

2019 Leadership
(terms):

President (2019):

Brooke Renberg
Hummert International Inc.

President Elect (2019) and

Board Member (2018-20):

Rhonda Schoemaker
Glorious Gardens Inc.

Vice President (2019):

Rebecca Eisele
Quiet Village Landscaping Co.

Secretary (2019):

Lance Dauw
*Tomasovic Greenhouses &
Nursery, Inc.*

Treasurer (2019) &

Board Member (Interim):

Rita Diekemper
Gardens of Grace LLC

Immediate Past President
(2019) &

Board Member (2019-21):

Cody Hayo
*Pretty City Gardens &
Landscapes LLC*

Board Member (2017-19):

Jennifer Schamber
Greenscape Gardens

Board Member (2017-19):

Douglas Wolter
*St. Louis County Department of
Parks & Recreation*

Board Member (2019-21):

Ashley Ritter
Ritter Perennials LLC

Honorary (Student) Board
Member (2019):

Amiee Brodeen
*St. Louis Community College
Meramec Horticulture
Horticulture Club at St. Louis
Community College Meramec*

LNAGSL February Program & Past Presidents Night **Monday, February 11th, 2019**

A WINTER SOCIAL

Featured Program:

"BiomeSTL: Biodiversity of Metropolitan St. Louis"

"A still-evolving project of the BiodiverseCity St. Louis network of organizations and individuals, *BiomeSTL: Biodiversity of Metropolitan St. Louis* is shaping up to serve as both catalytic vision and practical atlas. Part ecological data-directory, species inventory, best practices guide and aspirational plan for a bi-state region connected by nature, *BiomeSTL* is also, at its core, a citizen science and stewardship project. It not only is designed to aid urban planners, municipalities, counties, and developers in maximizing the benefits of biodiversity for their respective communities, it's also designed to equip citizens with a greater understanding and appreciation of local biodiversity in ways that strengthen place-based connections, promote healthy, active, nature-rich living, and advance a culture of community-driven land stewardship."

-- Missouri Botanical Garden

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/sustainability/sustainability/biodiversecity-st.-louis/biomeSTL.aspx>

Presented By: Sheila Voss & Jean Ponzi of BiodiverseCity St. Louis

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Hosted by:



**Ruppert Gardens &
Chicken Ranch**

We will be fundraising for our annual horticulture scholarship, the 2019 John L. Masek Ornamental Horticulture Scholarship. Please help donate by entering a raffle at our next event! Our goal is \$1,000.00. Your generosity goes towards the future of horticulture!

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Call to order (Brooke Renberg)**
- 2) Vote to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting (Brooke Renberg)**
- 3) Vote to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws (Brooke Renberg)**
- 4) President's opening comments (Brooke Renberg)**
- 5) Introduction of 2019 Board of Directors & Leadership (Cody Hayo)**
 - Brooke Renberg**, *Hummert International Inc.*, President (Term: 2019)
 - Rhonda Shoemaker**, *Glorious Gardens Inc.*, President Elect (Term: 2019) and Board Member (Term: 2018-2020)
 - Rebecca Eisele**, *Quiet Village Landscaping Co.*, Vice President (Term: 2019)
 - Lance Dauw**, *Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.*, Secretary (Term: 2019)
 - Rita Diekemper**, *Gardens of Grace LLC*, Treasurer (Term: 2019) and Board Member (Interim)
 - Cody Hayo**, *Pretty City Gardens and Landscapes LLC*, Past President (Term: 2019) & Board Member (Term: 2019-2021)
 - Jennifer Schamber**, *Greenscape Gardens*, Board Member (Term: 2017-2019)
 - Doug Wolter**, *St. Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation*, Board Member (Term: 2017-2019)
 - Ashley Ritter**, *Ritter Perennials LLC*, Board Member (Term: 2019-2021)
 - Amiee Brodeen**, *St. Louis Community College Meramec Horticulture, Horticulture Club at St. Louis Community College Meramec*, Honorary (Student) Board Member (Term: 2019)
- 6) Introduction of Guests (Brooke Renberg)**
- 7) Secretary report (Lance Dauw)**
 - a. Comments requested by the membership regarding the minutes from the previous meeting**
 1. Members can visit the website for the minutes from the previous business meeting in November and Board of Directors meeting in January.
 - b. Reading and vote of new applications** (applications available upon request)
 1. Active: **Planthaven Farms**, (Contact Names: Bridget Thumond and Robin Lemasters), (Retail Garden Center, Horticultural Consultant, Wholesale Production Greenhouse, Hort Sales/Marketing, and Wholesale Distributor), St. Louis, MO
 2. Allied: **Stark Bro's Nurseries + Orchards**, (Contact Name: Lisa Mills), (Retail Garden Center), Louisiana, MO
 3. Honorary: **Jennifer Smith**, (Horticulture Educator and Therapist), St. Louis, MO
 - a. Biography provided
- 8) Treasurer Report (Rita Diekemper)**
 - a. Summary of Financial Activity since Previous Meeting**
 - b. Presentation of 2019 budget recommendations from Board**
 1. We will remove both the meetings/programs "MoGIA summer tour and conference" and "MoGIA fall field day sponsorship" budgeted expenses (\$250.00 each), as both events will not be held in St. Louis this year.
 2. We will increase the meetings/program "other meal expense" budgeted item to \$50.00.
 3. We will create a new budgeted item under "education support": entitled "MoGIA Membership", for annual dues of \$250.00 from the Association.
 4. We will increase the marketing "website/domain registration" budgeted expense to \$25.00 even.
 5. We will decrease the marketing "advertising/promotion" budgeted expense to \$1,000.00. This is the exact amount we spend on our ad. in The Gateway Gardener Magazine.

