



Michigan Garden Clubs 86th State Convention

June 7-8, 2017
Holiday Inn, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI

Day 1: Luncheon - Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - Noon
Honoring Local Club Presidents

Transforming Lives and Landscapes in Detroit

Trish Hubbell: Director, The Greening of Detroit, Community and Public Relations

The Greening of Detroit, a nonprofit environmental agency, was founded almost 28 years ago to reforest the city after the loss of thousands of trees to disease and urbanization. Since that time, The Greening's scope of work has expanded to include urban agriculture, workforce development, and vacant land restoration. The city of Detroit has more than 24 square miles of vacant land, and plenty of opportunities to transform our neighborhoods into green healthy spaces.



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Due to limited workshop space, please sign up early.
2:15 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. repeated 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Treasurer 101: Connecting Finances to the Mission

Bunny LaDuke: MGC Treasurer

Successfully building and managing the treasury is critical to financing your club's mission, and the Treasurer plays a key role in making this strategic connection. We'll share some suggestions for processes, document templates, and record-keeping. There also will be discussion of many issues and requirements that Treasurers should know and address whether their organization is a large 501(c)3 nonprofit or a small charity.

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A Fit and Safe Gardener is a Happy Gardener

Cyndy Nemon: MGC Garden Therapy and Plant it Pink Chair

Preparing for the physical work of gardening will help prevent injuries to stay healthy. Learn the most common types of injuries including overuse injuries or cumulative trauma injuries. Common strains and sprains will be described as well as back injuries. Warm up and cool down exercises will be demonstrated. Participants will also learn the proper way to lift, move and carry objects.



2:15 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. The Beauty of Native Plants:

Their function in supporting wildlife in urban and suburban landscapes

Drew Lathin: General Manager of Creating Sustainable Landscapes, LLC



Native plants thrive without human intervention and form the foundation of the food chain. Learn why and how you can use native plants to create beautiful landscapes that are planned and designed to increase habitat, reduce resource inputs, and build healthier outdoor living areas.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Designing Landscapes with Native Plants

Drew Lathin: General Manager of Creating Sustainable Landscapes, LLC

Native plants can be utilized in the landscape to support habitat, manage storm water, and provide year round aesthetic interest. They can be utilized in formal and informal designs. This session will be a discussion of native landscapes as shown in drawings and pictures.

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Why Should Our Club Incorporate and Become a Charitable, Income Tax Exempt, Organization?

Rose Houk: MGC 501(c)(3) Legal Consultant

Come find out the benefits of becoming a nonprofit corporation and applying for income tax exempt status through the MGC's Group Tax Exempt Program. While doing so is strictly voluntary, Rose Houk will answer your questions why you should take advantage of this program.



3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Now That Your Club is a Nonprofit Corporation and has tax exempt status, What's next?

Rose Houk will outline the annual renewal process with MGC/GTE Program and the various annual reports needed to maintain your nonprofit corporate status with the State and your club's charitable tax exempt status, 501(c)(3), with IRS. As time is limited, questions in advance of the seminar are encouraged. Send to houkra@gmail.com.

Day 1: Dinner - Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Michigan Association of Accredited Judges



Flowers Fun and Fancy

Sherry Sanelli: MAAJ President

Sherry will present a program of Creative Floral Designs with Flair, featuring creative containers, both Familiar and Fanciful, which you can Find, Flourish or Fabricate. Fabulous flowers and Fascinating unusual components will be used to create designs from Fun to Formal and Flamboyant which will Inspire, Influence and Intrigue your Imagination: both for flowers at home and Flower Show Savvy using the new handbook.

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Day 2: Breakfast - Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

Honoring the 2017-2019 Central Region Director

Partners In Planting America

Fran Stueck: Incoming Central Region Director

Central Region states will plant America while having fun partnering with local groups and individuals in their communities. Also, partnering with children in youth clubs, seniors doing therapy, and partnering with your spouse or good friend. Bringing nature home planting America. Have fun in all the projects!



Day 2: Luncheon - Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 12:15 p.m.

Honoring MGC Agent Treasurers and MI Consultants Council

NGC Blue Ribbon Winners Presentation



Persian Gardens: Bringing Paradise Home

Ed Blondin: Owner, Hortulus Gardens & Landscapes

Long before Islam took hold in this region, the Persian Empire dominated the Western World. Their legacies range from aqueduct and drip irrigation to a staggering number of plants we all assume as 'our own'. Insightful and thought-provoking, this lecture illustrates how the Persian Empire aesthetic influenced our modern American back yard!

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2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. repeated 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
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How to Garden with Comfort, Ease and Simplicity

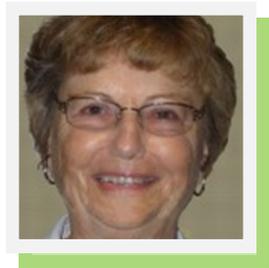
Jan Bills: Owner, Two Women and a Hoe

Learn how sustainable gardening includes a variety of practices that respond positively to the environment (and the gardener). Sustainable practices are used in all phases of gardening including design, planting and maintenance. Together we will explore how to apply simple, low maintenance, affordable and practical tips in your gardens. Enjoy interesting, invigorating and FUN new approaches to gardening in 2017!

Flower Show 101

Mary Pulick: MAAJ Master Judge

This seminar will help club members better understand National Garden Club Flower Shows and answer these questions: What is a Flower Show? Why do we have them? What is involved? What is a schedule? These questions and more will be discussed by Master Flower Show Judge Mary Pulick and her Panel.



Lost Virginity: A Gardening Revolution

Ed Blondin: Owner, Hortulus Gardens & Landscapes

The Americas meant new plants, new garden techniques, new recipes, new palates, new economies and new social structures. Truly, "A New World Order". This lecture explores the food and farming techniques of native cultures, the successes and failures of early colonization and, of course, the Colonial ideals of Freedom and Liberty. This collision of the new and the old world ultimately 'liberated' the Western World's gardens, gave freedom back to nature and lay the foundation for the modern American garden aesthetic.

Thank you for supporting the Silent Auction!

Day 2: Dinner - Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Installation Banquet

