

NGC Gardening School Objectives

All gardeners can become accomplished horticulturists. To assist its members in achieving this goal, National Garden Clubs, Inc. created the Gardening Schools. A school is a series of four two-day courses designed to:

- Stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials to their peak of perfection.
- Give the student an understanding of how and why a plant grows.
- Teach soil structure and methods for making the soil more productive.
- Provide an understanding of plants' reactions to certain weather conditions and how to modify these conditions to encourage optimal growth.
- Provide an understanding of commercial and natural fungicides and pesticides, growth regulators, and other chemicals used in general horticultural procedures.
- Illustrate methods for rapid propagation.
- Offer plant identification instruction.
- Explore growing techniques for garden plants, vegetables, fruits, houseplants, trees, shrubs, and specialized styles of gardening.
- Develop a respect for and appreciation of plants and their roles in our lives and activities.

Gardening Schools provide current information to those interested in horticulture and related topics. The curriculum has been developed by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), and is customized by the course instructors. Classes are open to the public as well as garden club members. Garden club members who complete the series of four courses (and pass the exams) are certified as NGC Gardening Consultants.

NGC Gardening School

Series 1, Course 1 November 9 & 10, 2021

Deadline for Registration-Nov 1, 2021

PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A DESKTOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTER, TABLET, IPAD WITH AUDIO AND VIDEO CAPABILITY. PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND A TEST/PRACTICE SESSION TO TEST THEIR ABILITY TO USE ZOOM AND DO A TECH CHECK ON OCTOBER 22. TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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 exams. After passing two courses, a student becomes a Provisional Consultant and can 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*.

www.gardencubs.org

Recommended Reading:

Capon, Brian, *Botany for Gardeners*. Timber Press. Tallamy, Douglas W., ***Natures Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*.** Timber Press (2019) **Stell, Elizabeth, *Secrets to Great Soil*** (*Storey's Gardening Skills Illustrated*)

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Gardening School

Series 1, Course 1



November 9 & 10, 2021

Presented virtually via



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NGC Gardening School

Series #1, Course #1 Registration
Online at NGC, Inc. Website.

You pay when you register.

Course Fee \$55.00

DATE: November 9-10, 2021

Permitted Equipment:

Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet, or iPad

Operating system: (Circle one) *Microsoft Windows,*

Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android, or Tablet. Smart phones **NOT** permitted unless it is for "Hotspot" connectivity (Zoom 5.4 or higher)

**Meets Zoom.com System Requirements*

Note: STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE FORM 6;

REFRESHING CONSULTANTS, Form 7 must be filled out with your previous schools' dates, signed by your State School Chairman. **FORMS FOUND ON THE NGC WEBSITE, SCHOOL RESOURCES AND EMAIL TO REGISTRAR - Rebecka Flowers (rfowers@gardenclub.org)**

Copy - to Charles McLendon GS School Chairman (mcclendonc@nc.rr.com)

Questions or Help? 919-330-8690 cell

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All forms can be found on NGC Website

Under Schools forms

www.gardencub.org

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Course #1 Schedule

Tuesday - November 9, 2021

10:00 AM Eastern Time: Enter Zoom

Announcements - Teck Check

10:30 - 12:00 AM - Bruce Crawford

Techniques for

Growing Outdoor Plants

(Tested) 8 Questions

12:00 - 12:30 Noon - Lunch Break

12:30 - 2:00 PM - Carol Allen

Plant Propagation - (Tested) 7 Questions

2:00 - 2:10 PM - Break

2:10 - 3:45 PM - Carol Allen

Plant Propagation Workshop

Hands on Project

3:45- 3:50 PM- Break

3:50 - 4:50 PM - Heather Zindash

Supplemental Subject

"Gardening in a Warming World"

4:50 - 5:00 PM - Review/Test

Wednesday - November 10, 2021

10:00 AM - Eastern Time Enter Zoom

Announcements

10:30 - 12:30 Noon - Dr Kimberly Moore

Soils - (Tested) 10 Questions

12:30 - 1:00 PM - Lunch Break

1:00 - 3:30 PM - Dr. Kimberly Moore

Basic Botany (Tested) 15 Questions

3:40 - 3:50 PM - Break - Review Test

NGC Gardening School

Series #1, Course #1 Committee

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