

**District VII, East of Pittsburgh**  
INVITES ALL GCFP MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO  
**The 93rd GCFP Convention**  
*Thyme to Garden!*

APRIL 21-23, 2023 - IT'S A WEEKEND CONVENTION  
PITTSBURGH-MONROEVILLE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON



Register early to attend the events of your first choice.  
The Registration Fee for all attendees is \$5, if postmarked by March 10.  
Late fee of \$25 after March 10. No refunds after March 31 deadline.  
A hotel meal is required to attend a session during the same day.  
Select the full conference special rate to maximize the value.

Partner and travel with others to learn a lot and have fun!  
On Friday, wear a hat and a favorite costume.

**RECOGNIZE GCFP AWARDEES**

**VENDORS – ED. EXHIBITS - TRASH TO TREASURE – RAFFLES – HOSPITALITY**

**FRIDAY Special Events**

- ❖ Tour: A 1793 Log House and Breakfast at The Betsy Shoppe
- ❖ Afternoon Tea and Titanic Era Fashions (Wear a Hat!);
- ❖ Three “Make and Take” sessions - \$10 each!

**\*\* Costume opportunity for the International Food sampling buffet\*\***

**\*\* Featuring live Pittsburgh Ethnic Music\*\***

**SATURDAY Showcases**

MARCY CUNKLEMAN, Master Food Preserver  
JEANNE CECIL, Rachel Carson Homestead Assoc.  
DON ORKOSKEY, WDO Photography  
MARK MILLER, PH.D., Pittsburgh Botanic Garden  
JOE STAVISH, Tree Pittsburgh  
GABE TILOVE, Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens  
BOB MULVIHILL, National Aviary

**Seasons – Designs by Floral Rhythms**

**Installation of GCFP Officers by NGC 1st VP and Reception**

**SUNDAY Features**

ADIA EFFIONG, Grow Pittsburgh  
ROSE MARIE MUZIKA, Carnegie Museum of Natural History  
JOSHUA BEBLO, PSU Landscape Architecture

**Luncheon & “Under the Rainbow” Design Program**

**Sponsored by GCFP Judges’ Councils**

**Featuring “Best of the West (PA)” Designers**

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT OF RAFFLE WINNERS \*\*\***

## TENTATIVE 2023 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### **THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 2023**

- 5-8 Early REGISTRATION Thursday evening  
- Attendees of Early Friday Events  
- Selected Vendors, Presenters

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023**

- 7 – 6 REGISTRATION  
7:45 – 11:45 Log House Tour & The Betsy Shoppe Breakfast  
(8 AM Departure)
- 8 – 12:30 Set Up Vendors, Raffles, Ways & Means Table  
8 – 12:30 Set Up Educational Exhibits & Hospitality Room
- 8 – 11 Floral Workroom for Tea, Dinner  
& Honorary Designs (in Foyer)
- 11 – 11:45 Make & Take Sessions  
MT1 – Ribbon Magic
- 12 – 5 Set Up Trash to Treasure  
12 – 6:30 Shopping, Raffles,  
& Hospitality Room
- 12:45 – 2:45 Afternoon Tea (1 PM start, with hats)
- 3 – 3:45 Make & Take Sessions  
MT2 – Essential Oils for Gardeners\*
- 4 – 4:45 Make & Take Sessions  
MT3 – Propagation Tips\*
- 4 – 5 GCFP Executive Committee Meeting**  
(Officers, DDs, Asst. DDs are invited)
- 5 – 5:30 *Change into costumes!*  
5:15 Trash to Treasure Judging
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour, cash bar
- 6:30 – 9 Dinner Buffet, Awards,  
& Live Music Entertainment**

