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**MONTHLY PROGRAM**    *Monthly Program Chair: Dave Vanderwel, [dvanderwel@chartermi.net](mailto:dvanderwel@chartermi.net), 616.738.9471*

Date:            **Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Time:            **9:00 AM refreshments, 9:30 AM program**

Place:           **Knickerbocker Theatre**, 150 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland.  
**(NOTE: change in meeting location!)**

Program: **A Future of Farming, presented by Benjamin Kant, Co-Founder and Master Grower at Revolution Farms.**

Many of us doing our grocery shopping each week are looking for local products and especially locally grown produce. In the past year fresh, locally grown salad greens have appeared on the shelves of West Michigan SpartanNash stores (e.g., D&W and Family Fare) which have been produced at Revolution Farms, a commercial aquaponics farm located in Caledonia. Our May HASP program will introduce us to Revolution Farms and the unique approach they take to growing lettuce year-round right here in West Michigan.

Revolution Farms combines aquaponics with high tech greenhouse to grow commercial quantities of salad greens and fresh fish year-round. Aquaponics is the synthesis of aquaculture (fish farming) with hydroponics (growing plants in water) to create a highly efficient and environmentally friendly growing system. Pictures of Revolution Farms will be displayed along with a description of the aquaponics production process. The presentation will examine how aquaponics production fits into the larger controlled environment agriculture industry as well as some thoughts on the future potential of the technology.

In the presentation, you'll see a future of farming as Ben discusses his role in the niche industry of commercial aquaponics including the development of two farms, business challenges faced by entrepreneurs using new agricultural technologies, and the rapid progress of technology and technique.

His vision is to continue to build the viability of aquaponics for commercial production – making food production local. Beyond that he looks to the stars (or Mars) for the next application of the technology and techniques being used daily at Revolution Farms.

Prior to the launch of Revolution Farms, Ben was Founder and CEO of Metropolitan Farms in Chicago, IL. He attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of St. Andrews in Scotland for postgraduate degrees, and Brandeis University for his undergraduate degree, and is a LEED AP (Accredited Professional).

### **Coming Next:**

**June 4:** Annual HASP business meeting - Haworth Inn & Conference Center

**July 9:** Adam Wachter--composer, lyricist, music director, arranger, orchestrator, and pianist- Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts Auditorium

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, [verschure@sbcglobal.net](mailto:verschure@sbcglobal.net), 616.392.5666**

We welcome the following new members:

#### **GALE BIENIEK**

Profession: Teacher  
Education: Towson State University, John Hopkins University  
Hobbies: Reading, water aerobics, book club  
Mentor: Judy Johns

#### **SANDY DERKS**

Profession: Sales  
Education: Hamilton High School  
Hobbies: Reading, travel, theatre, World War II History  
Mentor: Mary Hofland

#### **BOB OLNEY**

Profession: Business Executive  
Education: Cornell University  
Hobbies: Travel, cycling, skiing, kayaking, hiking  
Mentor: Janet Hagel

#### **JEAN OLNEY**

Profession: Education  
Education: Cornell University  
Hobbies: Gardening, sewing, reading, cross country skiing, travel, biking, grandchildren  
Mentor: Janet Hagel

#### **LEW WESSEL**

Profession: CPA, Entrepreneur  
Education: Brown University, University of Rhode Island  
Hobbies: Reading, volunteering, travel, golf, scrabble  
Mentor: Tom Weber

### ***Sympathy***

*We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following HASP members:*

*Elaine Walchenbach –Elaine joined HASP in August of 2013 after a career as a high school teacher and homemaker. She passed away on March 17, 2019.*

*Ray Snyder – Ray joined HASP in February of 2012 after a career as a marketing consultant. He passed away on March 20, 2019.*

### **New Member Orientation**

The next New Member Orientation will be held **Tuesday, May 7**, in the HASP classroom, immediately following the monthly meeting. If you joined HASP since November you will be receiving an email invitation and details. If you became a member previously but have not had the opportunity to attend an orientation, we encourage

you to join us as well. This informal gathering is a time to meet other new members, enjoy a light brunch, and learn more details about all the opportunities available through HASP membership.

Our May monthly meeting will be held in the Knickerbocker Theater and the classroom is upstairs in the same building, suite 270. For those unsure of location, there will be a member of the Membership Committee in the lobby after the meeting to escort you. Please remember to make your reservation with Kim or Amy so we can plan to include you.

**CURRICULUM**      *Curriculum Chair: Marshall Elzinga, marshall\_elzinga@comcast.net, 616.662.2314*

**Artwork in the classroom:** The featured artist for May will be art submitted for the HASP Review cover from various HASP artists.

