

MGC District News D1Karen Block continued:

is focused on promoting sustainability and the incorporation of native plants into home gardens, in line with Tallamy's "Homegrown National Park" initiative. Registration for the event starts in January 2026. Please monitor the GP Garden Center website for more information. As I hear of these winter programs, I will notify D1 club presidents. I hope many of you take advantage of these opportunities.

Thanks to everyone who attended the District 1 Fall Meeting in October. Farmington Garden Club (FGC) did a fabulous job hosting, and holy smokes, did any of us miss that glorious pumpkin display welcoming us to the event? There were 126 people in attendance, 18 club presidents, MGC president Lisa Robinson and 1st VP Ronnie Dush as well as representatives from two soon-to-be clubs just now forming. The Meeting's theme Conserve to Preserve was echoed by Jan Bills, the keynote speaker, who in her characteristically amusing style entertained us with gardening tips to preserve ourselves from extra work and conserve our energy. Plans are already afoot for next year's event which I know will be just as much fun. Hope to see many more of you there.



FGC Welcome display.

Design artists Linda Gee and Donna Brewster

Since time flies as the old adage goes, please put the following two events on your radar. Coming up on March 14, 2026, Garden City Garden Club is hosting a Beyond the Bloom gardening conference from 9-3 at the Garden City High School. BtB will feature speakers, vendors, and more. Sounds like loads of fun and by March we will all be ready for a jumpstart on spring. Then, on April 22, 2026 (Earth Day), Livonia Garden Club will host the Spring Leadership Meeting at Stefan's Banquets at St. Michael's Cultural Center in Redford from 9:30-3. We are planning a very dynamic day that your leadership team won't want to miss. More information to come after the first of the year.

All predictions point to a "wetter" winter for Michigan this year, whatever that means. Loads of snow? Time to build an ark? Wherever you spend the cold months, may your 2026 garden dreams blossom and grow, whether in sunny climes or snowbound/swimming here in Michigan. 'Till we meet again, stay warm/dry/cool.