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TPM (Sod Growers) Greetings and Welcome to the 2022 MTC Annual Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show! This is the 47<sup>th</sup> conference the MTC, working with the Turfgrass Specialists at the University of Maryland, have proudly brought to you the Turfgrass Professionals and Suppliers of MD.

Unfortunately, a pillar we have all relied on for help, a hug, or just a smile and a "hi" will be missing this year. If you have not heard our Secretary for 46 years and Treasurer for 41 of those years, **Cheryl A. Gaultney**, passed away after a short hospital stay on June 26, 2022.

Cheryl did not join the MTC Board until just after our first conference in 1975 at the Sheraton Hotel in Landover, MD. After that you could expect to see and hear Cheryl at all Field Days, Turf Conferences, and most Recertifications after that.

She was a born leader and organizer but mostly she was a dear friend who will be sorely missed but not forgotten.



For those reasons and more the MTC Officers and Board of Directors unanimously voted to honor Cheryl by dedicating this Turfgrass Conference to Cheryl!! Plan now to come out and join us!

There are three (3) other pages in this Registration Packet.

- On the back of this page, you will find another beautiful "Quilt for Research". It is made from fabric which appears to be different grasses with a center square on each block being our MD Flower, the Black-Eyed Susan. These materials were chosen and crafted by our Treasurer Katy. The price remains at \$10 for a single ticket or 3 for \$20. You need not be present to win.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> page is the actual Registration Page. Please complete this for each participant, and include your MD Pesticide License #, your MD Fertilizer Applicator License #, the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, plus and License # from any surrounding State or DC.
   PLEASE ANSWER: the question if you prefer notices and forms coming by E-Mail or US. Mail.
- The back of the 2<sup>nd</sup> page is the annual Dues/Membership Form. Our dues year runs from February 1 to January 31 the following year. You can renew your dues today or we will invoice you in January. If you are not yet a member, you may join now and be entitled to membership rates at both this conference and also next. There is also space to indicate how many quilt tickets you would like as well as indicating credit card payments if that is how you wish to pay.

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- The 3<sup>rd</sup> page is the Conference Program. As in years past, there are the three (3) Tracs for your choice of which you prefer to participate. You have the choice of Lawn & Landscape Management, Golf Course Management, and Sports Turf Management. Each is a special mix of out of state Turfgrass Specialists and also our own Maryland Experts. You will notice the lunch has been expanded and we are having a speaker we should all hear concerning our lobbying efforts. Feel free to fold this up and bring it with you to the conference.
- The back of the 3<sup>rd</sup> page list the opportunities the MTC is offering in 2023 including next years conference on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> page and final page is the opportunity to: become a Vendor and share your wares and what you can provide to the Turfgrass Community. On the same page is also the opportunity to become a Sponsor. There is a listing of some of the many things we need to make the conference a success and create the funds needed to support the Univ. of Maryland Turfgrass Programs. You do not have to be a Vendor to be Sponsor. Actually, a Sponsor is a good way to show your support even if you don't want to be Vendor. A large banner sign will be ordered and hung prominently for all to see. Last year we had an issue of the banners being delivered the day after the conference. Because of that we are asking for you to become a Sponsor by Nov. 8 to ensure we have the banners in time. You certainly can become a Sponsor after Nov. 8 and we will do everything possible to have a banner for you.

So, we certainly hope you will be able to join us this year. Please get your Registration, Vendor and or Sponsor Forms in as early as possible. Hopefully we can save you money with early bird pricing and make Registration at the time of the conference run more smoothly. If you have any questions, please free to contact Vernon at the MTC Office.

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Please mark your selection on the enclosed Registration/Mambership page.



The "GRASSES" quilt raffles have been a real boost to help the MTC support the University of Maryland Turfgrass Programs.

Your response to these raffles have increased each year and last year John Shields was the lucky winner.

Out MTC Treasurer, Katy, has designed and created another beauty for this year with Black-Eyed Susans as the center square of each block and Ferns covering the back.

The quilt is approximately 50" x 63" and the estimated value is \$550-\$600. The winning ticket will be drawn on the Trade Show Floor at our Annual Winter Turfgrass Conference on December 13, 2022 at Turf valley but you do not have to be present to win.