

WELCOME

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) welcomes all students, both members and non-members, to its Gardening School (GS). The GS includes a series of four courses, refreshers, and the establishment of Gardening Consultants Councils. Members completing the series and passing the examinations with grades of 70 or above are eligible to receive the Consultants Certification Card, an NGC credential. This certification does not qualify the graduate to go into professional practice, but it is considered a significant achievement among NGC members.

A Certificate of Attendance may be awarded to a **non-member** student attending a course. A Certificate of Achievement may be awarded to a **non-member** student upon completion of the four courses with a passing grade of 70 on each of the exams. Non-member students who have successfully completed the four courses, with a grade of at least 70 on each exam, may apply for Consultant Certification by joining an NGC club within one year after completion.

Out-of-state students are welcome to attend and their records will be sent to their home state GS Chairperson.

Objectives of Gardening School

1. Stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials to their peak of perfection.
2. Teach soil structure and methods for making soil more productive.
3. Give an understanding of how and why a plant grows.
4. Provide an understanding of commercial and natural products.
5. Illustrate methods for rapid propagation of plants.
6. Offer plant identification instruction.
7. Explore growing techniques
8. Develop a respect and understanding of plants and how they affect our lives.

PROGRAM

Monday, March 25

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| 8:00—8:30 | Registration, Welcome and Announcements |
| 8:30—9:30 | Plant Identification & Nomenclature—Salisbury |
| 9:30-9:45 | Break |
| 9:45—11:15 | Pruning Techniques—Salisbury |
| 11:15—11:45 | Lunch |
| 11:45—12:15 | Travel to Jenkins Arboretum |
| 12:15—1:45 | Outdoor Identification of Plants—Wright |
| 1:45—2:00 | Break |
| 2:00—3:30 | Outdoor Identification of Plants (continued) |
| 3:30—3:45 | Break |
| 3:45—4:45 | Review and Test |

Tuesday, March 26

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| 8:00—8:30 | Coffee and Welcome |
| 8:30—10:00 | Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals—Rucko |
| 10:00—10:15 | Break |
| 10:15—11:15 | Review and Techniques Test |
| 11:15—12:15 | Growing Mushrooms (supplemental subject)—Richardson |
| 12:15—1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00—3:00 | Specialized Styles of Gardening -Richardson |
| 3:00—3:15 | Break |
| 3:15—4:15 | Review and Test |

Students must be in their seats when the lectures begin and remain until concluded to receive credit.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Gardening School Series XII Course IV



Sponsored by

The Garden Club Federation
of Pennsylvania
Christine Leskosky, President

and

Gardening School
Mary Jo Schlomann, GCFP Chair

Monday, March 25, 2019
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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 I—IV with a passing grade or 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 Downingtown/Exton
4 N. Pottstown Pike
Exton, PA 19341
610-363-5555

Reservations are to be made directly with the Hampton Inn by March 1, 2019.

Request GCFP Gardening School block of rooms.

Single or Double Room Rate \$105 plus tax/night.
Breakfast is included.

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Gardening School Committee

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

Instructors

Sharon Richardson—Supplement & Specialized Styles of Gardening

Adjunct professor, PA Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau, Instructor at Immaculata University's Life Long Learning Institute, author Garden Writers Association, Keystone Gardener and Hardy Plant Society.

Univ. of Hartford—BA & MEd English, Education
Temple Univ.—EdD & JD Ed. Admin, Law
Wroxton College, Fairleigh Dickinson Univ—MA Literature

Julia Rucko—Growing Woody Ornamentals

Intern at Longwood Gardens
Univ. of Rhode Island—Marine Biology (4 yrs)
Univ. of Rhode Island—Plant Sciences (2 yrs)

Kathleen Salisbury—Plant Classification and Pruning Techniques

Director—Ambler Arboretum of Temple University and Instructor Woody Plant Identification I & II for Temple University Dept. of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture

Steve Wright—Tree identification

Director of Horticulture/Curator of Plant Collections—Jenkins Arboretum; taught high school for 5 years; countless lectures as a horticulture professional
Louisiana State Univ.—M. Agriculture/Forestry
Delaware Valley Univ—BS Education

NOTE: IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT JENKINS ARBORETUM. BRING APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR AN OUTDOOR WALK—BOOTS, GLOVES, HATS, JACKETS, ETC.

Registration Form

Gardening School
Series XII, Course IV
March 25-26, 2019

(Please Circle One)

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| 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 test.*

The required reading for this course is *The National Gardener*, available through the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org).

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE.

Make check payable to: GCFP—Gardening School.

Write Course IV on the notation line.

**DEADLINE for reservation: March 11, 2019.
No Refunds After This Date.**

Mail to:

**Mary Jo Schlomann, Registrar
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Downingtown, PA 19335-1634
610-269-8450
mrsrags11@gmail.com**

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