

OVERVIEW

Helping members become accomplished horticulturists.

NGC Gardening School, Inc. (NGC) Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.

The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure, plant identification, pruning techniques, and more. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, plant pests and diseases, plant classification and selected subjects of local interest.

Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing, and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work and play), and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

Gardening School courses are open to everyone, regardless of NGC membership. NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Gardening Consultants must attend all four courses and pass the exams.

Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the 4th course.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

8:00—8:30	Registration, Welcome and Announcements
8:30—10:30	“Growing Vegetables” - Elizabeth Alakszay
10:30—10:45	Break
10:45—12:15	“Growing Fruit” - Elizabeth Alakszay
12:15—1:00	Lunch
1:00—2:00	“Unusual Edibles Workshop” - Elizabeth Alakszay
2:00—2:15	Break
2:15—3:45	“Lawn Alternatives & Growing Grass”— Sharon Richardson

Thursday, March 12, 2020

8:00—8:30	Coffee and Welcome
8:30—11:15 (15 minute break)	“Plant Diseases & Garden Pests”—Sinclair Adams
11:15 - 11:30	Break
11:30—1:00	“Irrigation & Water” - Sinclair Adams
1:00—1:45	Lunch
1:45—4:45	Review and Quizzes

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Gardening School Series 13 Course 2



Sponsored by

The Garden Club Federation
of Pennsylvania
Joyce Milberg, President
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Gardening Schools
Mary Jo Schломann, GCFP Chair

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1756 Uwchlan Meeting House
5 North Village Avenue
Exton, PA 19341

General Information

The **Consultant Certification Card** is issued to NGC members after they have completed Gardening School Courses 1-4 with a passing grade of 70 or more on every exam. These four courses must be completed within seven years.

After passing two courses, a student may become a **Provisional Consultant** and join a Gardening Consultants Council.

To remain in Good Standing, every five years **Gardening Consultants** must continue their education by attending a GS Refresher or a GS Course, no exam required. After a Consultant's fourth refresher, the Consultant becomes a Master Consultant. Consultants or Master Consultants may earn refresher credit only once within a calendar year.



Hotel Information

Hampton Inn
4 Pottstown Pike
Exton, PA 19341
610-363-5555

Reservations are to be made directly with the Hampton Inn by March 1, 2020.

Request GCFP Gardening School block of rooms.
Single or Double Room Rate \$115 plus tax/night.
Hot breakfast is included.

Instructors

Elizabeth Alakszay

Staff Development & Advocacy Coordinator for the Chester County Library;
Course Designer and Instructor of Vegetable Gardening at Longwood Gardens;
Former Master Gardener Coordinator for Chester County Extension.
Penn State—MBA
Villanova—MS Chemical Engineering
Penn State—BS Chemical Engineering

Sinclair Adam

Penn State Extension Educator in Floriculture and Flower Trial Director;
Adjunct professor at University of Vermont and Temple University;
Instructor at the Barnes Foundation.
30 years of experience in the industry.
University of Vermont—MS Plant & Soil Science
University of Wyoming—BS Plant & Soil Science

Sharon Richardson

Certificates in Ornamental Hort and a certificate in Landscape Design from Longwood Gardens;
PA Master Gardener and PA Master Naturalist.
Adjunct professor for Immaculata University graduate students and instructor in their Lifelong Learning Institute.
Speakers Bureau for Master Gardeners. Writer for Hardy Plant Society and Keystone Gardener.
University of Hartford: B.A. in English Literature and M.Ed. in Education
Temple Univ.—Ed.D. in Ed. Admin. & J.D.

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Gardening Schools Committee

Co-Chair/Registrar: Mary Jo Schlomann
Co-Chair: Sharon Richardson
Committee Members: Mary Whitesel,
Peggy Hartwick, Anne Howe

Registration Form

Gardening School
Series 13, Course 2
March 11-12, 2020

(Please Circle One)

Full Course with exam*	\$95
Full Course (no exam)	\$90
Full Course Refreshing	\$95

All prices include lunch.

**Exams are optional. However, if you wish to be an accredited Gardening Consultant, you must take the tests.*

All students are required to read *The National Gardener*, available by subscription or on the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org).

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 24 PEOPLE.

Make check payable to: GCFP—Gardening School. Write Course 2 on the notation line.
DEADLINE for reservation: March 1, 2020
No refunds after this date.

Mail to:

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