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Zondag Receives ANLA Nursery Extension Award



Randall Zondag receives the Nursery Extension Award from ANLA Immediate Past President Joanne Kostecky.

The American Nursery & Landscape Association recently honored **Randall H. Zondag** with its Nursery Extension Award during its annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Zondag is the county director and horticulture/natural resource educator with Ohio State University Extension in Lake County. The Nursery Extension Award is a given to an Extension specialist or agent in the broad area of commercial production, distribution for retail and landscape uses, and marketing of nursery plants to the consumer who has made outstanding and valuable contributions to the nursery industry. The award, established in 1982, promotes interest in and appreciation for high quality Extension efforts benefiting the nursery industry, and to show the nursery industry's gratitude for these efforts.

Zondag is described as a leader who has used his ability to communicate and spread cutting-edge technology to the green industry, and promote it before both the gardening public and government. According to ANLA, Lake County growers rely on Zondag to share his expertise on plants, programs, and regulations.

"Hardly a day goes by that Randy does not make a nursery visit for one reason or another," says **Bryan Champion**, board member of the ANLA-affiliated Wholesale Nursery Growers of America and award nominator. Last year, Zondag was integral in developing the education program for ANLA's inaugural WNGA Kick the Dirt Tour.

Zondag earned both his undergraduate and masters degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has worked in nursery Extension for the past 24 years. He has been an active participant of the Extension Nursery and Landscape Team, the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association, the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, and the Nursery Growers of Lake County Ohio.

Malcolm Fulton, general manager at Warner Kingwood Nursery, said, "I can say with all honesty, that all members of the agricultural community in Lake County, Ohio, can think of no better choice than Randy Zondag for ANLA's Nursery Extension Award."

ANLA is a Washington, DC-based trade association. It represents green industry business professionals seeking market leadership through advocacy with our nation's government, a community of industry innovators and experts, and unique profitability focused programming, products and services.

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