

## **MGSOC Educational Conference Speakers – Gardening and All That Jazz – 2013 to 2025**

### **2013 – Elements of Design for Sustainable Landscapes**

Rick Darke – *The Livable Landscape*

Laura Deeters – *Tips to Reduce Garden Maintenance*

Melinda Myers – *Garden Renovations*

Art Cameron – *Cultivating Creativity*

### **2014 – Gardening and All That Jazz**

Dr. Allan Armitage – *If You Are Going to Spend My Money,  
You Might As Well Buy the Right Plants*

David E. Perry – *Garden Photo Magic: Improve Your Photos*

Stephanie Cohen – *Native Plants: Sustainable, Colorful and  
Wonderful*

Stacy Hirvela – *Shrubs – Making Your Dream Garden Reality*

### **2015 – Gardening and All That Jazz**

Will Allen – 1) *“Growing Power” and the Good Food Revolution: A visual  
story of how “Growing Power” came to be and of Will Allen’s  
personal journey, the lives he has touched, and a  
grassroots movement that is changing the way our nation eats.* 2)  
*“Growing Power” in Your Backyard; how to make your own compost  
bin, outdoor and indoor worm bins and raised beds.*

Matthew Benson – *Growing Beautiful Food: Cultivating the  
Incredible, Edible Garden*

Kerry Ann Mendez – *Garden Simplified for Changing Lifestyle:  
Exceptional Plants and Design Solution for Aging and  
Time-pressed Gardeners*

### **2016 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Adding Pizazz to YOUR Garden!**

Karen Bussolini – 1) *Jazzing Up the Garden with Color, Contrast and  
Movement* 2) *Bringing It All Home – Lessons in Garden  
Photography, Garden Making and the Art of Seeing*

Ellen Ecker Ogden – *The Art of Growing Food*

Barry Glick – *Woodland Wonders From the Wild*

### **2017 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Instruments for Great Design**

Shawna Coronado – *Designing and Growing a Living Wall*

Kelly D. Norris – *Plants With Style*

Jessica Walliser – *Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden*

Paul Zammit – *The Power of Horticulture*

### **2018 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Life Lessons From the Garden**

Ken Druse – *Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change*

Vanessa Garner Nagel – *Garden Evolution: A Designer’s 25-Year  
Landscape Challenge*

Craig LeHoullier – *Epic Tomatoes for Your Garden*

Kerry Ann Mendez – *The Budget-wise Gardener*

### **2019 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Creating Your Garden Palette**

Margaret Roach – *A Way to Garden – A 365 Day Garden*

Sue Gaviller – 1) *Introduction to Color Theory*

2) *Working With Color Theory in the Garden*

Dr. Richard L. Bitner – *Designing with Conifers: Making the Best  
Choices for Year-round Interest in Your Garden*

### **2020 CANCELLED**

### **2021 – Gardening and All That Jazz – In Harmony With Nature (VIRTUAL)**

Rick Darke – *Celebrating and Conserving the Resiliency of  
Accidental Landscapes*

Doug Talamy – *Nature’s Best Hope*

Heather Holm – *Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects with  
Native Plants*

Susan Martin – *Lessons Learned Under the Trees*

### **2022 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Growing With Style (VIRTUAL)**

David Culp – *The Layered Garden*

Kerry Ann Mendez – *Hydrangeas Demystified*

Shawna Coronado – *Grow UP! Elevate Your Garden Beds and  
Stop Being a Pain in Your Neck*

Meredith Simpson and Richard Thomas – *Oudolf Garden Detroit*

### **2023 CANCELLED**

### **2024 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Garden Revival**

Joseph Tychonnievich – *Soil Problems and How to Solve them*

Scott Beuerlein – 1) *Badass Trees for Piss-Poor Place*

2) *Planting for Pollinators*

Deborah Trickett – *Jazz-Dropping, Traffic-Stopping,  
Get-the-neighbors-talking Containers*

### **2025 – Gardening and All That Jazz – Garden Potpourri**

Bob Iames – *Conifers for Today’s Gardens*

Charlie Nardozi – *A New Look at Ecological Gardening  
and Companion Planting*

Stacy Hirvela – *Seeing Shrubs: A Celebration of the  
Backbone of the Garden*

Susan Martin – *An Insider’s Guide to Buying the Best Plants*