

# DAY of SHARING

## Michigan Association of Accredited Judges

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Thursday, October 23, 2025
  - 9:30 AM to 4:15 PM
  - Farm Lane Branch of MSUFCU, 4825 Mt. Hope Road in East Lansing, MI
- Register online at [migardenclubs.org](http://migardenclubs.org)

### PRESENTERS

Vern Stevens  
Mary Jo McElroy  
Bethany Goodman  
Pat Bazany  
Kathi Dominguez  
Dennis Banning  
Monica Taylor



### MORNING

The morning begins with a focus on using native Michigan grasses in horticulture. That will be followed by a discussion of efforts toward sustainable floristry at the global, business, and individual levels.



### AFTERNOON

Hear from a local florist about new trends and materials in the floral design industry. That will be followed by a workshop on manipulation of botanicals in floral design, enhanced by demonstration and hands-on activity.



### GROUP SHARING

Panels and group discussion will consider how to "avoid making a scene" and other tantalizing topics. Lunch and two breaks are included for the low cost of \$35 for the entire day.

REGISTRATION ON [migardenclubs.org](http://migardenclubs.org) WEBSITE

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MSU Federal Credit Union

Farm Lane Branch

4825 Mt. Hope Road

East Lansing, MI 48823

Cost is \$35 for full day with lunch and two breaks (no partials)

Registration is open from August 18 to October 17; 10% fee to cancel; no refunds after October 17

Registration information at  
[migardenclubs.org](http://migardenclubs.org)

### Michigan Association of Accredited Judges (MAAJ)

The mission of MAAJ is to provide education, resources, and networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of horticulture, floral design, and botanical arts. MAAJ is a Committee within the structure of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. and is represented as a member of the Board of Directors. Each District has a representative to the MAAJ Committee.

**Check out MAAJ membership information at:**

<https://migardenclubs.org/michigan-association-of-accredited-judges/>

## Schedule for the Day

9:30 AM Registration, beverages, light food

10 AM to 12:15 PM

- **Hort, hort, horray!** Native Michigan grasses by Vern Stevens, Designs by Nature LLC
- **Is "green" good for the environment?** Sustainable floristry by Mary Jo McElroy and Bethany Goodman
- **Don't make a scene!** by Pat Bazany and Kathi Dominguez

12:15 to 1:15 PM Boxed lunch, shopping our stash, and networking

1:15 to 4:00 PM

- **What's new in the world of professional florists?** by Dennis Banning of Van Atta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop
- **Twist & Turn** -- Manipulation of botanicals by Monica Taylor
- **Potpourri -- ask the experts** panel led by Mary Jo McElroy

4:00 PM Wrap up and safe travels

**Please bring a pair of clippers and scissors for the afternoon workshop.**

This program is sponsored by MAAJ.

Chair: Mary Jo McElroy

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MGC President: Lisa Robinson

Flower Show School Chair: Carol Brodbeck

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This program is open to the public.

