

The mission of NAPM Central Michigan, Inc. is to serve the needs of its members and the profession by providing quality learning opportunities through educational forums, career broadening and mentoring experiences. Additionally, it is our mission to promote increased recognition of NAPM and the growth opportunities offered by the organization.



***President's Toolbox —  
"May--The Season of Change"***  
by David Taylor, C.P.M.

Last month we asked for your feedback. We did get responses. 1) People are very busy, 2) People want to stay connected or reconnect, 3) All work and no fun can cause one to come unraveled. As a result, we listened and reacted. Our May dinner meeting will be Tuesday May 16th at Crossroads Bar and Grill in Leslie. The Only official item of business for the evening will be our installation of next year's officers.

This will be a night to share with your spouse, significant other, friends, neighbors or co-workers. Horticulturalist Dr. Dean Krauskopf of MSU's Wayne County Extension Service, will do a presentation on: Gardening for the Lazy (or busy) Person. Dean serves as the Integrated Crop Management Agent for S.E. Michigan Extension Office.

Many of you will recognize his name, from WJR's Saturday afternoon Gardening Show which he has hosted for over 8 years. His show is helpful, fun and full of tips on how to care for your lawn, trees, plants and ornamental flowers. I have listened to the show for years, never realizing I would get the opportunity to meet him. Dean is a teacher, educator as well as an award winning gardener in his own right. He is a strong promoter of the master gardener program.

Here is what WJR has to say about Dr. Dean: "WJR's Gardening Show is helpful for not only green thumbs, but for those of us who are all thumbs! Horticulturist Dr. Dean Krauskopf hosts a one-hour show filled with helpful information on lawn care, tree problems, gardens, crops, pests and anything else that gardeners feel they need to know. Dean has been WJR's "Garden Expert" for more than eight years and his credentials are highly respected by the gardening community. And, it's no wonder! He has been a staff member of Michigan State University for over 25 years, teaching in the Horticulture Department, and is the Integrated Crop Management Agent - Southeast Michigan for the MSU Extension Service."

We are contacting several local greenhouse nurseries to help us with door-prizes. This promises to be a very memorable evening – as many of us (like my wife and I) are just getting going on our yard and garden ornamentals. Social time will be 6:00p.m. with dinner orders taken at 6:30pm. The presentation will start immediately after dinner. Remember: Little or No Purchasing or Supply Chain Shop talk this evening other than what you plan to purchase for your yard or garden—Just come join us and enjoy a FUN event!

In last month's column, I mentioned collaboration. I had the opportunity this week to have an organizational sales representative from Microsoft return my call regarding potential speakers or training for Microsoft Outlook and management of web emails and files. His title is "Collaboration Specialist" how about that? Turns out they have available for online downloads on the Microsoft site, previous libraries of Web-casts with tips and training for Microsoft Outlook. I will try to view some of the web-

casts and report back to you over the summer on their quality, content and accessibility thru the hyperlinks.

We also have a commitment from a Detroit area recruiter to speak this fall to our members on How to Deal with Recruiters—from the employer view, as a job seeker and as a professional deciding on future professional development, job advancement or career change. We will keep you posted as this develops and draws nearer.

June 8th Metro Detroit will sponsor their 2nd Annual Purchasing Forum during the day from 8:30a.m. until 4:00p.m. Location will be Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Check our website for a link or go to Metro Detroit's website: [www.napm-md.org](http://www.napm-md.org)

Satellite seminar on buying services will be the same day at MSU Purchasing. ISM's topic this session: "Buying Travel, Energy and Other Services."

We are already off to a start with planning for this next year's program. Higgins Lake Conference is in full swing as well with all the planning done and flyers out. Continue to let us know what your thoughts and ideas are.

Any ideas for fun things we could do over the summer – something you would like us to try or re-institute? Just let us know.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### New Member:

Mr. Han Wang, Concept Trading Co, Plymouth MI

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## CONGRATULATIONS

A hearty congratulations to Ray Irvine. Ray is this year's recipient of the Angell Award for excellence in Purchasing. Ray is a long time member of NAPM-CM and projects the purchasing practices of the late Bob Angell. Again Ray, congratulations on receiving this high award.

The Angell Award Committee

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## MAY DINNER MEETING

**Presenter:** Dr. Dean Krauskopf

**Date:** Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Crossroads Bar and Grill. (See back flap for map and directions.)



**Time:** 6:00 PM check in/social time; 6:30 dinner  
**Please RSVP Mike or Tim by Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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