

## GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM DETAILS



*First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady, Dearborn*  
*(Unless Otherwise Specified)*

### **September 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome Back Potluck

Mary Spencer: Cook, Instructor & Owner of “Taste: A Cook’s Place.” Self-taught Cook teaching classes for over 30 years, Mary will speak about cooking using various culinary herbs found in our gardens. She will share her tips and stories making for an enjoyable learning experience.

Hosts: *Nanette Fisher & Paulette Baumgart*

### **October 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

John Hartig PhD: Detroit Riverfront Conservancy Board member, accomplished Great Lakes scientist and non-fiction author - John will present “Rouge River Revived” - how citizens are bringing the Rouge River back to life. He will review the history of the Rouge, indigenous flora and fauna over time, various conservation efforts and the dramatic river clean-up arising from citizen concern and activism. Today the Rouge stands as one of the most successful examples of urban river revival in the country.

Hosts: *Jo West & Rose Wiggle*

### **November 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

Hands-on Workshop

Decorating Holiday Wreaths, Centerpieces & Tabletop Trees for Festival of Trees Benefit for Children’s Hospital of Detroit.

Hosts: *Mary Ellen Matigian & Terri Bungee*

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### **December 6, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**

***No December General Meeting***  
***Holly Berry Brunch***

Garden Club of Dearborn's Celebration and Yearly Fundraiser  
at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Detroit-Dearborn.

### **January 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**

Janet Macunovich: Professional Gardner, Designer, Educator & Author. Janet will present: "Simplify Your Landscape." With a look at what you can do to reduce the work in your yard. Janet will provide a low maintenance approach to make tasks simpler and/or physically easier. These tips come to you from 40-years of gardening experience.

Hosts: *Mariya Fogarasi & Michelle Mikulec*

### **February 9, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**

Valentine's Day Tea & Demo / Workshop  
Linda Johnson, PhD: GCD member Dr. Linda Johnson will lead a "Make and Give" floral arrangement workshop. Each member will be provided the materials to construct a "Love in a Cup" themed centerpiece to be given to shut-ins at Oakwood Commons senior living facility. For a minimum donation, members may take their creations home.

Hosts: *Kim Kovacs-Gucwa & Jean Burns*

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### **March 9, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**

Gail Morrell: Master Gardener, Instructor, Trainer and Owner of The Gardener, Inc. - a garden maintenance company. Gail will present: "Garden Insects: the Good, the Bad and the Beautiful." Learn how to identify insects in their many different life stages. Once identified correctly you'll be able to control the bad ones, enjoy the beautiful ones and use the good ones to your benefit. After thirty-five years as a professional gardener, Gail continues to do what she loves, garden maintenance! She will provide practical tips and suggestions for the best gardening results with a focus on insects.

Hosts: *Linda Stechison & Marie Komnenic*

### **April 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**

Naim Edwards: Naim Edwards - Director at Michigan State University Ext. Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation, will present: "Food Forests & New Perspectives on Edible Landscaping." He will talk about the practice of edible landscaping, our food system and urban agriculture. His research includes examining how urban garden management affects biodiversity and explores the ways in which agriculture can address social, economic, and environmental issues.

Hosts: *Marlene Bankwitz, Shawn Tambeau,  
Carole Hogg & Joanne Zatek*

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### **May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

Brian Patterson: Brian Patterson - founder of the non-profit Bees in the Ds, will present: "Bee is for Beneficial." This presentation will be an introduction to the variety of bees, benefits of bees, and the art of bee keeping". Bees in the D is part of the green wave that is flooding Detroit with smart environmental solutions and has turned neglected spaces, yards and rooftops into biodiverse havens and homespun apiaries filled with wildflowers and native plants.

Hosts: Wanda Unis-Flaim, Jennie Somers  
& Sandy Butler

### **June 15, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**

Mike Solomon: Naturalist and Certified Interpretive Guide at U of M Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center will be speaking on the topic of Mushrooms. Mike will discuss: "Gardening as an Ecosystem" - incorporating ecological principles of the Soil Food Web in the home garden. Mike will share tips and techniques on how to make your garden hospitable; not only to plants, but to the microorganisms the plants rely on.

Hosts: Mary Bugeia & Committee Members