



DC Branch

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THE MISSION OF THE PGMS DC BRANCH IS TO FOSTER INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENCE IN GROUNDS MANAGEMENT BY PROMOTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, NETWORKING, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanks to everyone that that showed up in Gaithersburg for the Branch meeting on October 1st. The weather was cool and rainy and traffic was not, shall we say “a walk in the park”, yet almost 20 members and guests showed up to take an awesome walking tour of Gaithersburg’s newly re-dedicated Constitution Gardens lead by **Mark Scafide** and **Adam Newhart**.

Designed for sustainability and storm-water management, the park promotes both learning and playing with features such as: “Lost Library Story Circle”, “Log Town”, “Sliding Hill”, and “Great Seneca Creek Wild Space”. Installed and fully funded by the City of Gaithersburg, the park was designed by Natural Resources Design, Inc. and Earlyspace, LLC, built by J&G Landscape Design and the Project Manager was our own Adam Newhart.

Special thanks to our **sponsor Jason Kopp of Turf Equipment and Supply** a fine supplier of turf maintenance equipment, irrigation and lighting supplies and to **Kip Cortelyou** for providing a topnotch cookout in the pavilion at Gaithersburg’s City Hall.

I’m sure that I share everyone’s sentiment in the DC Branch in extending our sincerest thanks and appreciation to **Adam Newhart**, who, after 2 years as Chairman of the DC Branch Board of Directors, presided over his last Board of Directors meeting on October 8th, 2015. Adam has been an incredible leader to the DC Branch for many years and even with his growing family and new position at the City of Gaithersburg has continued to set the standard for all of PGMS. We will still look forward to seeing Adam as often as possible for all PGMS events. Thank you Adam, you are the best! And of course, we also extend our sincere thanks to those outgoing members of the DC Branch Board of Directors who have so loyally and efficiently served all

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM

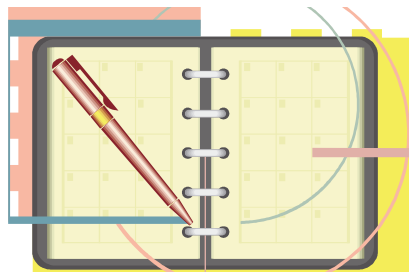
Location: Virginia Theological Seminary

Host: Steve Slominski

Sponsor: Fisher and Son

RSVP: Please RSVP to Amanda Laudwein at laudwein@umd.edu

More Information, Map, and Directions on Page 9



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

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of the DC Branch during their tenures on the Board – Amanda Laudwein, Mark Scafide and Ken Ingram – Thanks to each of you, you make the DC Branch what it is, the best Branch in all of the PGMS!

Elections: The DC Branch will be electing new members to the Board of Directors (See ballot on page 3: President, Chris Erb (2 years); Vice President, Josh Nadler (2 years); Treasurer, Doug McDaniel (2 years); Secretary, Paul Staehle At-Large, Sara Jensen, Chris Smith, Don Coffman)

Outgoing: Adam Newhart, Chairman; Amanda Laudwein, At-Large; Ken Ingram, At-Large; Mark Scafide, At-Large.

Scholarship 2016: Marie Rojas, who leads the DC Branch Scholarship Committee, wants everyone to be aware of the DC Branch Scholarships for 2016. Yes, there will be two scholarships in 2016! The Phil Lee Memorial Scholarship, which will be **\$1,000.00** (\$500.00 Branch plus \$500.00 matching funds from Cynthia Martin, Phil Lees' daughter) and the regular DC Branch Scholarship of **\$500.00**. **Please spread the word to anyone that you think is qualified and have them fill out and submit a Scholarship Application!**

Local News Update: On October 6, 2015 the Montgomery County Council passed Bill 52-14. Bill 52-14 bans the use of pesticides on home lawns, commercial grounds, HOA's, and County property, including parks. The legislation goes into effect January 1, 2018

Branch News: Stay tuned for updates on the Holiday Social (upcoming January 2016, date and location TBD) and the Winter Recertification Seminar (January 22, 2016, NOVA Annandale Campus).

National News: The GIE was the week of October 21st to 24th

Correspondence: Susanne Woodell, Historic Gardens Manager at Biltmore in Asheville, NC and our Regional Representative to the National PGMS plans on visiting the DC Branch for our February Branch meeting and Board of Directors meeting, so let's put out our welcome mat for Susanne, details to follow in an upcoming Newsletter.