**Summer Courses** will begin the week of June 17-August 15. No class/office closed on Fridays. The catalog and registration instructions/start date will be mailed to all HASP members mid-May.

**Please Note:** There are no classes the week of Tulip Time, only the Monthly Program at the Knickerbocker.

#### **Note from the Curriculum Chair**

While most of the HASP membership is enjoying the many varied courses being offered this term, the 40 or so HASP members who serve on the four curriculum sub-committees have been busy generating ideas and proposals for courses to be offered this summer and beyond. April was the time for putting together the schedule for summer 2019, and we are planning to offer about 30 courses on a wide variety of subjects.

There are two issues that we continue to address. The first was our attempt to entice more HASP members to present courses. We sponsored two "tutorial" sessions at which we explained the procedures to be followed by those who are willing and able to present courses. As mentioned last month, several members attended one of these sessions, and we expect this effort to yield additional courses led by HASP members. Let me reiterate that proposals from HASP members are always welcome.

The second effort involves what we perceive to be underserved areas of interest. One of these is the general area of business, economics, and/or finance. We hope to offer a course in this area this summer, and encourage HASP members to identify additional potential speakers for this type of course in the future.

#### **Curriculum Committee:**

Curriculum Chair: Marshall Elzinga – marshall\_elzinga@comcast.net 616-662-2314

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs – sarahbriggs969@gmail.com 517-449-5818

Humanities: Co-Chairs David Brower – davidangusbrower@hotmail.com 616-688-7356 and Judy Parr – parr.judyandbill@gmail.com 616-546-3424

Science, Technology & Medicine: Thom Coney - 2atthebeach@sbcglobal.net 616-399-0269

Social Sciences: Mike Economos – mikeeconomos@gmail.com 269-857-1248

#### **SIG (Special Interest Group)**

Do you love flowers and/or have an interest in gardening? We are considering forming a HASP Special Interest Group around gardening. Please consider joining us for this session!

Special spring session offered on Container Contentment:

Wednesday, May 15, 1:00-2:30 pm in the HASP Classroom, No charge

Please RSVP to the HASP office if you plan to attend 616.395.7919

We love the look of flowers at the front door, but, oh, the work! This presentation covers how to put together your containers so they will be easy to maintain, how to select the right plants to make a beautiful arrangement, how to keep your container looking fresh through the summer, and how to overwinter that container for use the following year.

Presenter: Carol DeVries, a graduate of Hope College, is an Advanced Master Gardener and served as President of the Grand Valley Daylily Society for six years and of the Grand Valley Dahlia Society for one year. She also chaired the Kent County Master Gardeners' "Stuck on Gardening" Tour for three years. Carol was named Volunteer of the Year for the Master Gardening and Junior Gardening Programs

**NOONTIME/Brown Bag SERIES on Friday, May 17, 12noon-1pm ~ HASP Classroom**

**This is a 1x month, free HASP event – no registration required**

***Topic: Civil Discourse***

The United States is currently in the midst of deep partisan division. Tensions are swelling and nastiness is on the rise. Civil Discourse as a means of elevating both the intelligence and thoughtfulness of our political dialogue is a critical piece of both our healing process and our ability to move forward as a country, in a meaningful way.

Why are we so deeply divided? Why is it difficult to communicate across this divide? Why does this division seem to be getting worse? What is civil discourse and why is it especially important for such a time as this? As people of faith, what is our role in the healing of our fractured nation?

Christy Berghoef, a Holland native, is an author, speaker and civil discourse consultant. She's also a regular contributor to various publications reflecting on her work in civil discourse. After obtaining a BA in Political Science from Calvin College, Christy worked in a congressional office on Capitol Hill. Eventually she felt called to and enrolled in Calvin Seminary. Here, she met her husband. After seminary they began planting churches for the Christian Reformed Church — first in Traverse City, MI and then in Washington D.C.

Living back in Washington D.C. again, unable to feel at home in either of the two dominant political parties, Christy began her work in civil discourse— training members of Congress as well as nationally recognized faith leaders. A number of circumstances eventually led her and her family back to Holland, where she continues to expand her work in civil discourse— through education, speaking, writing, training, and facilitating a variety of travel experiences that immerse people in historical narratives that are able to inform some of the issues of our current context.

At present time, she's primarily focused on a documentary film project as well as on giving leadership to a national media campaign for civil discourse, leading up to the 2020 election.

