



Garden City Garden Club
1st Annual Gardening Conference
“Beyond the Bloom”

Saturday, March 14, 2026
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Garden City High School
6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135
O’Leary Auditorium

Workshops -- Breakfast -- Lunch -- Vendor Show -- Raffle Baskets

Keynote Speaker, Christine Froehlich - “Gardening With What You Have” Christine has worked at the Virginia State Gardens, New York Botanical Gardens and Rochester Civic Garden Center. She will share how to evaluate your existing landscape, ways to correct common garden challenges, and give tips to improve plant choices, layout and design.

Speaker, Bevin Cohen - “Saving and Sharing Seeds” Bevin is an award-winning author, herbalist, and owner of Small House Farm. He will guide gardeners through seed saving basics, seed libraries, seed swaps, and to build sustainable seed programs within your community.

Speaker, Michelle Alvarez, owner of The Gangsta Garden in Monroe, Michigan will lead two sessions:

- **Session 1: "The Power of Native Plants"** This session will cover the significance of native plants and their role in supporting local ecosystems.
- **Session 2: "Creating Sanctuaries for Monarchs"** Attendees will learn essential steps for establishing a Monarch Way Station in their own backyard.

Speaker, Ken Polzin, Southern Michigan Daylily Society - “They’re Not Ditch Lilies Anymore!” Learn about the colorful world of modern daylilies, and how easy they are to grow and share. He will share their role as partners for pollinators. Ken cultivates over 300 varieties of lilies in his own garden.

Speaker, Brian Hintz, Wild Birds Unlimited, Canton, MI - “20 Top Feeder Birds of Michigan” He will explain which are the top feeder birds in Michigan and what they should be fed. Let’s blend birdwatching and gardening.

Cost: \$75.00 Preregistration Required
No onsite registration – Registration closes March 4
Workshops - Light Breakfast - Boxed Lunch - Door Prizes

Registration Information

For full conference information and to register, visit the
Garden City Garden Club website: gcgardenclub.com
Click on the EVENTS tab at top of page for registration, payment, and lunch options
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