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# Master Gardeners of Ontario

## 2024 Conference

Ecological and Biodiverse  
Gardening Practices,  
Habitat Above & Below the Soil

**April 26 – 27, 2024**



## Friday April 26:

- 11:00 am Registration opens
- 12:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Bus leaves for The Arboretum Centre from Convention Hall entrance
- 12:30 pm Session 1 tours begin at The Arboretum and rain garden (Hilton Centre)
- 12:30 pm Dr. McTavish, Jumping Worms and Other Invasives, Delta - Royal City Ballroom
- 1:00 pm General Arboretum tour begins at the Arboretum Centre
- 1:45 pm Break available in Delta - Conference Hall
- 2:00 pm Session 2 tours begin at The Arboretum and rain garden (Hilton Centre)
- 2:00 pm Freyja Whitten, Management of Invasive Garden Plants in Natural Areas, Delta - Royal City Ballroom
- 2:30 pm General Arboretum tour begins at The Arboretum Centre
- 3:30 pm Session 3 tours begin at The Arboretum and rain garden (Hilton Centre)
- 3:30 pm Robert Pavlis, Garden Myths – about soil and native plantings, Delta – Royal City Ballroom

## Friday April 26:

- 4:30 pm Set-up networking presentations, Delta – Royal City Ballroom
- 4:40 pm Final bus pick-up at The Arboretum Centre
- 6:00 pm Cash bar opens, Delta – Conference Hall, Silent Auction starts
- 6:30 pm Dinner Buffet Royal City Ballroom
- 7:30 pm Paul Zammit, Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardeners in a Changing World, sponsored by Green Tractors
- 11:00 pm Royal City Ballroom closes

## Saturday April 27:

- 8:00 am Registration opens for Saturday only participants
- 8:00 am Continental breakfast buffet, Royal City Ballroom
- 9:30 am Jeanne McRight, Blooming Boulevards – Growing the Future, Royal City Ballroom

## Saturday April 27:

- 9:30 am Sean James, Talk Dirty: Soil and the Things Living in it, Gryphon/Ken Danby room
- 10:30 am Break, Conference Hall
- 11:00 am Verbinnen's Nursery, Propagating Native Plants/Ontario Native Plants, Royal City Ballroom
- 11:00 am Claudette Sims, A Gardening Conundrum: Why are invasive plants sold in nurseries, Gryphon/Ken Danby room
- 12:00 pm Buffet Lunch, Networking tables, Silent Auction
- 1:45 pm Kahoots, Royal City Ballroom, Silent Auction concludes
- 2:15 pm Kevin Kavanagh, The Growing Importance of Gardening for Nature, sponsored by Green Tractors
- 3:15 pm Karen Sciuk, Conference Closing, Door Prizes, Silent Auction winners announced