*\*Note: Make and Take Facilitators are also Vendors in Oxford Room.*

## TENTATIVE 2023 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023**

7 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast
7 – 12	REGISTRATION
<b>8:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>Official Opening of the 93<sup>rd</sup> GCFP Convention Annual Business Meeting (All GCFP members should attend)</b>
8:00 – 6:30	Shopping, Raffles, Ways & Means
10:30 – 12	Hospitality Room
10:45 – 11:45	Sessions A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A1 - The Safe Way to Can</li> <li>A2 - Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy</li> <li>A3 - Mastering Phone Photography</li> </ul>
<b>12 – 2:45</b>	<b>Lunch, Awards, &amp; Program</b>
2:45 – 6	REGISTRATION
2:45 – 5:30	Shopping, Raffles, Hospitality
3 – 4	Sessions B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B1 - The Neighborhood's Urban Forest</li> <li>B2 - Supporting Home Landscapes</li> <li>B3 - Native Landscaping for Birds</li> </ul>
<b>4:15 – 5</b>	<b>Meeting – Leadership Group:</b> Club Pres & VPs, GCFP Officers, DDs, & Asst. DDs
5:30 – 6:30	Social Hour, cash bar
<b>6:30 – 9</b>	<b>Dinner &amp; Program</b>

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

7 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast
7 – 12	REGISTRATION
8:00 – 12	Shopping, Raffles, Ways & Means
<b>8 – 8:30</b>	<b>Judges Council Board</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:15</b>	<b>Judges Council Meeting</b>
9:30 – 10:30	Session C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C1 - Connecting Schools with Gardeners</li> <li>C2 - Conservation of Ecosystems</li> <li>C3 - History &amp; Future of Garden Design</li> </ul>
<b>11 – 2</b>	<b>Lunch, Program &amp; Awards Hosted by Judges Council [Announcement of Raffle Winners]</b>
<b>2 – 3</b>	<b>Convention Business Resumes</b> Invitation to the 2024 Convention, District IV Brief Meeting of the 2023-2025 Board of Directors

## Friday, April 21 – Events

### 1793 GREENOCK LOG HOUSE TOUR & BREAKFAST AT THE BETSY SHOPPE – 7:45 am

VAN DEPARTS 8:00 AM - PROMPTLY -- FROM LOBBY



**History buffs!** This gem of a Log House is located in Greenock and was built 6 years after the signing of the Constitution. The Elizabeth Township Historical Society rescued it from demolition in 2010. The tour will feature the turkey breast fireplace. A docent leader will dress in colonial garb.

Breakfast will be at **The Betsy Shoppe**, which is a 100-year-old Victorian tearoom. It features 3 floors of specialty treasures, trinkets and gifts.

<https://www.thebetsyshoppe.com/tea-room>

***Required minimum attendees is 20 and tour has a 26 limit.***

[Note: The tour group will be split into two sections and both will alternate visiting the two sites.]

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### MAKE & TAKE SESSION - MT1 – 11 am

#### MARY JANE MARTUCCI, GCFP DISTRICT X JUDGE



#### ***Ribbon Magic***

Presentation is everything! Choosing the right ribbon and knowing how to create attractive bows are important skills to decorate greens, baskets and gifts.

The new division of Botanical Arts Crafts Section in the NGC Flower Show Handbook focuses on gift boxes.

Each attendee will be provided ribbon and instructions for two bows. Bring your scissors!

Mary Jane is an enthusiastic and creative flower show design mentor, competitor and accredited Master Flower Show Judge who currently serves as the GCFP Flower Show Evaluations Chair.

Mary Jane fell in love with flower shows the first time she attended one.

## Friday, April 21 – Events (Continued)

### AFTERNOON TEA – 1 pm

**DEBBIE POPP GILBERT, ELIZABETH TWP. HISTORICAL SOC.**



#### ***Titanic Era Fashions***

The movie of Jack and Rose's tragic love story on the doomed maiden voyage of the Titanic on April 15, 1912 captivated hearts.

This presentation will feature a display of vintage fashions and tell the great controversy of the ship's centerpieces.

**Debbie** is a retired reporter/editor, the Vice President of the Elizabeth Twp. Historical Society, and a Board member of the *Brittsburgh Society*.

This event is was arranged by the Pucketos Garden Club – whose members encourage you to bring and wear your favorite hat!

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### MAKE & TAKE SESSION – MT2 – 3 pm

**LINDA LOUISE BOYER, WELLNESS ASSOCIATES**



#### ***Essential Oils for Gardeners***

Be entertained, informed and led into making essential oil sprays. Essential oil recipe handouts will be provided.

