

## **HOGS meeting minutes for January 23, 2009**

### **Attendance**

Leigh Whittinghill, Zack Hayden, Travis Stegneir, Emma Bradford, Joseph Tychonievich, Aaron Warsaw, Letizia Tozzini, Mike Von Weihe, Pedro Ghirotti, Ben Henshaw, Ajay Nair, Kristin Getter, Greg Lang, Nobuko Sugimoto, Victoria Ackroyd, Daedre Craig, Ryan Warner, Matt Blanchard, Amanda Taylor

### **Game Night**

Zack and Leigh are planning a game night tentatively set for January 30 at 8 pm at an undecided location. E-mail Leigh if you have a game you would like to bring.

### **Plant Research Symposium**

HOGS and other plant related departments will be hosting the annual Plant Research Symposium Tuesday, March 24 in the PSS conservatory. Graduate students have the opportunity to give 15-minute poster presentations. Volunteers interested in serving on the event's planning committee should contact Mike or Joseph.

### **Grass sale**

Matt is organizing the ornamental grass sale which will be held in conjunction with Hort Club's annual spring show and plant sale. Hours of the sale are 9 to 6 on Saturday, April 25 and 10 to 4 on Sunday, April 26, so plan to help out selling grasses. In preparation for the event, two planting sessions will be held (the first one in mid to late February), and grasses will need to be watered while in the greenhouse.

### **Graduate Student Recruitment Weekends**

On two weekends in February, graduate student candidates will be visiting campus. Current grad students are needed to take candidates out to lunch and dinner on Friday, and are invited to a Saturday evening potluck. Dates are February 13-14 and February 20 and 21.

### **Seminar speaker chosen**

A department seminar speaker has been selected, and will present on April 9. Dr. Genhua Niu will be presenting a seminar titled "Salt and Drought Tolerance of Selected Landscape Plants".

### **East Lansing board and committee officers**

The city of East Lansing has unfilled offices on a number of boards and committees, and the city

is seeking to get students involved. [FileMinutesMain.htm.URL](#) Visit [cityofeastlansing.com](http://cityofeastlansing.com) if you're interested in getting involved.

### **Graduate Academic Conference**

COGS will be holding their Graduate Academic Conference on February 6. For more information, visit [msugac.com](http://msugac.com).

### **COGS night at Lugnuts stadium**

COGS invites graduate students to attend the Lansing Lugnuts game on April 14. HOGS will be getting a group together to see the game.

**COGS motto/suggestions**

If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see addressed by COGS, contact Vicki Ackroyd.