Please join us in the HASP classroom on **Friday, May 17 at noon.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

***Communications Chair: Donna Bogle, [donna\\_bogle@hotmail.com](mailto:donna_bogle@hotmail.com)***

We hope you are anticipating a fabulous new 2019 issue of the HASP Review. It went to press this month and will be available to you at the June Business meeting. We have some exciting articles, some creative illustrations, and a splashy new cover for you to enjoy.

## SERVICE

*Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, mreynolds@hope.edu, 616.392.2874*

### Year-Round Volunteering at Windmill Island



**Garden Docent:** As a garden docent, you will lead group tours and share your love of our community and gardens with visitors from all over the country and the world. Training includes a script as well as opportunities to practice with a small group. Garden knowledge is helpful but not necessary. Training, a t-shirt, and name badge are provided.

**Special Events Help:** You will assist in supporting the classes, workshops and tours we offer for many ages and interests.

Volunteers welcome guests, sell tickets, direct traffic and a variety of other jobs. Training, tools, a t-shirt, and name badge are provided.

Volunteers are welcome who can help occasionally throughout the year or as much as their schedule allows! To volunteer or ask questions, please email [greenhouse@cityofholland.com](mailto:greenhouse@cityofholland.com) or phone 616.355.1032.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

*Special Events Chair: Judie Zylman, jazie3@gmail.com, 616.566.0412*

### **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EVENTS ARE NEAR THE BACK OF THE NEWSLETTER**

To sign up- Please fill out and return to office with cash or check payment (made out to Hope College)

Special Events registration cannot be done online at this time

All of our trips leave from the Ray & Sue Smith Stadium parking lot (13<sup>th</sup> & Fairbanks) unless otherwise noted

Please put your HASP parking tag in your vehicle when parked for a Special Event

### **June ~ Rock 'N Roll Museum in Cleveland, OH & Detroit Institute of Art**

#### **Register deadline May 20, 2019**

**Wednesday June 26 – Thursday, June 27, 2019**

**Depart 7:00 am, Return approx. 8:30 pm**

**Cost: \$159 pp (double occupancy) \$219 pp (single occupancy)**

Please join fellow members for a visit this summer to the Rock N Roll Museum in Cleveland, Ohio with an overnight stay at the Cambria Hotel in Avon, OH, and The Detroit Institute of Art in Detroit, Michigan.

The Rock N Roll Museum is alive with energy, passion and the spirit of music we celebrate. The 150,000 square-foot museum features seven floors, four theatres for films and ever-changing exhibits. The Detroit Institute of Art has one of the largest and most significant art collections in the United States. With more than 65,000 artworks the museum offers visitors an encounter with human creativity from all over the world.

Rolls, coffee and a box lunch on Wednesday are included in the cost above; other meals are on your own. Please contact Larry Lynn at [oldrun09@gmail.com](mailto:oldrun09@gmail.com) or 616-617-8944 if any questions.

### **July ~ Chicago Botanic Gardens Register deadline June 24, 2019**

**Wednesday July 10, 2019**

**Depart 8:10 am, Return approx. 9:30 pm**

**Cost: \$100 pp**

HASP members are invited to spend a day enjoying the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, IL. We will start the

day with the Grand Tram tour which will guide us around the entire Garden grounds, including such highlights as 81 acres of lakes, nine islands, and panoramic view of beautiful gardens. In all there are 27 gardens and four natural areas which include a Japanese Garden, an English Walled Garden, rose gardens, waterfalls, farm gardens, natural prairie and more. This will give you ideas of what you would like to view during your free time in the afternoon. In addition, you will have a choice of viewing either the Butterflies and Blooms exhibit located in a 2,800 square foot enclosure on the learning campus filled with 500 butterflies native to North and South America and Africa as well as Illinois OR the Model Train Garden (7,500 square feet including 1,600 feet of track) which highlights Chicago sights and major landmarks in America during your visit. You will enjoy lunch at the garden and dinner at Hackney's, a favorite Chicago restaurant near the garden. Depart Holland at 8:10 am and return to Holland around 9:30 pm. This event involves lots of walking. This is not an appropriate trip for anyone who is not able to walk 1-2 miles during the day.

Please contact event coordinator Sue Bohlander at [hiker4625@gmail.com](mailto:hiker4625@gmail.com) or 616.335.3175 if any questions.

### **Future HASP Special Events**

The Special Events Committee would like to make you aware of the trips that they are planning in addition to the ones listed above. Registration and details for these trips will be available in future newsletters. But for now, pencil them in on your calendar!