Essential oils are a healthy alternative to common chemical products used in gardening—e.g., bug and deer repellent, sprays for outdoor and indoor pest and disease control and as soaks for fruits and vegetables.

Linda, aka “Crazy Old Oil Lady”, is a self-employed Silver Wellness Advocate for doTERRA Essential Oils USA since 2012. Linda and her husband own a 165-acre farm and use doTERRA essential oils to aid plant growth and bug and fungus control. Linda uses the essential oils on their beef cattle, horses, chickens, dogs and cats.

Visit Linda at the Convention Vendor Room for more essential oil information or the website [www.mydoterra.com/lindalboyer](http://www.mydoterra.com/lindalboyer).

## Friday, April 21 – Events (Continued)

### MAKE & TAKE SESSION – MT3 – 4 pm

#### MAGGIE SHAFFERMAN, HUNTERS RUN NURSERY



#### ***Propagation Tips - Hands on Cuttings, Seeds & Succulents***

Learn about collecting, saving, and starting seeds... the easiest way to take cuttings from perennials and shrubs...plant divisions and specialty propagation including succulents!

Each attendee will take home, from a variety of seeds and plants, a 3-cell tray with seeds, a cutting, and a succulent stem and leaf cutting.

Maggie grew up on a farm in Central PA. She studied at Longwood Gardens' Professional Gardener Training Program. In 2007, she returned home to build Hunters Run Nursery. Maggie's specialties are unique herbs and heirloom garden perennials, shrubs and roses.

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### 5:30 - 6:30 pm - CASH BAR - Costume up!

Features the Signature Drink from the Titanic, "Punch Romaine".

Stroll around and visit the vendors in the Oxford Room!

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### INTERNATIONAL DINNER BUFFET & MUSIC – 6:30 pm

Sample the wide variety of foods at 3 Ethnic Stations with this **BARGAIN TICKET** (see Meal Menus)



#### ***International Village with Mikey Dee, Musical Entertainer***

Relax! Wear a costume for fun (or not!) and sample various international food stations at our first Friday evening Convention!

Hear the happy music of Mikey Dee ([www.mikeydeeband.com](http://www.mikeydeeband.com)). He began his musical career at the age of 4 with his

grandfather. His career includes playing with Cleveland-style polka greats like Frankie Yankovic!

Since 2000, Mikey has been the Entertainment Coordinator for McKeesport's International Village. He performs approximately 400 shows annually playing oldies, ballroom, polkas, and more.

## Saturday, April 22 – Events

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – 7 - 8:30 am

Located in the Confluence Ballroom - for hotel guests

### OFFICIAL OPENING of the 93<sup>rd</sup> GCFP Convention & Annual Business Meeting - 8:30 am

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### SESSIONS A - 10:45 - 11:45 am (3 Selections)

#### SESSION A1 – MARCY CUNKLEMAN

##### MASTER FOOD PRESERVER



#### *Grandma's Way May Not Be the Safe Way to Can*

Keeping current with updated USDA approved books and information is the best and safest way to can. Marcy will explain the correct way to can showing the difference between a pressure canner and hot water bath.

As a Penn State Extension Master Food Preserver, Marcy answers canning questions throughout the year and teaches workshops on the “safe way to can.”

Marcy is a dedicated member of the Evergreen Garden Club and the GCFP Birds and Butterflies Chair.

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#### SESSION A2 – 10:45 - 11:45 am

#### JEANNE CECIL, DIRECTOR

##### RACHEL CARSON HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION (RCHA)



#### *Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy: the Sense of Wonder and Environmental Ethic*

Rachel's contributions to our understanding of the Web of Life were delivered to both scientists and ordinary people. Before “environment” and “ecology” had their current meaning, Rachel delivered the message. Her words have current and lasting importance as we continue to make ethical choices and live with their consequences.

Jeanne was introduced early to Rachel Carson's writings by environmentalist mentors who formed the RCHA. She has experience in technical and business systems, holds degrees in Public Management and Law, and served on local nonprofit boards.

Jeanne has guided the RCHA since 2013.

