

## What is the Garden Center?

**The Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization whose mission it is *to promote education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in our community* through community lectures, programs, projects, and workshops. Open to the public, the Garden Center's activities provide a valued resource to learn about gardening, conservation, volunteer opportunities, and meet and work with others of similar interests.

**Why is it important to our community?** The Garden Center offers public access to gardening-related activities and education. We provide Master Gardener scholarships and college scholarships, manage the Trial Gardens, Veterans Garden, and perennial gardens, display beautiful local private gardens on our Annual Garden Tour, and provide gardening and conservation lectures and workshops to the community.

**What is the history and relationship between the Garden Center and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial?** The Garden Center was formed in 1950 as successor to the War Memorial's Grounds and Gardens committee, and became an independent, non-profit organization in 1956. The Garden Center commissioned the design and installation of the Trial Gardens in 1952, it also manages and funds the arbor gardens and the Veterans Garden, dedicated in 2012. Through volunteer help, we continue to maintain these beautiful gardens for the public to enjoy on the grounds of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

**We strive to be your local resource** for gardening questions, community programs, gardening education, workshops, volunteer opportunities, and horticultural and conservation information.



### Become a Garden Center Member!

#### Annual memberships:

Individual: \$20

Family: \$25

To join and enjoy all the benefits of membership or to donate, visit our

#### For more Information:

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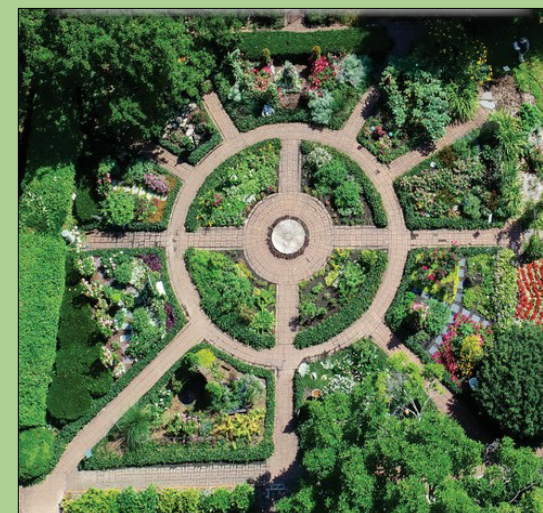
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Discover....

## The Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.

As a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, we are supported entirely by our memberships, donations, and fundraisers. We finance many wonderful events, lectures, community workshops, scholarships, annual garden tour, trial gardens, veterans garden, and arbor gardens. Your dollars help fund our many activities and events. To join, donate, and/or learn about all of our activities and events, visit our website at [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org).

**Garden Center Lectures:** The community enjoys our many programs and workshops offered throughout the year such as our Annual Meeting, Sue Abbott Lecture, Trial Gardens Awards Tea. Most are open to the public in our effort to expand the knowledge of gardening and conservation in our community.

**Legacy Seminar:** One of the annual highlights of the former Detroit Garden Center was hosting a popular gardening seminar. The Garden Center is continuing their 29-year legacy to focus on horticultural education for the public with noted speakers.

**Annual Garden Tour:** For over thirty three years the tour has been the highlight of summer, where beautiful private local gardens are on display for the public to enjoy and get inspiration from for their own gardens. Other tour favorites are garden docents, artists painting in the gardens, tour raffle, garden shoppe, and musical entertainment.

**Trial Gardens:** Designed around an historic millstone with four inner plots maintained by the Herb Society, and eight outer plots planted by local garden clubs in a judged competition based on an annual theme. Awards are given to the top three designs at our Annual September Awards Tea, free to public. In 2016, the gardens received a Keep Michigan Beautiful award. A ninth plot is a dedicated test garden for new plant introductions, or currently is a victory garden testing various vegetable growing methods.

**Veterans Garden:** Dedicated on Veterans Day 2012, this Keep Michigan Beautiful award-winning garden contains memorial benches and a commemorative paver path. It was designed and is maintained by committed volunteers in tribute to the sacrifices our veterans have made and continue to make to preserve our freedom. The garden became a certified Monarch Way Station in 2018. It is supported entirely by donations and engraved paver funds.

**Education Workshops:** We reach out to our community with programs in local elementary schools teaching children gardening basics. We have also held inter-generational gardening workshop with seniors and children.

**Scholarships:** To promote horticultural and/or conservation education we fund two scholarships: Master Gardeners who complete the MSU Extension course, and high school seniors going to college to pursue a career in environmental science and/or conservation.

**Newsletters:** Members enjoy our informative quarterly newsletters with committee activities, gardening articles, and upcoming events and programs offered community-wide.

**Website:** Visit [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org) to keep current on our programs, lectures, workshops, community events, gardens, scholarships, and members-only section with in-depth gardening articles, newsletters and more.