The Next DC Branch Meeting: Virginia Theological Seminary
3737 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304

Thursday, November 5th @ 6PM

Host: Steve Slominski **Sponsor:** Fisher and Son

Please RSVP for this meeting! Amanda Laudwein laudwein@umd.edu



UPCOMING PGMS-DC BRANCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2015 PGMS DC BRANCH BALLOT

President:

- ☐ Chris Erb
- ☐ Write-in: _____

Vice President:

- ☐ Joshua Nadler
- ☐ Write-in: _____

Secretary:

- ☐ Paul Staehle
- ☐ Write-in: _____

Treasurer:

- ☐ Doug McDaniel
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- ☐ Sara Jensen
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- ☐ Don Coffman
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Elections will be held at the November meeting. If you cannot attend and want to vote by absentee ballot please return the ballot to:

Michael Gildea
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6100 Connecticut Ave
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Absentee Ballots must be postmarked by November 5, 2013.

PGMS SCHOLARSHIP

PGMS DC BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP

The PGMS DC Branch Scholarship is open to all students in Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC who are enrolled in an accredited university in horticulture or a related field. Applicants must be sponsored by a PGMS member.

The application deadline is March 1, 2016. Scholarship criteria listed below. Additionally, please see Application on Pages 10-11.

1. Applicant must be a resident of MD, VA, or DC
2. Applicant must be a current student of horticulture or a related field.
3. Applicant must be at least in their first year of college or may be recently graduated from high school (within the calendar year).
4. Applicant must be sponsored by a PGMS member.

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE LOOKS FOR:

- An active student with solid grades,
- Past or current employment in the green industry,
- Involvement in the industry with apprentice or professional organizations, such as FFA, 4H, state or county programs, Civic projects and outreach programs.
- The committee also looks for any personal development classes and any involvement in sports or clubs.

APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP;

All applicants must submit the following to PGMS DC Branch, either by mail or email:

- The completed scholarship application (See Page 10-11 of this newsletter)
- Cover letter. Please include introduction, educational and professional goals, and intent for use of scholarship funds.
- Current resume. Please include past employment history, awards, and certificates earned.
- College or school transcripts.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. These should be from an instructor, employer, etc.
- A letter from the PGMS member who is sponsoring the applicant.

All applications will be judged on qualifications, recommendations, and presentation of total criteria. Winners will be notified by May 1.

Scholarship application deadline is March 1. ***Please note that incomplete application packets will not be accepted for consideration.***

In addition to financial aid, the top recipient will also receive complimentary student membership to PGMS for one year and have the opportunity to attend the Green Industry Seminar and the Green Industry Field Day. PGMS will pay for the scholarship recipients' seminar and field day registration.

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If any of these "want to's" is on your list for 2015, the Montgomery College Landscape Technology program is offering great classes to help you meet your goals—and 3 class locations to make learning more convenient!

Classes are offered at the Germantown & Takoma Park Campuses and at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood.

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HOLLY SOCIETY OF AMERICA, ANNUAL MEETING

October 28 to November 1, 2015

Hunt Valley, MD

For information: <http://www.hollysocam.org/meetings.htm>

4TH ANNUAL TREESMATTER SYMPOSIUM

November 4, 2015

Silver Spring Civic Center, Silver Spring, MD

For information: <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/calendar/index.php?eID=5260>

URBAN FOREST ROUND TABLE: HEALTHY SOILS FOR HEALTHY TREES

November 5, 2015

Algonkian Regional Park, Sterling, VA

For information: <http://www.treesvirginia.org/events/paid/november-5-2015-nova-conference>

MID-ATLANTIC NURSERY TRADE SHOW (MANTS)

January 6-8, 2016

Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

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Have a special remembrance of one of our past meetings? How about a special picture? We'd love to share through our monthly newsletter for you!

Contact our Editor, Michael Gildea (mikeg@chevyclub.org)

NEXT PGMS-DC BRANCH MEETING

Location: Virginia Theological Seminary
3737 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22304

Host: Steve Slominski, Grounds Manager
Sponsor: Fisher and Son

Directions: (Once on the property, signs will direct you to the parking and meeting location)

From Washington, DC

Take Interstate 395 (Shirley Highway) south to the Seminary Road East exit. Continue east on Seminary Road through 6 traffic signals. Turn left at the driveway entrance of Trotter Road immediately before the Seminary post office.