## **Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)**

**SESSION - A3 – 10:45 - 11:45 am (continued)**

**DON ORKOSKEY, OWNER  
WDO PHOTOGRAPHY**



### **Mastering Your Phone Photography**

Learn to capture amazing photos of your garden through this informative talk. You will get the skills you need to feel more confident and to create beautiful photos of your favorite subjects with nothing more than your phone.

Don is a professional photographer with over 20 years of working experience.

He has been teaching photography for over 15 years and regularly teaches at Phipps Conservatory, the Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens, and privately.

Don is passionate about nature. He is a certified permaculturalist and leads monthly nature photography walks in Pittsburgh.

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**SATURDAY LUNCHEON BANQUET – 12 - 2:45 pm**

**MARK MILLER, Ph.D., DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND EXHIBITS  
PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN**



### **From Black to Green: The Story of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden**

The story behind Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is that of the environmental reclamation required to transform land once logged, farmed, and mined to gardens that provide a setting for environment-based education programs in horticulture, ecology, health and wellness, and art.

Mark holds a Ph.D. in Environment & Natural Resources from The Ohio State University. Over a 40-year career he has held varied positions in horticulture education, most recently as Outreach Education Manager at Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens in Columbus, Ohio.



## **Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)**

### **Sessions B - 3 - 4 pm (3 Selections)**

#### **SESSION B1 – 3 - 4 pm**

**JOE STAVISH, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
TREE PITTSBURGH**



#### **The Urban Forest in Your Neighborhood**

Joe will introduce the meaning of urban forestry and discuss Pittsburgh's urban forest past, and plans for the future. Learn about the environmental services provided by trees, common stress issues, pests and diseases that trees face, and general tree care. Discover the Heritage Nursery and discuss some great local native trees.

Joe coordinates the Tree Tender Certification courses, facilitates garden club talks, school visits, and nursery tours, and presents at national and regional conferences. He holds a B.S. degree from Slippery Rock University in Park and Resource Management.

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#### **SESSION B2 – 3 - 4 pm**

**GABE TILOVE, DIRECTOR, ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**



#### **Supporting More Native, Diverse and Productive Home Landscapes**

Our home landscapes could be much more vibrant than the current standard. Through education and outreach programs, Phipps is helping our region's gardeners reimagine their backyards as rich, healthy landscapes.

Gabe directs 250+ classes annually on topics ranging from sustainable horticulture and native plant landscapes to botanical art, floral design, and culinary arts.

## Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)

### SESSION B3 – 3 - 4 pm continued

#### ROBERT MULVIHILL, ORNITHOLOGIST NATIONAL AVIARY



#### *Native Landscaping is for the Birds (and the Bees and Butterflies!)*

Many people have a yard dominated by a close-cropped lawn, on which they spend a lot of time, energy, water, and synthetic chemicals. This program will encourage you to think of your lawn as a blank canvas upon which you can plant a beautiful native habitat that supports a diversity of birds, butterflies and other beneficial insects.

Bob has a Masters degree in Biology from Indiana University of PA. He began his ornithological career at Powdermill Nature Reserve, where he worked at the world-renowned bird-banding station. At the National Aviary, Mulvihill has brought several citizen science projects to the Pittsburgh area.

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#### MEETING – LEADERSHIP GROUP - 4:15 - 5 pm

Club Pres & VPs, GCFP Officers, DDs, & Asst. DDs

#### CASH BAR – 5:30 pm

Featuring a Signature Drink!

Stroll around and visit the vendors in the Oxford Room!



## **Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)**

### **INSTALLATION DINNER & PROGRAM – 6:30 pm**

***Seasons - Designs by Floral Rhythms***



(Left to Right) Angie Raitano, Mary Jane Martucci, and Diane Hughes will create floral designs showcasing their artistic talents to musical excerpts for each season of the year.

***The evening ends in the foyer with a***

### ***Champagne & Dessert Reception***

Join in to celebrate our Outgoing and Incoming GCFP Officers.

