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Make Plans to Attend the Green Expo January 7, 8 and 9 in Minneapolis



Now is the time to make plans to attend the 2nd annual Minnesota Green Expo set January 7, 8 and 9, 2004 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The joint trade show and education sessions is the combined effort of the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association and the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation. The MTGF was formed in 1993 as a non-profit organization and is a partnership of eight turf and grounds associations, including the MGCSA and the University of Minnesota. Although the MTGF is not formally connected with the University of Minnesota, one of its primary goals is to support and help develop the turf and grounds research, education and outreach programs there.

Following the success of the inaugural event in 2003, this year's Expo has been expanded in several areas. There will be pre-Expo Workshops and Dr. Brian Horgan will offer a Phosphorus Training School. Go to Dr. Horgan's web site at www.turf.umn.edu for more information.

Dick Beardsley, this year's Keynote Speaker, grew up in Wayzata and later became a world-class marathon runner. His presentation, "Nothing's Too Big To Beat" will be an inspiration to all in attendance. His story of overcoming the effects of accidents, injuries and other problems will make most feel as though their problems are nothing more than a walk in the park.

The MGCSA Annual Meeting will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th. All members are invited to attend.

The traditional Welcome Reception will be held on the Trade Show Floor at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The popular Casino Party, the Green Industry's largest networking event of the year will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.

A few topics and speakers featured in the golf track are: "Communicating with golfers presented by Pat Jones. Club communications by George Carroll. Mark Mahady will give a talk on cool season turf research. Mechanical session by Stephen Bernhard. Al Turgeon will talk on soil and water relations and influence of thatch on pest incidence. Bruce Martin will speak on turf pathology. Brian Horgan will give a presentation on weeds.

Friday is Pesticide Recertification Day beginning at 7:30 a.m. Recertification in several categories are available. Throughout the three days of the Expo there will be over seventy educational presentations from which to choose.

Renew friendships, make new ones, support your suppliers and network with peers from January 7 - 9, 2004 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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I would like to wish all members and their families a wonderful holiday season.

— Your President,
Rick Fredericksen, CGCS

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