



2024 Membership Advantages of MGSOC, Inc.



The Mission of the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County, Inc. is to enrich the lives of those who love gardening. We are volunteers who fulfill our commitment to community outreach by providing hands-on gardening and research-based horticultural education. Members of the Society are Master Gardeners certified by Michigan State University Extension.

We have returned to meetings in person, and please check our website for all information regarding the Society. Our monthly General Meetings are free to MGSOC members and a \$5 fee is charged to our visitors. Both volunteer and education hours are available at the meetings, with our guest speakers offering timely and critical horticultural information. Our General meetings are a great opportunity to earn your education hours and meet other Extension Master Gardeners (and trainees) who share your interests. We offer drinks and snacks. **Our new meeting location in 2024 is Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow Rd., Rochester, MI 48307.** The doors open and snacks are available at 6:30 p.m. There will be a brief business meeting and our educational speaker begins at 7 p.m. To view our past educational topics (some are recorded and available for viewing on our website, and handouts are available) please visit: www.mgsoc.org

MGSOC Membership Benefits

- Education, Education, Education!
- Communicate and network with other Master Gardeners and horticulture professionals
- Affiliation with [Michigan State University Extension \(MSUE\)](http://Michigan State University Extension) outstanding educational webinars, website and educational materials
- Annual MGSOC trips
- MGSOC website listing upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, educational opportunities and helpful links. Includes photos of many of our past events.
- **GET INVOLVED** in one or more of our committees, such as [Programs](#), [Hospitality](#), [Fundraising](#), [Educational Conference](#), [Trips and Tours](#), and more. Participation in these committees awards volunteer hours and makes new friendships.
- Volunteer by assisting in the design and maintenance of the gardens and grounds at Charles L. Bowers Farm.
- Support and enhance the educational mission of our Society.



Volunteers working at the Charles Bowers School Farm in Bloomfield Hills, our largest project.

2024 General Meeting Educational Topics Wednesday Evenings, Meeting and Sign-in at 6:30 p.m., Speaker at 7 p.m.

January 10

Spotted Lanternfly – 1.0 Hour
Robert Miller

February 14

Healthy Trees for the Home Landscape – 1.0 Hour
Gary Eichen

March 13

Bursting into Spring – 1.5 Hour
Sue Grubba

April 10

Emerging Pests – 1.25 Hour
David Lowenstein

May 8

New Annuals and Perennials for 2024 – 1.5 Hour
George Papadelis – Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R, Troy

June 12

**First Impressions: Creating an Unforgettable
Entrance to Your Home – 1.5 Hour**
Julia Hofley

July 10

Composting 1.25 Hour
Sarah Covatta

August 14

Nitzy to Normal: Natural, Native Gardening – 1.0 Hour
Grazyna Cummings

September 11

Restoring a Prairie Garden – 1.5 Hour
John Blair

October 9

Perennial Propagation – 1.5 Hour
Caitlin Splawski

November 13

Monastic Gardens: Begged, Borrowed and Stolen (TBD)
Ed Blondin – Hortulus Gardens

December 11

MGSOC Holiday Event
No speaker, members only

Meetings are held at Rochester Community House
816 Ludlow Rd.
Rochester, MI 48307

Visit our website for more about us, and detailed information on the above meetings! <https://mgsoc.org>



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