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## **Sunday, April 23 – Events**

### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – 7 – 8:30 am**

Located in the Confluence Ballroom - for hotel guests

### **JUDGES COUNCIL BOARD – 8 am**

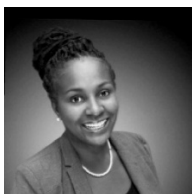
### **JUDGES COUNCIL MEETING – 8:30 am**

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### **SESSIONS C - 9:30 – 10:30 am (3 Selections)**

#### **SESSION – C1**

**ADIA EFFIONG, DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAMS  
GROW PITTSBURGH**



#### ***Creating linkages and connecting to schools with gardeners***

Explore ways to support and or start a school garden through volunteering, fundraising, mentoring, teaching and even building school gardens.

Adia holds a M.Ed. in Health Education from The Pennsylvania State University. At Grow Pittsburgh she has expanded the School Garden Network and worked with many school programs to support their garden dreams.

## Sunday, April 23 – Events (Continued)

### SESSION – C2 - 9:30 – 10:30 am

**ROSE MARIE MUZIKA, Ph.D., DIR. OF SCIENCE, RESEARCH & COLLECTIONS  
CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**



#### ***The Many Facets of Conservation, Restoration and Protection of Ecosystems***

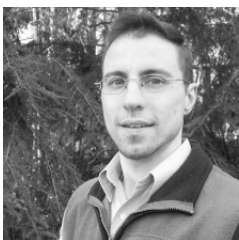
Contemporary concerns about global change and biodiversity loss dominate ecological and environmental sciences. This presentation will address some history of these practical approaches to these issues, and successes, losses and consequences of activity geared to address global natural resource crises.

Dr. Muzika holds a Ph.D. in Forestry from Michigan State University and is a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and a Harvard Fellowship. She has been employed by the US Forest Service in research, and was a Professor at the University of Missouri, where she served as Department Chair of Forestry and Associate Director of the School of Natural Resources.

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### SESSION – C3 - 9:30 – 10:30 am

**JOSHUA BEBLO, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADJUNCT PROFESSOR  
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**



#### ***A History of Garden Design in the United States and How This Garden Heritage May Guide Future Design***

Beginning with the gardens and landscapes designed and managed by indigenous peoples, and continuing through those introduced from Europe, this session will explore how the variety of styles were developed or modified to be successful in the environmental conditions of the builders.

Having degrees in landscape architecture and education, Joshua has taught landscape design history, garden design, and plant identification courses at PA universities and institutions.

## Sunday, April 23 – Events (Continued)

### LUNCH AND PROGRAM HOSTED BY JUDGES COUNCIL – 11 am

***Under the Rainbow*** - A floral design program featuring COLOR by the “Best of the West (PA)” designers - flower show judges from the Erie Area, Laurel Highlands and the Pittsburgh Area Judges Council. Come and see 9 unique designs each focusing on a different rainbow color. It promises to be an inspirational display. Let's celebrate our own local talent and the COLOR they share. All completed designs will be raffled off including the container.



*(Tonya & Mary)*

Mary Hetrick, State Judges Council Chairman, will host the luncheon with

Tonya Young as Master of Ceremonies.

### CONVENTION BUSINESS RESUMES – 2 pm

Invitation to the 2024 Convention, District IV

### OFFICIAL CONVENTION CLOSING – 2:15 pm

Brief Meeting of the 2023-2025 Board of Directors



# REGISTRATION for 93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

**April 21 - 23, 2023 (Friday-Sunday)**

Please print legibly and complete separate registration forms for you and your guest(s), using both pages.

**Make check(s) payable to: "GCFP 2023 Convention"**

**Mail to: Linda Phelps, 2023 Convention Registrar,  
73 Elmore Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

**Contact: [registrar2023dvii@gmail.com](mailto:registrar2023dvii@gmail.com) 412.559.9578**

**Confirmation will be sent to your email address**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 31, 2023**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name on Name Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club (s) \_\_\_\_\_ District(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> NGC President	<input type="checkbox"/> District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> GCFP Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Former NGC President	<input type="checkbox"/> Asst. District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant
<input type="checkbox"/> CAR-SGC Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant
<input type="checkbox"/> GCFP (State) President	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant
<input type="checkbox"/> Former GCFP President	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR-SGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest/Spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Current GCFP Officer or Board Member Position:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Current CAR-SGC Officer or Board Member Position:		

Advanced registration is required for all events and early registration is advised. See next (2/2) page. Obtain enlarged Form on GCFP website.

