



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
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2026 South Dakota Master Gardener Conference

Friday, October 2, 2026

Time	Event	Location	CE Hours
12:30-3:30 p.m.	Tours - Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum Teaching Gardens - Old Court House Museum gardens - Japanese Gardens in Terrace Park - Falls Park	Maps will be provided.	First 3 tours count for CE.
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Food Preservation Meeting Jessica Meuleners – <i>How to Submit a Recipe for Approval, All About the Master Food Preserver Volunteer Program + Exploring Digital Canners and Digital Canner Demonstration</i>	Amphitheater II	-
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration - Packet Pick-up - Check-in Silent Auction items - Check-in Photo and Art Contest Entries	Registration in hallway - Amphitheater I & II Check-in Silent Auction and Photo/Art - TBD	-
4:00-5:00 p.m.	All-Hands Meeting All Master Gardeners are invited to this session where leadership shares updates that aim to keep everyone informed and aligned on program goals. Prairey Walkling – <i>Setting Program Priorities & Strategic Planning</i> Stephen Robertson - <i>How to Approach Other Gardener's Pest Issues</i>	Amphitheater II	1
5:30-6:00 p.m..	Cash Bar – Social Mixer	Roosevelt & Lincoln	-
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Meal	Roosevelt & Lincoln	-
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Earl Dailey Grant Presentations	Amphitheater II	1
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Social time and Cash Bar	Roosevelt & Lincoln	-

Total Continuing Education (CE) Hours: 2 hours + tours attended

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Time	Event	Location	CE Hours
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own at hotel if staying at hotel	Maple Street Cafe	-
7:15-9:00 a.m.	- Registration Packet Pickup - Silent Auction check-in - Photo/Art Contest check-in	Outside Amphitheaters Silent Auction & Photo/Art Check-in - Jefferson	-
8:00 a.m.	Welcome - Introductions - Advisory Council Reporting - Gold Star Awards - Remembrance of Master Gardeners that Passed	Amphitheater II	-
9:00 a.m.	Keynote - Heather Holms <i>Keystone Plants and Soft Landings</i> - <i>Plantings for Native Bees</i>	Amphitheater II	1

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10:00 a.m.	Break - Silent Auction bidding opens - Photo and Art Contest voting opens	Jefferson	-
10:30 a.m.	John Ball <i>"Dendro Detective: The Case of the Birch Bandit and Cherry Crook" (A Primer on Common Problems with Fruit and Ornamental Trees)</i>	Amphitheater II	1
11:30 a.m.	Cody Molnar <i>"Roots to Rotted: When Plant Diseases Attack"</i>	Amphitheater II	1
12:30 p.m.	Boxed Lunch Bidding and voting in the Jefferson Room	Roosevelt & Lincoln	-
1:30 p.m.	Keynote - Heather Holms <i>Asters and Goldenrods: Autumn's Pollinator Banquet</i>	Amphitheater II	1
2:30 p.m.	Break - Silent Auction bidding ends at 2:45 p.m. - Photo & Art contest voting ends at 2:45 p.m.	Jefferson Room	-
3:00 p.m.	Ball & Molnar Detective Agency <i>"What is Wrong with This Plant?"</i>	Amphitheater II	0.75
3:45 p.m.	Photo & Art Contests Awards Presentation	Amphitheater II	-
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Pick-up Silent Auction Items	Jefferson	-
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Social Hour – Mixer - Cash Bar	Roosevelt & Lincoln	-
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Banquet	Roosevelt & Lincoln	-

Total Continuing Education (CE) hours for Saturday: 4.75 hours

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