



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
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2025 Master Gardener Annual Update Conference Schedule

Capitalizing on 40 years of Master Gardening

Friday, September 26, 2025

Time	Event	Location	CE Hours
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Tours on your own - Capitol and Grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higlers Gulch and Gov. Grove (trees) Trail of Governors Statues Prairie Potters Master Gardener Bell Tower Garden Ft. Pierre Community Garden 	Various Locations	-
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration - Bring Silent Auction items and Photo and Art Contest Entries	Ramkota Convention Center - Lake Oahe Lobby	-
4:00-5:00 p.m.	All-Hands Meeting with Prairey <i>All Master Gardeners are invited to this session where leadership shares updates that aim to keep everyone informed and aligned on program goals.</i>	Ramkota Convention Center - B&C Gallery	1
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Baked Potato Bar/Desserts by Prairie Potters Master Gardeners	Capitol Lake Visitors Center	-
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Earl Dailey Grant Presentations	Capitol Lake Visitors Center	1

Total Continuing Education (CE) Hours: 2 hours

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Time	Event	Location	CE Hours
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own	Ramkota Convention Center - Lake Oahe Lobby	-
8:00 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions/Advisory Council Reporting/ Gold Star Awards/Remembrance of Master Gardeners Passed	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	-
9:00 a.m.	Session 1 Keynote: Mary Lahr Schier <i>Garden Trends for 2026</i>	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	1
10:00 a.m.	Break - Coffee & Cookies Silent Auction bidding opens, Photo and Art Contest voting begins	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery D	-
10:30 a.m.	Session 2: Mary Dewitt <i>Shooting the Bloom! - How To Take Better Photos of Your Flowers and Landscapes</i>	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	1
11:30 a.m.	Session 3: Amanda Bachmann <i>Insects of the Year Let's take a look back on the frequently asked insects of 2025 and a look ahead at what to keep track of for future growing seasons.</i>	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	1
12:30 p.m.	Boxed Lunch	Ramkota Convention Center	-
1:30 p.m.	Session 4: Laura Edwards <i>Climate Adaptive Gardening</i>	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	1
2:30 p.m.	Break - Last chance for Silent Auction bids and Photo and Art contest voting	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	-
3:00 p.m.	Session 5 Keynote: Mary Lahr Schier <i>Down-sizing Your Garden Work without Having to Move</i>	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	0.5

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3:30 p.m.	Photo contest awards	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	-
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Pick up Silent Auction items	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery D	-
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Social Hour - Cash Bar	Ramkota - Riparian Pub	-
6:00 p.m.	Banquet & 40th Anniversary Celebration Interactive trivia with prizes	Ramkota Convention Center - Gallery B&C	-

Total Continuing Education (CE) hours: 4.5 hours

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