

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.

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Gardening Schools Committee

Co-Chair/Registrar: Mary Jo Schlomann

Co-Chair: Sharon Richardson

Zoom Administrator: Elizabeth Alakszay

PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

8:45	Welcome, announcements, tech check
9:00—11:00	“Factors that Influence Plant Growth” - Sinclair Adam
11:00—11:15	Break
11:15—12:45	“New Plant Development” - Sinclair Adam
12:45—1:15	Lunch Break
1:15—3:15	“Container Planting” - Marianne Bausinger
3:15—3:30	Break
3:30	Review and test (Refreshers excused)

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

8:45	Announcements, tech check
9:00—10:30	“Houseplant Basics” — Elizabeth Alakszay
10:30—10:45	Break
10:45—11:45	Supplemental Program TBA— Sharon Richardson
11:45—12:15	Lunch Break
12:15—2:15	Garden Tour
2:15—2:30	Break
2:30	Review & Tests (Refreshers excused)

PLEASE NOTE: All courses will be presented during a Zoom Session.

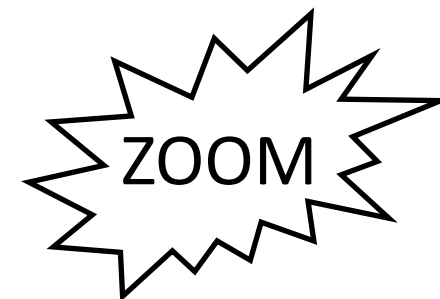
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Gardening School Series 13 Course 3



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

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.

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



NOTE: Registration is limited to Pennsylvania Residents through June 30. If the school is not filled, residents from other states may register from July 1 to July 14.

Instructors

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

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

Marianne Bausinger

PA Master Gardener, Longwood Gardens Docent, Retired Educator
Montclair St. Univ.—BA Home Economics with a concentration in Education
Montclair St. Univ.—MA Consumer Affairs

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.

Registration Form

GCFP Gardening School
Series 13, Course 3
July 21-22, 2020

(Please Circle One)

Full Course with exam*	\$75
Full Course (no exam)	\$70
Full Course Refreshing	\$75

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE.

Make check payable to: GCFP—Gardening School. Write Course 3 on the notation line. DEADLINE for reservation: July 14, 2020 No refunds after this date.

Mail to:

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Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Garden Club _____

District _____

Device: (circle one) phone, tablet, i-pad, or computer

Operating system: (Apple, Microsoft, etc)

PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A 'SMART' DEVICE: PHONE, TABLET, I-PAD OR COMPUTER THAT HAS AN INTEGRATED CAMERA. THEY MUST ATTEND A SESSION TO TEST THEIR ABILITY TO USE ZOOM AND DO A TECH CHECK ON JULY 13.