.



# **AGRLP**

## **Spring**

## **2022**

## **Newsletter**

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#### ***Upcoming Events:***

*April 21, 2022 – 11am  
Monthly Meeting  
@ Hoekstra Equipment*

*April 29 & 30, 2022  
Hand out seedlings @ the  
Grandville Spring Event*

*June 9, 2022  
WhiteCaps Meet & Greet*

*July 29, 2022  
Summer Field Day  
@ South Christian HS*

*August 5, 2022  
Scholarship Golf Outing  
@ Thornapple Pointe*

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## NEW AGRLP MEMBERS in 2021 & 2022

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Welcome to our new members:

Timmer Lawn & Snow –  
August 2021

Harkes Landscape Mgt –  
January 2022

Hoffman Lawn Care LLC –  
January 2022

Lawn Doctor – April 2022

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## Compliance Meeting

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On March 24 we held our annual Compliance Meeting. We had over 60 AGRLP members in attendance. Our meeting was held at Hanley Church. Two Michigan State Troopers talked about truck and trailer compliance and representatives from MDARD discussed pesticide safety and gave updates. AGRLP members received 2 pesticide credits in categories Core, 3A, 3B or 6.



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## Winter Awards Banquet ~ 2022

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On February 10 the AGRLP held their annual Winter Awards Banquet. The banquet was at the Grandville Banquet Center. At the event awards were given to our Landscape Award Winners for 2022 and 2021, and to our scholarship winners. We enjoyed a great meal, great fellowship and had a fun time playing Bingo! It was wonderful to get so many of our members back together again!



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## Landscape Award Winners

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Congratulations to our Landscape Award Winners!

Our **2022 Landscape Award winners** were:

Harder & Warner Landscape – Brandon Goron – Landscape over \$25,000 – Tuit Residence

Red Cedar Landscapes - Ryan VanAgtmael – Unique Feature – Walsh Residence

Red Cedar Landscapes – Ryan VanAgtmael – Landscape under \$25,000 – McNamara Residence

Our **2021 winners**:

Red Cedar Landscapes – Ryan VanAGtmael – Landscape under \$25,000 – Dean Residence

Rosemont Nursery – Bruce deWit – Landscape over \$25,000 – Muskegon Lake

## Home Show 2022

The West Michigan Home and Garden show was held March 3 - 6. The AGRLP once again created the Grand Center Garden. This year's Grand Garden designer was Eric Rosendale from Lakeshore Property Services.



## AGRLP 2022 Board of Directors

The AGRLP Board of Directors meets the first Monday of the Month at 4pm at the AGRLP office downtown Grandville. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact our board of directors.

President – Amy Harrison (Frederik Meijer Gardens)  
 Vice President – Andy Martin (Bartlett Tree Experts)  
 Secretary/Treasurer – Julie Drews (Woodland Tree Services)

### Directors at Large:

Paul Osborn (Oomkes Landscape)  
 Jon Geer (Alfresco Landscape)  
 Josh Nieuwsma (Kloosterman Landscape)  
 Steve Johnson (Larry's Lawn Care)

MNLA Rep: Jon Geer

Executive Director: Karla VanderBaan

## Pictures from our 2021 Events



Winter Learning Series



Annual Meeting



Grandville Fall Festival



2021 Grandville Christmas Parade



Snow & Ice Meeting @ GreenMark Equipment



Sept. Meeting @ Allendale True Value



Scholarship Golf Outing ~ Our Winners!



WhiteCaps Meet & Greet



Summer Field Day



AGRLP Family Picnic



Handing out seedlings