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Bio

William (Bill) Ruppert received his B.S. in ornamental horticulture and landscape design from the **University of Missouri-Columbia**. Upon graduation in 1980, he began his horticulture career working at the University coordinating the landscape redevelopment of the **University of Missouri – Columbia** campus. In 1990, Bill assumed the management and ownership of the St. Louis office of **National Nursery Products (NNP)**, a horticultural sales, marketing and consulting company representing wholesale growers of a wide variety of ornamental landscape plants.

Bill is past president and current treasurer of the **Landscape and Nursery Association of Greater St. Louis** and currently serves as the executive director of the **Horticulture Co-op of Metro St. Louis**, a professional trade organization providing educational programming for its four member green industry organizations. Bill also serves on a variety of non-profit boards and advisory committees including **Gateway Greening, Missouri Botanical Garden Plants of Merit, Missouri Botanical Garden Horticulture Strategic Planning, Grow Native!, Mizzou Botanic Garden, St. Louis Community College – Meramec Horticulture Program**, and **Kirkwood in BLOOM**.

Bill actively participates as a volunteer “seasonal color choreographer” for high impact urban seasonal color displays located in downtown St. Louis and the community of Kirkwood, his hometown.