

IOWA NURSERY &  
LANDSCAPE  
ASSOCIATION

NEWS

**Congrats to Our 2019 Award Winners**

On February 23, 2019, the Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA) recognized the following individuals:

**2019 INLA Hall of Fame**

Linda Grieve, owner of Perennial Gardens in Ankeny, Iowa

**2019 ICNP of the Year**

Michael Burkle, Instructor Kirkwood Community College

**2019 INLA Merit Award**

Robert Adolph, Construction & Maintenance, Midwest Groundcovers

**Haber Scholarship**

Connor Evers, Iowa State

**Community College Scholarship**

Madeline Malloy, Kirkwood  
Olivia Charlton, DMACC  
Holly Motsch, DMACC

***Grieve Inducted Into the 2019 INLA Hall of Fame***

Linda Grieve is a past board president and has stayed involved with INLA through the Annual Day of Service by creating the landscape designs and layout for our last two projects. Her accomplishments also include being the past president of the Iowa Arboretum and helped celebrate the arboretum's 50th year anniversary with completing a master plan with Confluence Landscape Architects. Grieve has achieved many positive outcomes in her personal life and professional career. She has been a successful business woman, organizational representative, wife, mother & grandmother. She approaches each of these areas with passion and joy. She has done so



much in the horticultural world (locally and nationally). Congratulations to Linda Gieves!

***Burkle Named 2019 ICNP of the Year***

Michael Burkle has gone above and beyond for INLA to help organize and orchestrate our INLA Day of Service by bringing tools, supplies, and volunteer students.



Burkle's dedication to teaching and his students is most evident in the amount of time he invests in his work and students outside of the classroom. It's not uncommon to find him in front of his computer late into the evening creating or refining class materials. Each year he spends his spring break driving a van full of students halfway across the country to compete in the National Collegiate Landscape Competition. Congratulations to Michael Burkle for his achievement on earning the 2019 ICNP of the Year!

***Adolph Presented with 2019 INLA Merit Award***

Over the years Robert Adolph has played an integral role in the development of a multitude of projects for both Midwest Groundcovers, Midwest Trading, and various philanthropic projects. For the past decade or more he can be found quietly behind the scenes at the ISU Shade Tree and Short Course and INLA, helping exhibitors move it, bidding up auction items and sharing his unique kindness and knowledge. Congratulations to Robert Adolph!



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# Thank Your For Your Support

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## Scholarship Auction

Thank you to all companies and individuals that donated to the 2019 INLA Scholarship Auction. The Scholarship Auction helps provide funds to the INLA Scholarship program. Annually INLA awards scholarships to ISU and Iowa community college students. Find out more online: <https://iowanla.org/scholarships/>

## 2019 Exhibiting Companies

Alta Falls & Pond Supplies  
Anderson Nurseries, Inc.  
Anderzhon Nursery Sales, Inc.  
Anne's Nursery  
Arborjet, Inc.  
B and B Bedding  
Bachman's Wholesale Nursery & Hardscapes  
Bailey Nurseries, Inc.

Bentley Ridge Tree Farm  
Bluebird Nursery, Inc.  
Breezy Hill Nursery, Inc.  
Central Landscape Supply Inc.  
Doty Nurseries LLC  
Fleet Gopher  
Gerdes Wholesale Nursery  
Gertens Wholesale & Professional Turf Supply  
Goodmark Nurseries, LLC  
Great Plains Nursery  
Greenleaf Nursery Company  
Helena Chemical Co. / ArborSystem  
Iowa Arboretum  
Iowa DNR  
Johnson's Nursery Inc.  
Kankakee Nursery Co.  
KAT Wholesale  
Kenwood / WS Communications  
L & G Products, Inc.  
La Crosse Seed  
Mauget

Midwest Groundcovers, LLC  
Northern Family Farms  
Oregon Pride Nursery/Van Hoef Sales  
PlantRight, LLC  
Quick Supply Co.  
Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancement  
Reiman Gardens  
River City Turf  
Sandridge Nursery  
SiteOne Landscape Supply  
Soil Tech Corp  
Studebaker Nurseries, Inc.  
The Brenton Arboretum  
The Tessman Company  
Trees Forever  
Unilock Midwest  
Van Diest Supply Company  
Vermeer Sales & Service Inc.  
Wright Outdoor Solutions  
Xylem Ltd. / Golden Valley Hardscapes  
Zanfel Laboratories, Inc.

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## Members in the News: Iowa City Business Leaders Sign Onto Compact for Federal Immigration Reform

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Members of the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City business and scholastic communities signed on to a compact calling for "smart" immigration policies at the state and federal levels. They joined a list of 40 participants from communities like Ames, Des Moines, Dubuque, Muscatine, Marshalltown, Mason City and the Quad Cities.

"In the absence of federal progress, there are only a limited amount of things partners (like cities, counties and states) can do to affect immigration policies," said Doug Neumann, executive director of the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance. "I do think it is a specific initiative of this community to say there has to be a federal solution. We cannot do this alone."

The compact asks lawmakers to pursue immigration policy changes that meet the needs of labor markets, provide a permanent solution to undocumented Iowans and secure the southern border.

Tom Hughes, the president of Hughes Nursery & Landscaping, said many of the employees he hires from the private sector are

on H-2B Temporary Non-agricultural Worker visas. The nation only issues 66,000 H-2B visas per fiscal year. Hughes said that in his experience the demand for workers exhausts the supply.

"It is so critical for our industry to have immigrants come on as guest workers," Hughes said. "The demand is there; the need is huge. ... It becomes a real challenge for local employers."

Among the business leaders who signed the compact, there is a common belief that Iowa's future growth is dependent on federal and state policies that allow for immigrant populations to help meet the needs of economic growth.

Included in the list of nearly 40 signatories to the New American Economy Iowa Compact is John Hughes, 2019 INLA President.

*Story from: Iowa City Press-Citizen. Story has been edited for length and content. View original posting here: <https://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/2019/02/25/cedar-rapids-iowa-city-immigration-reform-border-trump-mexico-labor/2977727002/>*

# Congrats to Our New ICNPs!

The ICNP testing was held on INLA Day during the annual Iowa State University STSC and Iowa Nursery & Landscaping Association Trade Show in Ames, IA. Two members successfully completed the Iowa Certified Nursery Professional testing at the ISU Shade Tree Short Course and INLA Trade Show held in February.

*Lindsey Smith, DMACC Student, West Des Moines*

*Tom Penisten, DMACC Student, Ankeny*

**Congratulations!**

## Calendar of Events

**2019**

**July 13-16** Cultivate'19  
Columbus, OH

## INLA Member Job Board

Have a job opening in your business? Need to get the word out? INLA offers a free job board to members. Please email listings to Joan O'Brien [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org).

Visit [www.iowanla.org/job-postings/](http://www.iowanla.org/job-postings/) for current listings.

Call the INLA office at 515-262-8323/800-383-1682 or email [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org) for more details.

## 2019 Board Members

### President

Shawna Moss  
Kirkwood Community College

### Past President

John Hughes  
Hughes Nursery &  
Landscaping LLC

### ISU Liaison

Dr. Jeff Iles  
Iowa State University

### Directors

Irv Geffre  
Alta Falls & Pond Supplies

Brad Punke  
Unilock Chicago Inc.

Nick Reiter  
Escapes Landscape & Design

## REFER A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

The Iowa Nursery & Landscape Association strives to promote the horticulture industry through its membership of growers, landscapers, brokers, and retail garden centers. With a thriving annual convention and trade show, in addition to a well promoted certification program, the INLA offers excellent marketing and promotional opportunities to its membership.

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