# REGISTRATION for 93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION, cont.

Page 2/2: Specify & prioritize your choices. Calculate check TOTAL due.

<b>ONE HOTEL MEAL MUST BE SELECTED to attend ANY sessions of that day. Enter \$ of selected events in right column.</b>		<i>Cost</i>	<i>Enter \$</i>
Registration postmarked on or before March 10, 2023		\$5	\$___
Registration postmarked March 11-31, 2023		\$25	\$___
Save \$30! Full Conference Rate includes Friday & Saturday dinner and program, Sessions A-C, Saturday & Sunday Lunch and Program, and EXCLUDES events (shaded) prior to Friday dinner.		\$250	\$___
<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS</b>			
<b>FRIDAY, APR. 21 * indicates additional fees, NOT part of the Full Conference Rate</b>			
8-11:45AM Log House Tour/Breakfast (20-26 required)		\$50*	\$
11-11:45AM MT1 <i>Ribbon Magic-Mary Jane Martucci</i> (40 max.)		\$10*	\$
1-2:45PM Afternoon Tea & <i>Titanic Era Fashion-Deb Gilbert</i> (50 max.)		\$50*	\$
3-3:45PM MT2 <i>Essential Oils for Gardeners-Linda Boyer</i> (40 max.)		\$10*	\$___
4-4:45PM MT3 <i>Propagation-Maggie Shafferman</i> (40 max.)		\$10*	\$___
6:30-9PM. International Sampling Buffet/ <i>Entertainer Mickey Dee</i>		\$65	\$___
<b>SATURDAY, APR. 22</b>			
10:45-11:45AM Session A-Please prioritize your choices as 1, 2 & 3		\$20	\$___
A1 <i>The Safe Way to Can-Marcy Cunkleman</i>	# ___		
A2 <i>Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy-Jeanne Cecil</i>	# ___		
A3 <i>Mastering Phone Photography-Don Orkoskey</i>	# ___		
12-2:45PM Lunch & Speaker: <i>PIT Botanical Garden, Mark Miller, Ph.D.</i>		\$45	\$___
3-4PM Session B-Please prioritize your choices as 1, 2 & 3		\$20	\$___
B1 <i>The Neighborhood's Urban Forest-Joe Stavish</i>	# ___		
B2 <i>Supporting Home Landscapes-Gabe Tilove</i>	# ___		
B3 <i>Native Landscaping for Birds-Robert Mulvihill</i>	# ___		
6:30-9PM Dinner, <i>Floral Rhythms, Dessert/Champagne Reception</i>		\$65	\$___
<b>SUNDAY, APR. 23</b>			
10:45-11:45AM Session C - Please prioritize your choices as 1, 2 & 3		\$20	\$___
C1 <i>Connecting Schools with Gardeners-Adia Effiong</i>	# ___		
C2 <i>Conservation of Ecosystems-Rose Marie Muzika</i>	# ___		
C3 <i>History &amp; Future of Garden Design-Joshua Beblo</i>	# ___		
11-2PM Lunch & <i>Under the Rainbow</i> by Best of the West Designers		\$45	\$___
Make check "Total" payable to "GCFP 2023 Convention"		Total	\$___

## CONVENTION MEAL MENUS

Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea, Iced Tea for all meals

### FRIDAY APRIL 21 Afternoon Tea

- First Course - Assorted Scones and Lemon Cookies served with Devonshire Cream, Orange Marmalade, and Strawberry Preserves; Assorted Teas
- Second Course - Fruit Skewers, Chicken Salad on a Croissant, Cucumber Open Face on Marble Rye
- Third Course - Mini Cream Puffs and Assorted Truffles

**FRIDAY International Dinner Buffet – BARGAIN!** - One ticket allows sampling of any food at all 3 ethnic stations, plus salad and assorted cupcakes:

Salad (*Italian & Ranch*)

