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Bio

William (Bill) Ruppert, since 1990, owns and manages the St. Louis office of National Nursery Products, a horticultural sales, marketing and consulting company representing wholesale growers of a wide variety of ornamental and environmental landscape plants. Bill is a 1980 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia with a B.S. in Agriculture with an emphasis in ornamental horticulture and landscape design. Upon graduation, he began his career at the University coordinating the landscape redevelopment and enhancement of the University of Missouri – Columbia campus which was a significant portion of (then) Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling's campus beautification initiative. Bill maintains active leadership association with variety of professional green industry boards, community service organizations and educational program advisory committees including Missouri Green Industry Alliance, Mizzou Botanic Garden, Gateway Greening, Missouri Prairie Foundation Grow Native! Program, St. Louis Science Center GROW Exhibit, University of Missouri School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, and University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Alumni Association.

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