



MGC 93rd Annual Conference

June 10-11, 2024

Doubletree Hotel by Hilton on the River Bay City, MI

Registration Now Open!

Monday... Reception with cash bar and appetizer & Dinner Buffet.....\$50.00

Morning

MGC Board of Directors meeting & luncheon, honoring MGC Standing Committee members.

- Activities (on your own)
- Shopping in downtown Bay City, one-of-a-kind shops, restaurants and art galleries!

Afternoon

Make & Take (Pool Noodle Floral Design) **\$10.00**

River Cruise with Bay City Boat Lines..... **\$25.00**

Mysteries of the Great Lakes (Movie)..... **\$6.00** (at the door)



Tuesday...Conference Only \$95.00

- *includes breakfast, lunch, shopping, speakers and more*

Both Days* **\$140.00*

Accommodations

A block of rooms at \$119 per night have been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton on the River Bay City, MI. A direct link to the hotel to register is included on the Annual Conference registration page.

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Schedule

Monday - June 10th

9:00am - Registration

begins

10:00 - 12:00pm MGC Board of Directors meeting and luncheon, honoring MGC standing committee members.

- Activities (on your own)
- Shopping in downtown Bay City, one-of-a-kind shops, restaurants and art galleries!

12:30-1:30 **Your choice:**

- Join a docent led nature walk in River Bend Nature Area
or
- Watch Mystery of the Great Lakes at the Planetarium - just steps from the hotel

2:00 - 3:00 River Cruise with Bay City Boat Lines

4:30 - 5:30 Make and Take a Pool-Noodle Floral Design

6:00 - 9:00pm Reception and Dinner (Under the tent)

Tuesday - June 11th

8:00 - 9:15am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 - 11:15 **MGC Annual Meeting**, Member Club Voting; MGC/CR/NGC Award Winners, NGC/CR/MGC Scholarship Awards, Celebration of A Gardener's Life Memorial

- Vendor Shopping - Art for Sale- Hall of Honor Floral Designs - Silent Auction



11:45 - 1:30pm

Lunch and Keynote Speaker



Dr Alan Steinman MCC: Michigan has plenty of water, or does it? *The Myths of Groundwater Abundance in Michigan*

Alan Steinman is the Allen and Helen Hunting Research Professor at Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI). He was the Director of AWRI from 2001 until 2022. Previously, he was Director of the Lake Okeechobee Restoration Program at the South Florida Water Management District. He has published over 190 scientific articles, book chapters, and books; has been awarded over \$60 million in grants for scientific and engineering projects and over \$5 million in private fund-raising, and has testified before the U.S. Congress and the Michigan and Florida state legislatures.

1:45 - 2:45



Karen Cherry is lead designer at Four Seasons Landscape Design *Her goal is to make at least one bouquet every week.*

Karen Cherry's slogan is "landscapes designed with cutting in mind." She has been growing flowers since grade school and developing her two-acre trial and display garden for forty years. Karen spends much of her time, these days, volunteering through the University of Illinois Master Gardener Program. She has been a Master Gardener since 1998.

In 2000 she launched her design business and has assisted residential clients across central Illinois. Since 2014 she has been involved in flower farming and has been vase testing many stems from her landscape and culling those that don't perform. She also has been doing freelance floral design.

3:00 - 4:00

Your Choice



Christe Alwin, **Municipal Water/Watershed**

*Michigan Department of
Environment, Great Lakes,
and Energy*

Christe Alwin is the supervisor of the Stormwater Permits Unit in EGLE's Water Resources Division. She oversees permitting for the construction, industrial, and municipal stormwater programs. Christe has worked for the department for 22 years all within the Water Resources Division and was formerly the program coordinator for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program or MS4 Program.

In June 2023 Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) honored Christe Alwin, Storm Water Permits Unit supervisor, with the association's Watershed Manager of the Year award.



Meaghan Gass, Trash Talk: Exploring waste and sustainability in Michigan and the Great Lakes

Meaghan Gass is a Michigan Sea Grant Educator and a favorite presenter in District 6.

Meaghan Gass's focus areas include community resiliency, Great Lakes literacy, healthy coastal ecosystems, and place-based and natural resources education. Meaghan earned a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and French) from Illinois State University and a Master of Arts (Political Science) from Saint Louis University. Prior to joining Extension and Sea Grant, Meaghan partnered on many projects with them through the Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative regional network.

5:00pm Conference and Adjournment

Thanks so much for attending!

Silent Auction Baskets!

Over 20 baskets to bid on!

Donated by the District 6 Clubs!

Other Silent Auction Items:



1 Twin-size handmade quilt for wall or bed

4 floral designs by Karen Cherry

**1-gallon Proven Winners shrubs from
Spring Meadows Nursery, Grand Haven**



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Raffle Prizes

Michigan Garden Clubs will hold a large, in-house raffle of these four significant prizes!

1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$10, 15 tickets for \$20, or 30 tickets for \$30. Cash, checks, or credit cards will be accepted. **Lic #R74561**

The drawings will be held on Tuesday between 4 pm and 5:30 pm, June 11. Must be present to win.



3 Night stay at a home on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula - Value \$500

This lovely recently redecorated rental cottage is located between Omena and Northport on North Port Bay, Lake Michigan. This home has two bedrooms (1B/Queen and 1B/Bunk beds) and one full bath.

The beach access has 400' frontage with a view of the lake from the front yard. The winner will have a choice of dates in fall 2024 or spring 2025, to be arranged with homeowner. Winner will have choice of 3-night stay between Sept 1 and Oct 31 in 2024 or 2025 or May 1 through June 15, 2025. Check in 3 pm and check out 10 am. **Donated by Sue Soderberg.**



A Day of Sailing and a Night's Stay at the Doubletree Hotel - Value \$300

A one-day cruise on a 30' Cape Dory sailboat in Saginaw Bay and a one-night stay at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel on Saginaw River, Bay City. The arrangements, dependent on weather, will be made with donors and will be dependent on weather. **Donated by John and Carol Lucas**

Beautiful Award-Winning Photograph Print, Framed in Wood - Value \$150



This award-winning photograph is printed with UV inks for longevity, durability and fade resistance with a satin finish for reduced glare. It is printed on lightweight black photo board with a white base layer and has a custom 5/8" wood black frame. The print dimensions are 10" x 24" plus frame. The overall depth of the frame is 1 inch, and it is ready to hang in your favorite location. ***Donated by Lynn O'Shaughnessy***



Classic "Water Lily" Hand-made Quilt – Value \$300

Add a touch of French country style to your bedroom with this exquisite handmade 77" x 95" quilt. Lisa Fales, a talented quilter of Threads by Lisa, presents this "Water Lily" classic quilt. The pattern was designed by well-known Thimble Berries designer Lynette Jensen. This easy to care for cotton blend is suitable for all seasons, and its machine wash and tumble dry.

Donated by Nancy Stark's daughter, Lisa Fales



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Floral + Fungi -Botanical skincare products

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Pottery by Carol Lewin

LS Handmade Bags - Cork Handbags

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Debby & Pat's Wood Works -Wooden bird house, cutting and charcuterie boards, wine glass holders, trivets

Saverine Creek Heirlooms -Jewelry from heirloom seeds

Sisters Cardstock Creations -Handcrafted Decor & Layered Shadowboxes

Stone Cottage Gardens & Little Black Rakes - Garden tools,accessories and perennials

Wicked Wednesday Soap Co. -Artisan Soaps