-Italian Pasta Station – *Tortellini with marinara & alfredo sauces*

-Asian Stir Fry Station - *Vegetable stir fry (with chicken, beef or meatless) and pot stickies with Thai sauce*

-German/Irish/Polish Station - *Pierogies with assorted toppings, Corned Beef with Red Cabbage, Kielbasa, Bratwurst, Haluski*

### SATURDAY (AND SUNDAY) Continental Breakfast for Hotel Guests

Deluxe Continental Menu - Muffins, Breakfast Breads, Pastries, Bagels with Cream Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Cold Cereal with Milk, Assorted Yogurt

### SATURDAY APRIL 22 Lunch

Soup du Jour

Pittsburgh Salad (Steak or meatless) (*Italian & Ranch*)

Rolls and Butter

Sorbet

### SATURDAY Installation Dinner and Reception

Mixed Garden Green Salad with Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette

Lemon Chicken with Artichokes

Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes

Snow Peas

Rolls and Butter

Assorted cakes and champagne (in foyer)

### SUNDAY APRIL 23 Lunch

Mixed Garden Green Salad with Ranch and Italian Chicken Romano

Pasta with Marinara

Rolls and Butter

Carrot Cake



## **Doubletree by Hilton**

Pittsburgh-Monroeville Convention Center  
101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146  
15 miles east of downtown Pittsburgh

### **HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**April 21 (8AM Tour), 22, 23 (2:45 pm Closing)  
(Friday-Sunday)**

**Hotel Check-in at 4 PM  
Check-out at 11 AM**

**Early Arrival Check-in 4 PM on Thursday, April 20**

A special weekend discount  
Friday & Saturday nights!

The group discount code is "SGC" or  
State Garden Club Annual Convention on or before  
Thursday, March 30, 2023  
for these outstanding reservation rates

\$124+14% tax + gratuity / per room; up to 4 people/room  
[Thursday and Sunday nights are \$99 + 14% tax + gratuity]  
Free parking. Located across from Mall.

**BOOK TODAY!**

Online 24/7 at [www.doubletreemonroeville.com](http://www.doubletreemonroeville.com)

Phone: 412-373-7300 (ask for Reservations Dept.)  
Changes/Cancellations must be made by 4PM, 2 days prior,  
to avoid no show charges.

Hotel is located at Monroeville Mall  
Exit from US Route 22 Business (William Penn Highway)  
On I-76 Turnpike, take Exit 57 Pittsburgh to Monroeville.  
On I-376E from Pittsburgh, take Exit 80 to Business 22.

All Convention information may be found on the GCFP website

## 2023 PRE-CONVENTION SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

### SPEAR HEAD SPADE® GARDEN SHOVELS ARE BACK!

by Marilyn C. Backus, 2023 Convention Chair

These lightweight shovels sold out at the 2022 Malvern Convention because they are especially suited for women, seniors and people with ailments. This Spade reduces digging effort by 80%, especially in soils with lots of buried rocks, debris, and clay. It shines when it's time to separate perennials with impenetrable roots; and its beveled edges enable precision digging, especially when edging curved borders.

#### Testimonials - District members who love their shovels.

Iris Cisarik, District VII, bought a Spear Head Spade and says she loves how it helps to stabilize her while digging on the hillsides of Forest Hills. Sharon Richardson, District I, said, "My Spear Head is the best and only shovel I use." And, Mary Hetrick, District VIII, said, "My yellow-handled Spade is well-used, well-loved and never left behind!"

**View the details and order form for three models of the Spear Head Spade at [www.spearheadspade.com](http://www.spearheadspade.com).** They are available to all GCFP members at a discount if pre-ordered on-line using most credit or debit cards and the **coupon code "GCFP", effective January 1, 2023.** The \$4 discount can be applied to the shovel, and shipping costs avoided, if "in-person pickup" is selected. Disregard the pickup address since it will be available for pickup at the 2023 Convention in Monroeville on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Otherwise, \$4 will be deducted from shipping costs. A percentage of the Spade's online and Convention sales will be donated back to the Convention.

For answers to any questions, please contact Hugh Mura at Spear Head Spade at 732-297-9240.