From Richmond, VA

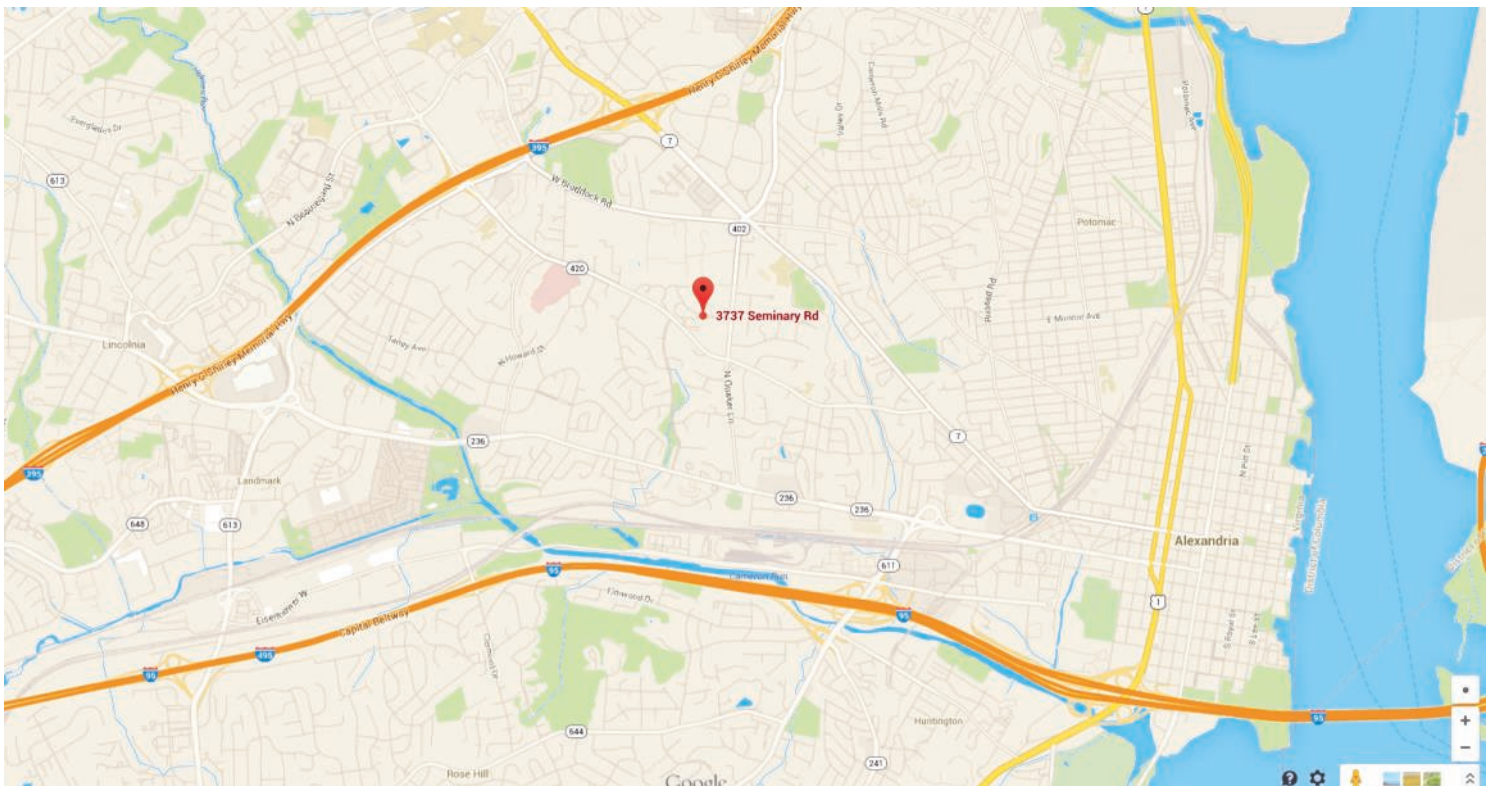
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From D.C. East - Beltway and Woodrow Wilson Bridge

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The mission of the Professional Grounds Management Society, D.C. Branch, is to foster integrity and excellence in grounds management by promoting professional development through education programs, networking, community service, and fellowship. As part of this effort, the D.C. Branch offers a scholarship to those interested in pursuing higher education in a horticulturally-related field.

Offered annually, our scholarship provides financial aid to students currently studying landscape and grounds management, turf management, irrigation technology, or a closely related field.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants will be considered for all appropriate scholarships. Selection is based on student's qualifications for the scholarship and recommendations.

Every applicable question must be answered fully.

Please type or print. Use additional pages if needed.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Campus/School Address _____

Permanent/Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Student's Current Status:

High School Attended _____
(School Name) (City) (State) (Grad. Year)

Major Course of Study _____

College/Technical Schools Attended/Will be Attending:

Name	Address	From	To (Mo/Yr)	Graduation Year
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Are you currently a full-time student (12 or more credits)? _____

If no, how many credits are you taking next semester? _____

Career Goal _____

Activities and Awards

Dates, Organizations & Events, Office or Award, H.S. and/or College

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Dates, Activities, Level of Participation, H.S. and/or College

Work Experience (List Name of Employer, Location, Position, Duties and Dates-most recent 1st)

Additional Comments

To the best of my knowledge, the information in the above application is true and correct.

Date _____ Signature _____

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