9) Finance and Audit Committee (Brooke Renberg)

- a. Vote of 2019 budget recommendations
- b. Audit (Lance Dauw)
 - 1. Goal of completing internal audit for 2018 finances is for the beginning of this year

10) Program Committee (Brooke Renberg)

- a. 2019 Program Schedule Discussion
 - 1. **March**
Member Spotlight: Justin Keay, University of Missouri Extension Field Specialist in Horticulture. Come meet and listen to Justin, as he talks about his background and the latest projects he is working on. Also learn about how the services that MU Extension provides can benefit you and your business! LOCATION: University of Missouri Extension, St. Louis County Office, 132 E. Monroe Kirkwood, MO 63122
 - 2. **June**
PROGRAM: "LEARN ABOUT ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARK'S POLLINATOR PANTRY"
MONDAY, JUNE 10th PLANTHAVEN FARMS, 6703 Telegraph Road Oakville, MO, 63129
 - 3. **July**
Growing Green Tour
 - 4. **August**
Big Muddy River
 - 5. **September**
Invasive plant seminar/ work done on campus by Gregory Ward at the University of Missouri – St. Louis
 - 6. **October**
John Masek.. presentation (powerpoint) of his history. Possibly at Hummerts
 - 7. **November**
Cultivars of the year Barry Ritter

11) Membership Committee (Brooke Renberg)

12) Scholarship and Education Committee (Rebecca Eisele)

- a. Presentation: 2018 John L. Masek Ornamental Horticulture Scholarship awarded to Angie Merriken
- b. The STLCC Horticulture Career Day was held at Meramec on Tuesday, Jan. 29th. The association helped sponsor the cost of refreshments and snacks for this event.

13) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Doug Wolter)

- a. Proposal for a LNAGSL promotional ad to promote both the LNAGSL consumer website section AND the horticulture program at STLCC Meramec.

14) Community Enhancement Committee (Cody Hayo)

- a. Tom Ebeling of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is an Arbor Day Foundation Awards Finalist for 2019

15) History Committee (Bill Ruppert/Robert Weaver)

16) Bylaws Committee (Lance Dauw)

17) Nomination Committee (Cody Hayo)

- a. Rhonda Schoemaker, of Glorious Gardens Inc., has been appointed the new President Elect of our Association for 2019.
- b. Amiee Brodeen has been appointed the new Honorary (Student) Board Member for 2019, by the Horticulture Club at St. Louis Community College Meramec.
- c. We are currently searching for a Board Member.