September 7, 2019~ Marshall Historic Home Tour

October 8-9, 2019~ Tour of Trees in Northern Michigan

### **The Global Travel Program Pat Van Wylen, [vanwylenp@hope.edu](mailto:vanwylenp@hope.edu), 616.395.6856**

For questions or information visit the website at <https://hope.edu/alumni/resources-services/global-travel/> or contact Pat, at phone number or email listed above.

### **OFFICE/DIRECTOR NEWS Kim Mendels, [mendels@hope.edu](mailto:mendels@hope.edu), 616.395.7919**

- **Office Hours until May 24<sup>th</sup>** : Monday – Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Fridays 9:00am-noon
- **Summer Hours:** Closed on Fridays beginning May 24<sup>th</sup>

### **HASP Nominating Committee Report 2019**

Each year the HASP Nominating Committee is composed of the two senior at-large board members, the HASP Director, and three additional members from the general membership appointed by the HASP President. The 2019 Nominating Committee members are: **Andree Kenau, Loren Meengs, Diana Nelson, Gary Scholten, Judie Zylman, and Kim Mendels**. The committee unanimously presents the following slate for election for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020):

**President:** Larry Lynn

**Vice President:** Barb Stegink

**Treasurer:** Don Cowie (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Member at Large:** Brad Bright

**Member at Large:** David Blatt

*The Annual Business meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at which time the membership will vote on the above slate. Nominations may be made from the floor only with prior consent of the nominee.*

Committee Chairs were also nominated by the committee and approved by the HASP Board of Directors at their March 12, 2019, meeting:

**Newly appointed Chairs:**

**Curriculum Chair:** Sharon Arendshorst

**Communications:** Andree Keenau

**Monthly Program:** Claudia Berry

**Reappointed Chairs:**

**Membership:** Carla Verschure

**Service:** Maura Reynolds

**Special Events:** Judie Zylman

**HASP ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Please plan to join your fellow HASP members for our Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at Haworth Inn and Conference Center. **Please check your email for future announcements about time and reservation process.**

- Annual reports from the six standing committees and the Treasurer’s report will be included in your June newsletter. Please take some time to read this information.
- Your 2019 HASP Review will also be available for you at the luncheon.
- *No guests for this business meeting.*
- We will be sending out an on-line registration invite for the Annual Meeting.
- Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in one of the following manners: RSVP to the invite that you receive via email(preferred method) OR call the office 616.395.7919.

**Special Events Registration Forms:**

**Rock N Roll Museum/Detroit Institute of Art**  
**Wednesday, June 26 and Thursday, June 27, 2019**  
**Cost: \$159 Double Occupancy, \$219 Single Occupancy**  
**Register by May 20, 2019**

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Box Lunch Selections:** (Please initial your choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Caesar Wrap:** Grilled chicken breast diced and tossed with romaine, black olives, red onion and a zesty Caesar dressing on a whole wheat wrap

\_\_\_\_\_ **Haworth Club Sandwich:** Thinly sliced Virginia smoked ham, roasted turkey breast, bacon, leaf lettuce, sliced tomato and creamy Dijon mayonnaise served on grilled focaccia bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian Whole Grain Wrap:** Whole grain wrap with black beans, tomatoes, shredded carrots, cucumbers, romaine lettuce, herbed alouette cheese and red pepper hummus

All lunches come with seasonal fruit, kettle chips and bottled water.

**Special Dietary Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chicago Botanic**  
**Wednesday, July 10, 2019**  
**Cost: \$100**  
**Register by June 24, 2019**

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose one special exhibit to visit (cost included for the day)**

Model Railroad Garden Exhibit

Butterflies and Blooms Exhibit

**Lunch choices include a seasonal side salad and a chocolate chunk cookie along with Starbucks coffee, regular or decaffeinated, tea or iced tea. Soft drinks will have an additional \$3.00 charge on your own.**

Napa chicken salad with celery, red grapes, and apples on a croissant

Grilled flank steak, horseradish mayo, red onion jam, lettuce and a French roll

Grilled portobello mushroom, lettuce, tomato, and red pepper hummus on tomato focaccia

**Dinner choices include beverage of coffee, tea, or soft drink, french fries on a platter, and a hot fudge sundae**

Hackney burger 8 oz burger served on dark rye (special recipe ground for Hackney's)

Reuben sandwich corned beef w/ swiss cheese, thousand island dressing and sauerkraut on dark rye

Grilled chicken caesar salad

Spinach and mushroom quesadillas with sour cream, pico de gallo, and guacamole

**Special Dietary Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_