



INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE 2023

Overland Park, Kansas
June 18 - 22, 2023

FOR THE
GARDENER IN YOU

Hosted by the Kansas State University
Extension Master Gardeners of Johnson County, Kansas



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WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

Overland Park, part of the Kansas City metropolitan area, is where the North American eastern deciduous forest transcends into the tallgrass prairie. This is where you'll embark on your IMGC 2023 journey.

For the first time in four years, Master Gardeners from around the world will gather in person to celebrate today, educate for tomorrow and grow the future. This conference is a one-of-a-kind opportunity that will nurture the Gardener in You.

Everywhere you look, you're going to find unforgettable experiences. Did you know that with more than 200 public fountains, Kansas City is known as the City of Fountains? Where else can you visit an exquisite Monet Garden—emulating the painter's garden in France—meticulously designed and cared for by Master Gardeners? And yet in minutes you can enjoy some of the best barbecue in the country while you soak up our Midwestern hospitality.

CONVENTION CENTER, HOTEL AND REGISTRATION

The award-winning **Overland Park Convention Center (OPCC)** is the hub of IMGC 2023 activity. It's conveniently connected to our host hotel, the modern Overland Park Sheraton. IMGC 2023 selected the Convention Center for its ease of navigation, comfortable meeting rooms, state-of-the-art technology and culinary excellence.

Overland Park Sheraton Hotel special IMGC rates range from \$154 to \$254 plus tax, based on type of room. Rate available three nights before and after the conference, depending on availability. On-site restaurant, fitness center, hot tub and indoor pool. Free parking.

Early bird registration is \$397 and available November 2022 to March 1, 2023. Registration after March 1, 2023 is \$459.

Registration includes Monday dinner, Tuesday through Thursday breakfast, Tuesday through Wednesday lunch, and Tuesday and Wednesday concurrent presentations.

A STANDOUT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 17: Pre-Conference

All-day tour of outstanding private gardens*

Sunday, June 18: Conference Check-In and Activities

There is so much to see and do in Kansas City Metro and the surrounding region. Tours Sunday through Tuesday make exploration easy.*

Enjoy Sunday and Monday hands-on workshops* too. A great way to get creative and meet other Master Gardeners.

The evening Featured Speaker is Leigh Hunt, Royal Horticultural Society, Making the United Kingdom a Greener and More Beautiful Place.

Tours*: Choose between Wine Tour; Konza Prairie and Kansas State University Tour; Overnight Tour of Central Kansas (Tallgrass Prairie, Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, Dyck Arboretum, Botanica); or Tour of Private Gardens.

Monday, June 19: Even More to Enjoy

Day tours and workshops* followed by a Welcome Dinner and Keynote Speaker Jim Richardson, National Geographic photojournalist and native Kansan.

Tours*: Choose between Nelson-Atkins Museum of Arts Tour; Midtown Gardens Tour; Lawrence and Douglas County Tour; Gardens of Eastern Kansas Tour; Urban Farming in KC; or K-State Horticulture Research Center/Kill Creek Prairie Tour.



Tuesday, June 20: Lots to Learn

Search for Excellence award ceremony.

Morning Keynote Speaker Abra Lee is a horticulturist, historian, and author. Her stories of Black Americans' contributions to the plant world are uplifting.

Today through Wednesday you can select from more than 45 concurrent presentations led by horticultural experts speaking on a variety of timely topics.

This evening's Featured Speaker is Sara Dykman. Her knowledge of science and love of nature motivated her to bicycle over 10,000 miles to follow the Monarch butterfly migration.

Tours*: Choose between Kansas City Arts and Architecture Tour; or Overland Park Arboretum, Boulevard Brewery and Barbecue Tours.

Wednesday, June 21: More to Think About

Search for Excellence award ceremony.

Morning Keynote Speaker Dr. Charles Rice co-authored a climate change report that received Nobel Peace Prize recognition. Dr. Rice is Professor of Soil Microbiology at Kansas State University.

Once again, concurrent presentations fill the day.

Evening Featured Speaker Dan Hinkley will talk about The Forgotten Elements Of Good Design: Texture, Movement And Fragrance.

Thursday, June 22: Bugs and Laughter

Morning Keynote Speaker horticulturist Jessica Walliser shares her concepts on managing good and bad bugs and companion planting vegetables.

Closing Keynote Speaker Scott Beuerlein is manager of Botanical Garden Outreach at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. His gardening presentations are always honest and humorous.

***Tours, workshops and evening activities are priced separately. Tours are subject to change.**

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