

HOGS meeting minutes for February 27, 2009

Plant Science Research Symposium

HOGS and other plant related departments will be hosting the annual Plant Research Symposium Tuesday, March 24 in the PSS conservatory. Don't miss a great opportunity to practice presentation skills and get valuable feedback on your research! If you haven't started your study yet, you can still present a poster detailing the research you plan to conduct. Deadline for abstract submission is Friday, March 13, 2009 at 5 p.m. Send abstracts to Amanda Taylor at taylo567@msu.edu.

Grass sale

Our annual ornamental grass sale will be held from 9 to 6 on Saturday, April 25, and 10 to 4 on Sunday, April 26. Plan to help out selling grasses as this is our major fund-raising event for the year. A potting session will be held soon to transplant plugs.

Defense scheduled

Kristin Getter's defense is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, at 11 a.m. Come support Kristin as she presents her PhD research on green roofs and carbon sequestration.

Orchid show

The Central Michigan Orchid Show is being held this Saturday and Sunday in the PSS conservatory. Come check out beautiful flowers and artistic displays from orchid collectors throughout the area.

Harper's Fridays

If you are interested in relaxing after a long week, Zach and company will be heading to Harper's on Fridays after work.

Graduate Student Recruitment Weekends

Ryan and Greg want to thank everyone who helped in welcoming the visiting fellowship candidates during the past two weeks. If you have any feedback about candidates that you would like to share, contact Greg Lang or send him an e-mail.

Budget cuts

A proposed budget cut threatens the salaries of many of our advisors and researchers. Keep your eyes and ears open for any lobbying opportunities to object to the cuts, and pass them on.

Plant Science Research building

There is a new plant science building on "the fast track" to being constructed on campus. The new facility will only have lab space (no classrooms) and not be assigned to any particular department. The building site is still unknown.

Lugnuts game

For those of you who signed up, COGS night at the Lansing Lugnuts game is April 16, 2009.