

## **MGSOC General Meeting, Troy Community Center: 06-09-2026**

### **Business Meeting:**

President Craig Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone. Introduced Erin Watson, Bower's Farm who spoke briefly on the changes at Bowers and an upcoming need for docent volunteers. Contact Erin at [ewatson@bloomfield.org](mailto:ewatson@bloomfield.org) or Nancy Schmidt at [nancy.c.s@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.c.s@comcast.net) for more information about becoming a docent.

### **President's Report (Craig Smith):**

- Craig noted the May 24, 2026 work day at Hana's Garden was attended by over 70 people. 3 large areas were replanted with help from Telly's Greenhouse. MSUE sponsored educational displays and short informational talks. If you haven't had a chance to visit, please plan on it, it's a great day trip.
- MGSOC has been approached by the City of Clawson and the City of Birmingham for gardening assistance with some of their projects. We are just getting some preliminary information, more to follow.
- MSUE EMG Appreciation dinner is **August 13 at Glen Oaks Country Club**, 30500 13 Mile Road, Farmington, MI. Reservation information will be pushed out by MSUE very soon, mark your calendars & watch your emails.
- Joint Oakland-Macomb MG Garage Sale will be July 17 & 18 at Telly's. We'll need volunteers to set up & man tables, watch your email for more information in the next couple of weeks. Contact Craig if you have questions.

**Vice-President's Report (Sally Bolle):** Bowers Farm held the Dave Bennett Swing and Rock at the Farm, Thursday, June 4. It was well attended and very enjoyable. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend, plan to come next year.

**Treasurer's Report (Dianah Foster):** Dianah presented the Treasurer's report. The final 2026 conference report should be available early July. Contact Dianah directly if you have specific questions.

**Secretary's Report (Steve Smith):** Reminder that 2026 Grant applications are due July 1 to [SteveMI1956@gmail.com](mailto:SteveMI1956@gmail.com)

**Educational Conference (Betty Peters):** Final expenses and the evaluations are still coming in. Next year's conference is scheduled for April 24, 2027 and most likely will be held at the same place, Oakland University.

**Membership (Julie Bird):** Several new members, we are now at 86 members!

**Hospitality (Kathy Sobanski):** Sign up sheet is being passed around. As always, please remember to email Kathy [SobanskiK@yahoo.com](mailto:SobanskiK@yahoo.com) if you are bringing food to our meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary (Cecily Roney):** No report

**Bowers Farm (Nancy Schmid):** No report

**Merchandise (Sally Bolle and Board members):** All EMG merchandise has been inventoried. We are currently in the process of shutting down the current on-line website & accounts as we investigate moving to an on-line store model. The Board thanks you for your patience as we transition to this new format. Contact any Board member with questions.

**Door Prizes & Raffles (Janie Grissom):** 5 door prizes were raffled off to those in attendance..

**MSU Extension Report (Melanie Fuhrmann):** No report. Melanie's contact info: [furhma19@msu.edu](mailto:furhma19@msu.edu) Sherry Riedel's contact info: [riedels2@msu.edu](mailto:riedels2@msu.edu)

Meeting ended at 7:00pm

**PRESENTATION:** Amanda Koran introduced Marilyn Trent who spoke on the "Mini-Forest Project in Rochester"

**WELCOME NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS:**



Mary Beth Johnson



We are now 86 members strong!!

**IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

July 17 & 18, 2026: Joint Oakland-Macomb Master Gardener Garage Sale at Telly's Greenhouse, Troy

August 13, 2026: MSUE EMG Banquet at Glen Oak Country Club, Farmington Hills.

Submitted, Steve Smith, MGSOC Secretary