



# Nursery Growers of Lake County Ohio, Inc.

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Dear Members,

April 1, 2010

I thought I would try and get this April letter-to-the-membership out before we all get lost in our digging and shipping. This may be the last one until June. We're going strong now and I hope everyone else is too. The weather seems to be on our side and that's a good thing. I tell myself not to stress out too much...things usually fall together in the end. Come on sunshine!

Our recent meeting on LEAN Management Techniques was a great success with 57 attendees. Who says we can't have a successful meeting in March? Thanks to Dennis Barriball, *Hemlock Landscapes*, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, for presenting the program and to board member Bill Weaver, *C.M. Brown Nursery*, for putting the program together.

#### **NGLCO Golf Outing**

Friday, June 18, 2010

Erie Shores Golf Course

#### **NGLCO Casino Night and Summer Meeting**

Monday, August 9, 2010

Holiday Inn Express La Malfa Party Center

Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio

*Open bar...new this year!*

#### **NGLCO Summer Field Day**

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Lake Metroparks Farm park

Kirtland, Ohio

*Exhibitor packets will be going out soon. Equipment dealers should contact NGLCO to sign up for scheduled demonstrations!*

#### **Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association Local Nursery Tours**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 (the day after Field Day)

Contact Carol Lyons, Sunleaf Nursery 440-428-4108 or [Carol@Sunleaf.com](mailto:Carol@Sunleaf.com) if you would like to be on the list, spots are filling up fast!

*"The Heart of the Nursery Industry"*

### Local Water Council

A group of local nurseries is putting together a water council under national guidelines prepared by ANLA, PLANET and other groups. To start, the group is focusing on Lake County and intends to proactively monitor and improve water coming into our nurseries (especially in view of developer and salt issues), expand the amount of water available for drought years and, later on, study our runoff for potential problems as national attention shifts in our direction. Some nurseries are going through an 'inventory process' and some phase-one water tests through *Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District*. Stay tuned.

### Immigration News

Now that health reform is done (for now), maybe Washington can do something about immigration reform. They're on a roll...right? Thanks to our members who visited their legislators and wrote letters this winter. H2A could use some fixing. Six buses of Hispanics and supporters left Lake and Ashtabula counties recently to rally in Washington in favor of comprehensive immigration reform. Thanks to State Senator Grendell and others for opposing efforts in Ohio to enlist local law authorities in federal immigration-control efforts.

### Welcome Our New members!

#### Valley Ford Truck Sales

Joe Dawson  
5715 Canal Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44125  
Office (216) 524-2400  
Cell (216) 310-4524

#### NYP Corp

Jim Ratliff and Jim Burr  
2711 Bennett Road  
Madison, Ohio 44057  
(440) 428-0129 (908) 472-1230

### Nursery Survey

Enclosed with this mailing, Active Members are receiving a 24-page brochure outlining results from our Lake County nursery survey. Thanks to all our partners for helping get this done! OSU-Extension, Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, The Cleveland Foundation and Lake County Development Council. If anyone would like to receive a copy, contact Annette at NGLCO.

### Other News

Congratulations to Kevin Thompson, our new ONLA Executive Director! Kevin has an impressive record in 'event organization' and managing green industry associations. Hopefully we can get him up here for 'Casino Night' if not sooner. Thanks to Andy Harding, *Losely Nursery*, for heading up the search committee and working through a stack of over 100 applications. Big thanks also to Jennifer Gray, our 'Interim Executive Director'!

Are geese mucking up your grounds? Call *Wild Geese Control*, Michelle Hegedis. Her trained border collies will provide a safe, humane and effective way to control your geese problem. (440) 679-8828

Nursery land available for rent: 450 acres on Rt 84 across from Daniels Park in Willoughby. Some existing nursery stock available. Call Jack Kaczynski at (440) 226-0155 for details.

Our NGLCO annual membership plaques have changed. No more plaques. A membership certificate will be provided each year along with a first-time frame.

Local nurseryman Noal Ruckel recently joined *AM Leonard* as an outside sales rep: [nruckel@amleo.com](mailto:nruckel@amleo.com).

We have put together a Yahoo group to help with nursery communications, including shipping of partial loads. To join, go to the NGLCO website and click on the purple Yahoo link.

Sincerely,



Chuck Von Hoff, *Ridge Manor Nursery*