

## Counting down the days .....

Until October 16-18, 2022, anticipating **Central Region Garden Clubs, Inc.'s 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**. Make plans now to gather at the Hyatt Regency, Bloomington, Minnesota. The rooms will be \$139.00 a night.

This is a beautiful time of year in Minnesota. The leaves should be near peak of color. The hotel offers the convenience of free shuttle to the airport which is located close by. The shuttle will also be happy to take you to the nearby Mall of America.

Floralia Arrangers is sponsoring an **NGC Petite Specialty Flower Show**:

**Bee Terrific**. The schedule is on the Central Region website. Register your design entry with [ducky.2789.BAD@gmail.com](mailto:ducky.2789.BAD@gmail.com).

A **tour** for up to 25 is scheduled for Monday. Help us rededicate the Fort Snelling National Cemetery Blue Star Marker and have a tour of this site. The Cemetery is located directly across the interstate from the hotel. Of course, any members wanting to attend may do so. For those not on the tour bus, transportation will be on your own to the cemetery. The bus will continue to Como Park and the Marjorie McNealy Conservatory, and Japanese Garden, then off to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge for a short presentation highlighting the importance of National Wildlife Refuges. This is located behind our hotel and easy access for anyone wanting to walk the trails on their own. We will not be walking the trails on our bus stop at the refuge.

Great presenters are looking forward to sharing their expertise with you!

In keeping with the theme, Dr. David Gentry from the Audubon Society will talk on **Birds**, the environment, and the plants that birds depend on at our evening banquet on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Linette Sorrentino and her husband David, Board Member National Peony Society & Vice President will give a short talk on **(Flowers)** peonies and are donating many varieties of peonies to be auctioned to attendees at breakfast on Tuesday. Proceeds will all go to Central Region.

Luncheon on Tuesday will host speaker Jennifer Teegarden from the Minnesota DNR. She will talk on **Trees**, including the importance of urban forestry and trees in our landscape.

Our final banquet will feature Gail Hudson, a multiple Emmy award-winning, and national award-winning storyteller: a writer, photographer, and video producer with a master's degree in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota.

She writes and photographs gardens for Northern Gardener magazine. She will talk on **sustainability** and that of course is important to support **Bees** and other pollinators.

**[Registration for the convention is open now.](#)**

Registration is due by September 30, 2022. A late fee will be added to registrations after the due date. All reservations must be made by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mail the registration form and your check made out to Central Region Convention to:

**Registrar; Ruth McIntyre**  
**7013 Bristol Blvd**  
**Edina, MN 55435**  
**[mnegc15@gmail.com](mailto:mnegc15@gmail.com)**

**Questions?**

**Rene' Lynch, CR Convention Chairman**  
**952-361-6393**  
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Please make your own hotel reservations **[by September 18th.](#)**

**Hyatt Regency Bloomington – Minneapolis**  
**8200 East 81<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**Bloomington MN 55425**

The room fee is \$139 per night.

Use this link to access reservation site

**<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MSPRB/G-CRGC>**

If you prefer to book by phone, call the central reservation site at 888-591-1234. Inform that the rate code is **G-CRGC**.

If you try to book dates prior to, or after the actual meeting dates the link will not work. You must call Brett at 952-658-5006. He will extend the rate discount for the additional days.