18) Formation of Committees (Rebecca Eisele)

- a. Finance and Audit
 - 1. Committee Chair: President: Brooke
 - 2. Committee Member: Treasurer (advisory): Rita
 - 3. Audit Committee Chair: Lance
- b. Program
 - 1. Committee Chair: President Elect: Brooke (Interim)
 - 2. Committee Member: Vice President: Rebecca
 - 3. Committee Member Entire Board
- c. Membership
 - 1. Committee Chair: President Elect: Brooke (Interim)
- d. Scholarship and Education
 - 1. Committee Chair: Rebecca
 - 2. Committee Member: Rhonda
 - 3. Committee Member: Rita
- e. Public Relations and Marketing
 - 1. Committee Chair: Doug
 - 2. Committee Member: Ashley
- f. Community Enhancement
 - 1. Committee Chair: Cody
- g. History
 - 1. Committee Co-Chairs: Bill Ruppert and Robert Weaver
- h. Bylaws
 - 1. Committee Chair: Lance
 - 2. Committee Member: Jennifer
- i. Nomination
 - 1. Committee Chair: Immediate Past President (2017-18): Cody Hayo
 - 2. Committee Chair: Former Past President (2016) : Seat Unfilled
 - 3. Committee Member: Brooke

19) New Business (Brooke Renberg)

- a. John J. Jost, "Jake", of Jost Greenhouses has recently passed away. He was a pillar of our local green industry and started Jost Greenhouses with his sons. A memorial has been sent in his honor.

20) Announcement of Industry Events (Brooke Renberg)

- a. **Winter Walkabouts** by Dan Billman Feb. 3rd, 9th, and 16th (Register by Jan. 25th)
- b. **63rd Annual ISU Shade Tree Short Course & INLA Trade Show**, Feb. 19-21st, Ames, IA
- c. **Water Garden Expo 2019**, Feb. 20-22nd, Shawnee, OK
- d. **Member Speaker Series: Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf**, Feb. 26th and 27th, Missouri Botanical Gardens
- e. **ILCA Foremanship Seminar – Spanish**, Feb. 28th - March 1st, Elk Grove, IL
- f. **Missouri Tree Farm 70th Anniversary Celebration**, March. 1st-2nd, Columbia, MO
- g. **Missouri University College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources - Arts and Science Career and Internship Fair**, Mar. 6th, Columbia, MO
- h. **“The Humane Gardener Presentation”: Mingle with the Native Plant Pros**, by
i Nancy Lawson, promoted by Grow Native! and the St. Louis Audubon Society, Mar. 8th,
j Powder Valley Nature Center, St. Louis, MO
- k. **SAF Congressional Action Days**, Mar. 11-12th, Washington, D.C.
- l. **Gateway Green Industry Conference**, Mar. 13th, Collinsville, IL
- m. **ILCA Field Staff Skills Training**, Mar. 14th-15th, Naperville, IL
- n. **Grow Native! Workshop with Thomas Rainer**, “Native By Design, Layered Landscapes”, Mar. 22nd, Edwardsville, IL
- o. **Partners for Native Landscaping**, Mar. 29th-30th, St. Louis, MO
- p. **Urban Agriculture Day**, April 13th, St. Louis Science Center
- q **2019 Bellefontaine Cemetery Walks**, Native Plant Walks, April 13th, June 6th, Sept. 18th, Nov. 3rd
- r. **2019 Garden Centers of America Summer Tour**, June 23rd-26th, Nashville, TN
- s. **Cultivate’19**, July 13-16th, Columbus, OH
- t. **Ball Seed Field Day and Landscape Day**, July 26th, The Gardens at Ball, West Chicago, IL
- u. **2019 Perennial Plant Association National Symposium**, July 29th-Aug. 2nd, Rosemont, IL
- v. **Independent Garden Center Show (IGC) – Lakeside**, Aug. 13-15th, Chicago, IL
- w. **BWI Expo**, Sept. 30th- Oct. 2nd, San Antonio, TX
- x. **GIE + EXPO and Hardscape North America**, Oct. 16th-18th, Louisville, KY

21) Next Program/Meeting Announcement (Cody Hayo)

- a. **Monday, March 11th** “*Member Spotlight: Justin Keay, University of Missouri Extension Field Specialist in Horticulture*”.

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Location: University of Missouri Extension St. Louis County Office, 132 E. Monroe, Kirkwood, MO 63122. 5:30PM.

- b. **Monday, June 10th** “*Learn About St. Louis County Park’s Pollinator Pantry*”

Location: Planthaven Farms, 6703 Telegraph Road, Oakville, MO, 63129

22) Meeting Adjourned (Brooke Renberg)