



MFGC UPDATE

For members of the Michigan Floriculture Growers Council

November 2015

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Calendar of Events

MFGC Board Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015
1:30 p.m.
Devos Place
303 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

MFGC Annual Member Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015
reception and annual meeting
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Devos Place, Grand Rapids

2015 Board of Directors

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Hello Val,

I am really looking forward to the annual membership meeting on December 8, 2015, to be held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Expo at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Registrations begins at 4:30 p.m.. Presentations and guest speakers include Tom Dudek and Heidi Wollaeger from MSU Extension, they will discuss the Ontario Bus Tour of Floriculture Greenhouse Insect Biocontrol Programs; Vicki Pontz who will discuss the Great Lakes Leadership Academy (see more information below) and Dr. Dave Smitley of Michigan State University who will provide an update on pollinator and Thrips biocontrol research.

We will distribute membership certificates and there will be a gift drawing for members who have renewed their 2016 membership (must be present to win). The event is Tuesday, and is in the River Overlook Room E-F (upper level), in the DeVos Place Convention Center. Click [here](#) to register for the annual meeting.

All Michigan Floriculture Growers Council members and other interested industry professionals are invited to attend this event. This will be an opportunity for an enjoyable social time and informative discussion of the Council's activities. The Council's annual meeting will be held as part of this event. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like the opportunity to sponsor part of the event please click on the link to fill out this sponsorship [form](#).

For convenience we are also holding our board meeting earlier in the day at 1:30 p.m. in the same location. As always, these board meetings are open to the public and as members you are more than welcome to observe the workings of your Board of Directors. We are here to promote the industry and appreciate any support from our members that we can get.

Also, please be sure to schedule extra time on your calendar to enjoy the expo, it really is the premier gathering of all things agricultural in Michigan.

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Susie Raker-Zimmerman

Your 2016 Membership Renewal is in the mail, however, if you'd like to address the renewal now and have one less thing to worry about, we have provided a link to the application in this newsletter. Be sure to renew as soon as possible, as you know our strength is the number of members we have and the way we can show our industry's impact on Michigan's economy.

Please watch for an email ballot in the next few days for the 2016 MFGC election.

What's new in 2016? We are working on a new MFGC website, and on the website we will have a directory that links to wholesale and retail growers. We will also have a printed directory for members. Please be sure to fill out the website directory application when you renew your membership.

Cheers to you all, please have a safe and memorable Thanksgiving holiday.



Bill Tuinier, President
MFGC

**Membership
Renewal**

Your membership renewal is in the mail. Please renew as soon as you receive the application.

Remember, there is strength in numbers and the more members we have the better the benefits.

Click [here](#) to download an application, or wait and receive it via the U.S. Postal Service.

**Applications Being Accepted for the 2016
Emerging Leaders and Leadership
Advancement Programs**

MFGC contributes to the GLLA foundation and wants to encourage MFGC members/family to participate in these programs.

Are you looking for opportunities to grow your impact and effectiveness as a leader? Great Lakes Leadership Academy brings together current and emerging leaders in government, non-profits, and industry to broaden perspectives about key sustainability issues and consider how leadership for the common good can influence Michigan's future.

As a GLLA participant you will invest in a transformational personal growth experience while learning practical leadership and decision making tools. The curriculum is designed to provide intense, hands-on experiences and develop dynamic networks to promote positive action on issues facing Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

GLLA offers two programs focusing on the development needs of leaders throughout their journey as well as an alumni support network.

The Emerging Leader Program is delivered over a seven month period, with three four-day sessions. The program will help you develop effective facilitation and participatory decision making tools, skills for relationship building across differences, and leading with emotional strength and wellness. Tuition for the



**A Guide to
Greenhouse
Sanitation**

November is a month of preparation for greenhouse growers and according to MSU Extension's news release, "...many are planning plant shipments, making orders, replacing plastic, pouring concrete and performing other routine maintenance.

"Growers who plan and prepare ahead of time when moving into the 2016 growing season will be better able to focus on the task of the day and face fewer challenges. Michigan State University Extension recommends growers perform pre-season tasks to ensure a smooth growing season."

To read the article published by Michigan State University Extension, click [here](#).

Emerging Leader Program is \$3,500 which includes all training, materials, lodging, meals, and other expenses.

The Leadership Advancement Program is designed for leaders who are committed to strengthening their personal leadership skills and empowering their communities. The program includes 12 sessions (40 days over 18 months) and brings together leaders from diverse communities and exposes them to critical issues along with innovative, equitable and inclusive approaches for addressing those issues.

GLLA will broaden the participant's knowledge base and their professional networks. Tuition for the Leadership Advancement Program is \$5,000 which includes all training, materials, lodging, meals, and other expenses.

Visit www.glla.msu.edu for additional information about the Emerging Leader and Leadership Advancement Programs and to apply. The application period is open now through January 1, 2016. Please contact Christy Roman at romanch4@anr.msu.edu or 517-353-6472 if you have any questions about the program.



**MICHIGAN FLORICULTURE GROWERS COUNCIL
WEBSITE DIRECTORY**

Please take a moment and complete the information below as this will be your listing on the website directory. We are developing a new website and expect to have it completed January 2016.

Company Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Distributions	Products
<input type="checkbox"/> Retail	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Annuals
<input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale	<input type="checkbox"/> Perennials
	<input type="checkbox"/> Florist Pot Crops
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables/Herbs
<input type="checkbox"/> Educator	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Industry	

Special information: _____

(Please return this form with your membership renewal to: MFGC, 235 N. Pine Street, Lansing, MI 48933)



[Click here to view the Expo Website](#)

Mark your calendar!

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