



Join Us For Our 11th Annual Educational Garden Conference, one of the premier education conferences in Michigan!

Gardening and All That Jazz Garden Potpourri

2025 Keynote Speakers

Bob Iames
Charles Nardozi
Stacey Hirvela
Susan Martin

Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

*** NEW LOCATION ***

The Oakland Center, Oakland University
312 Meadow Brook Rd., Rochester, MI 48309

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast and refreshments will be served. Conference begins PROMPTLY at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

Each presentation will be one hour long, with a 15-minute Q&A.

Enjoy shopping with outstanding vendors, door prizes and our Grand Raffle!

This conference is offered to the public; you need not be a Master Gardener to attend!

Master Gardeners receive 5 hours CE credit.

Live jazz entertainment by the *The Scott Gwinnell Trio* during lunch and shopping.

We are grateful to our sponsors:



Educational Conference Registration

Tickets go on sale January 10, 2025.

Registration Fee: \$95

Cancellation policy: no refunds are granted.

Registration Deadline: Midnight,
Monday, April 14, 2025

Checks must be received by this date.

Ann Hudak – Registrar

Direct conference registration questions to:

Ann Hudak, phone (248) 812-9437

E-mail: conference@mgsoc.org

To register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-and-all-that-jazz-garden-potpourri-tickets-1135574757669>

If mailing the registration with your check, please keep a copy for yourself and send your check, payable to

MGSOC, to

Dianah Foster,

Treasurer, MGSOC, 2475 Dorfield, Dr.,
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Don't forget to **pre-select your luncheon choice!** It will be indicated on your name badge the day of the conference.

You will be able to indicate your luncheon choices if registering online.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY, All Fields Are Required

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail * _____

* Please note: confirmation will be sent via e-mail only.

Certified Master Gardener? (check if yes)

County _____

FOUR LUNCHEON CHOICES (please select one)

Roasted Vegetable Salad (vegetarian/vegan/gluten-free)
(includes one side and drink)

Blackened Chicken Caesar Salad
(includes one side and drink)

Turkey Bacon Ranch on Wheat Sandwich
(includes 3 sides and drink)

Classic Italian with Provolone Cheese Sandwich
(includes 3 sides and drink)



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2025 Keynote Speaker Presentations



Bob Iames – Conifers for Today’s Gardens

Conifers that change color? Conifers that require no pruning? Conifers for shady areas and difficult locations? Get ready to explore the versatile world of conifers. Join Bob Iames for an informative session where he’ll reveal the surprising variety of conifers that not only thrive in challenging spaces but also offer striking seasonal color changes and require minimal maintenance. You’ll discover exciting options for every corner of your landscape. Bob will share classic favorites and unusual new varieties, how to integrate them into your own gardens, and where to purchase them.



Charlie Nardozi – A New Look at Ecological Gardening and Companion Planting – <https://www.gardeningwithcharlie.com>

Many gardeners want to garden more in tune with Nature and use less pesticides, fertilizers and water. In this talk I’ll define ecological gardening and talk about ways to use these techniques to build better soil. I’ll discuss No Dig gardening methods and how this technique reduces weeding, watering and work in the garden while fostering a more diverse plant ecology. I also will talk about new research on companion planting offering new ways to plant vegetables, herbs and flowers together for nutrient sharing, space sharing, and insect, disease and weed controls.



Stacey Hirvela – Seeing Shrubs: A Celebration of the “Backbone of the Garden” – www.provenwinners.com/Stacey-Top-Shrubs

The word “shrub” doesn’t exactly inspire excitement. However, in context, shrubs encompass some of our most beloved – and useful – plants for gardening and landscaping. From abelia to weigela to new genera you’ve maybe never heard of before, we’ll explore the story behind new varieties and old favorites from Proven Winners ColorChoice Shrubs, how to grow them, and some inspiration for making them a part of your garden.



Susan Martin – An Insiders Guide to Buying the Best Plants – www.gardencrossings.com

Avid plant collector and industry veteran Susan Martin shares an insider’s perspective on how the supply chain works, which will help you see the plants you buy in a whole new light. You will leave with a better understanding of how to do good research before you buy, look for or avoid specific traits, decode tag language, pick the best plants off the retail bench, and much more. Attending this talk is the next best thing to having a plant pro come shopping with you.