



2026 Membership Advantages of MGSOC, Inc.



Do you know about the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County? Are you passionate about gardening and eager to connect with like-minded enthusiasts? Looking for volunteer and education hours? The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County (MGSOC) invites you to be part of our vibrant community dedicated to horticulture, education, and community service!

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. Non-EMGs can participate in MGSOC as an Associate Member.

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. See our meeting and speakers/topics on the right.

MGSOC Membership Benefits

- **Education, Education, Education!** In addition to our monthly meetings, MGSOC presents a world-class educational conference each April, *Gardening and All That Jazz*.
- Communicate and network with other Master Gardeners and horticulture professionals
- Affiliation with **Michigan State University Extension (MSUE)** for 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 ...** whether you're a seasoned Master Gardener or just starting out, MGSOC is here to support and enhance your journey. Join 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. An application is available on our website, scan QR.
- Volunteer by assisting in the design and maintenance of the gardens and grounds at Charles L. Bowers Farm, our largest project.
- Support and enhance the educational mission of our Society.



2026 General Meeting Educational Topics

Tuesday evenings; meeting and sign-in at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m.
ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME – \$5.

January 13

Andy Torvinen, *Hosta Care and Growing Hostas in Container*

February 10

Sue Grubba, *The Hits Just Keep Coming*

March 10

Mark Covington, *Sustainable Fruit and Vegetable Gardening*

April 14

Emily Lardner, *Secret Weapons of a Professional Gardener: Trick, Tools and Techniques for Successful Gardens*

May 12

George Papadelis – *Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R, Troy*
New Annuals and Perennials for 2026

June 9

Marilyn Trent, *The Mini Forest*

July 14

Melanie Fuhrmann, *Cut Flower Gardening*

August 11

John Keast, *Straw Bale Gardening*

September 8

Gary Eichen, *Evolution of the Urban Forest*

October 13

Julia Hofley, *Twenty Lessons in 20 Years of Gardening on Fairlane Together*

November 8

Janet Maconovich – *Diagnosing Trouble*

December Date TBD

MGSOC Holiday Event

No speaker, members only

Meetings are held at Troy Community Center, Room 304, 3179 Livernois, Troy, 48083 (near I-75 and Big Beaver). You will park on the East side of the building from Livernois Road, and enter at the the Banquet door/East entrance. The meeting room will be on your right as you enter the building.



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