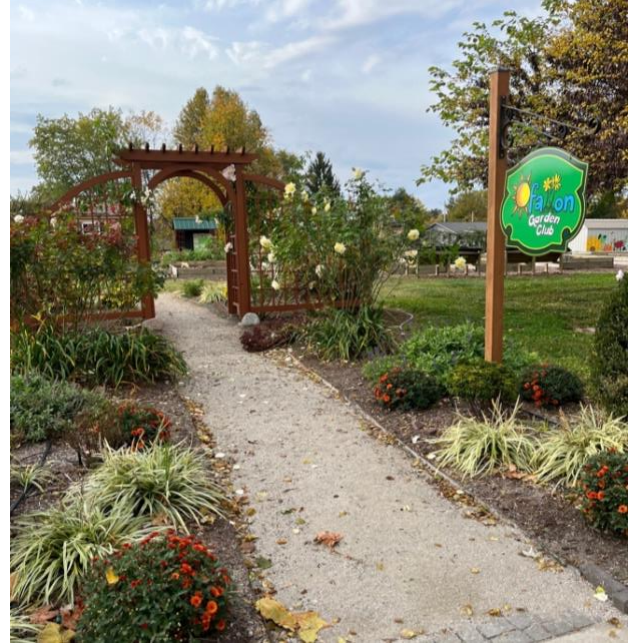




2024 Central Region Convention
Illinois Autumn Harvest
October 17-19, 2024
Regency Conference Center
O'Fallon, Illinois



The Garden Clubs of Illinois invite you to join us for the 2024 Central Region Convention to be held **October 17-19, 2024** in **O'Fallon, IL**. Located 18 miles east of St. Louis off of HWY 64, O'Fallon is an easy 30-minute drive from the St. Louis Airport. This fast-growing community has preserved its small-town charm in its Downtown Business District which we will experience on our visit to the Vine Street Market with its food trucks, live music, and vendors. We will also tour the O'Fallon Garden Club's State Street Community Garden to plant a tree and see where they grow over 5,000 lbs of produce for the local food pantry. The program's featured speakers include Dr. Elizabeth Wahle (University of Illinois Extension, Invasive Plants), Mary Vanderford (CEO, Heartland Conservatory), and Carrie Bergs (Vice President, American Rose Society).



Hotel and Convention Center

The Convention will be held at **The Regency Conference Center**, located at 400 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269. Parking is free in front of the Conference Center and the attached **Hampton Inn** (430 Regency Park), where we have reserved a block of 35 rooms (1 King or 2 Queens) for the Central Region Garden Club. The group rate of \$125.00+tax is available until **September 17, 2024**. We highly recommend you make room reservations as soon as possible in this area!

To reserve a room, call the **Hampton Inn O'Fallon** at **618-589-9006** or [book online](#) (group code CHLLC embedded).





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Preliminary Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 17

- 3:00-5:00 pm Convention and Hotel Check-in
- 5:00-6:00 pm Social Hour with cash bar
- 6:00-7:00 pm Welcoming Remarks and Dinner
- 7:00-8:30 pm Air Mobility Command Public Affairs Officer & US Air Force Band of Mid-America (Scott AFB)

Friday, October 18

- 9:00-10:00 am Dr. Elizabeth Wahle, University of Illinois Extension, "Invasive Plants in Your Garden"
- 10:00-11:15 am Central Region Board of Directors Meeting or Shop Vendors
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm Jennifer Duensing, Illinois Country Harvest Heritage Farm and Garden
- 12:15-1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30-2:30 pm Mary Vanderford, President and CEO, Heartlands Conservancy
- 2:30-2:45 pm Break
- 2:45-4:00 pm Central Region Business Meeting
- 4:00-5:00 pm Break
- 5:00-6:00 pm Social Hour with cash bar
- 6:00-7:15 pm Dinner
- 7:15-8:00 pm Carrie Bergs, Vice President, American Rose Society, "America's Rose Garden"
- 8:00-9:00 pm Remarks and Silent Auction results

Saturday, October 19

- 8:30 am Board bus
- 8:50 am Depart for Community Garden Tour and Plant Tree
- 10:00 am Depart for Vine Street Market
- 11:30 am Board bus and return to Convention Center
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 pm Silent Auction, 50/50, Closing Remarks





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Fillable Registration Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Food Allergies _____

Room reservations at the Hampton Inn include breakfast. Please select meal preferences for lunch and dinner. All meals served with dessert, regular and decaf coffee, iced tea, and water.

Please check all that apply for the 2024-2025 term:

- National Officer
- Regional Officer/Chairman
- State Officer/Chairman
- National Committee Member
- District Director
- NGC Life Member
- CR Life Member
- GCI Life Member
- Past State President
- Club President
- Club Member

Package Selection	Meal Selections	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Package <i>All speakers and all meals</i>	Thursday dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Sirloin Filet <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Chops <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Friday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Ciabatta beef <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Friday Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Saturday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Sautéed Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Pork Loin <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	\$225
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Package <i>Friday speakers and meals</i>	Friday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Ciabatta beef <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Friday Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Package <i>Saturday field trip and plated lunch</i>	Saturday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Sautéed Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Pork Loin <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Fee	IF POSTMARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 17, 2024	\$25
TOTAL DUE		

Please make checks payable to **Central Region Garden Clubs**
 Send registration form and check to:
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 Atkins Educational Farm
 7101 State Route 158
 Millstadt, IL 62260
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Questions about the convention?
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 618-632-4436