

WELCOME

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) welcomes all students, both members and non-members, to its Gardening Schools (GS). GS include a series of four courses, refreshers, and the establishment of Gardening Consultants Councils. Members completing the series, 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 Chair.

Objectives of Gardening Schools

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

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 17, 2019

8:00—8:30	Registration, Welcome and Announcements
8:30—10:00	“Basic Botany, Part 1” - Emma Brown
10:00—10:15	Break
10:15—11:15	“Basic Botany, Part 2” - Emma Brown
11:15—11:30	Break
11:30—12:30	“Pawpaws” - Sharon Richardson
12:30—1:15	Lunch
1:15—2:45	“Plant Propagation” - Emma Brown
2:45—3:00	Break
3:00—4:30	Plant Propagation Workshop

Friday, October 18, 2019

8:00—8:30	Coffee and Welcome
8:30—10:30	“Soils” - Elizabeth Alakszay
10:30—10:45	Break
10:45—12:15	“Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers” - Elizabeth Alakszay
12:15—1:00	Lunch
1:00—4:00	Review and quizzes

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

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Gardening School Series XIII Course 1



Sponsored by

The Garden Club Federation
of Pennsylvania
Joyce Milberg, President

and

Gardening Schools
Mary Jo Schломann, GCFP Chair

Thursday, October 17, 2019
Friday, October 18, 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 1-4 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
4 Pottstown Pike
Exton, PA 19341
610-363-5555

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

Request GCFP Gardening School block of rooms. Single or Double Room Rate \$109 plus tax/night. Hot breakfast is included.

To make your registration online: https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/L/LNVPAX-EGS-20191015/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Gardening Schools Committee

Co-Chair/Registrar: Mary Jo Schlomann
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Recommended Reading:

Capon, Brian. Botany for Gardeners. 3rd edition. Timber Press, 2010.
Stelle, Elizabeth, Secrets to Great Soil (Storey's Gardening Skills Illustrated), 1998

Registration Form

Gardening School
Series XIII, Course I
October 17-18, 2019

(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 25 PEOPLE.

Make check payable to: GCFP—Gardening School.

Write Course I on the notation line.

DEADLINE for reservation: October 3, 2019

No refunds after This date.

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