



November 2016

Plan to attend!



Annual Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 ~ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
DeVos Place Convention Center
303 Monroe Avenue, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Panel discussion on the Worker Protection Standards

Antonio Castro-Escobar - Michigan Department of Agriculture
Tom Dudek - Michigan State University
Craig Anderson - Michigan Farm Bureau
Kevin Keaney - Environmental Protection Agency (Invited)
Michigan Floriculture Growers Representative

RSVP to the office today!

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ELECTION BALLOT

All members should have received an electronic ballot to vote for your 2017 Board of Directors. We have two positions open and three candidates volunteering their time and expertise for the industry. Please vote for no more than two and submit your ballot. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact the office at 517-367-2033 for assistance.

Mark your calendars!

Michigan Floriculture Growers Council Congratulates Tom Dudek

Ottawa County MSU Extension is hosting a retirement reception for Senior Extension Educator Tom Dudek

Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room of the Ottawa County Fillmore Complex 12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI.

Tom's Extension career began in 1978. Since 1998 his work has focused on the nursery and greenhouse industries in West Michigan. Tom has been the recipient of many honors and awards, including the prestigious MSU Distinguished Staff Award in 2011. Throughout his years with Extension he has provided exceptional educational programming and outreach to the industries he has served. If you have photos or memories from Tom's career for a display at the reception, please send them as soon as possible to Mary Frein at frein@msu.edu.

Greenhouse Recycling Study

MFGC has secured a grant to conduct a feasibility study for a recycling cooperative. During the MFGC member meetings across the state, many growers continuously discussed recycling of products. The space required for storage, staff to manage recycling, transporting recycling, etc.

Michigan Floriculture Growers Council has hired consultant Tom Kalchik to conduct the study and determine whether or not a recycling program for greenhouse/nursery containers will benefit the industry. Tom will be conducting an online survey for floriculture growers to have input.

Please participate in the survey and let us know if/how this program would benefit you and your business. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MFGC office. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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First Session Day-Swearing in of Legislature-Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Eastern Market Meeting
Industry Education and Marketing

MFGC members are invited to attend a meeting with Eastern Market to discuss education and marketing opportunities at Eastern Market. This meeting will occur in the next few weeks. Please let val@julianvail.com know if you are interested in attending.



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