

Registration

Please indicate your registration option:

- Full course with exam \$65
 Full course, no exam \$60
 Refreshing with credit \$65

Note: Those refreshing or not wishing to become NGC Gardening Consultants need not take the exams. Registrants of Course 1 receive priority access to Course 2.

Please indicate *one* device below that you will use for the course:

- Personal computer (Windows)
 Personal computer (Apple)
 Tablet (Android)
 iPad

Zoom Client must be installed with the most recent version.

**Meets Zoom.com System Requirements*

Course Requirements: Each course consists of ten hours of mandatory lectures, which may include field trips.

Prospective consultants must pass each course exam to receive credit. All exam questions are open book.

For further information on all NGC Schools see: migardenclubs.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

District: _____

Registration deadline is March 10.

No refunds after the deadline.

Late fee is \$10.

**Limited to Michigan residents until February 28.
Open to all on March 1.**

Maximum class size is 50 participants.

Make check payable to: Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mail your check and this form to the Registrar:

Lynn Belco 411 Walnut Woods Court
Plainwell, MI 49080



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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Gardening School

Series 20, Course 1



March 31 and April 1, 2021

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Presented live on-line via



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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 an NGC Gardening Consultant.

Important Tech Requirements

All participants must have a desktop or laptop computer, tablet, or iPad with audio and video capability, and must attend a practice session the week before the course to confirm their ability to use Zoom. The date will be announced with registration confirmation.

Consultant Certification

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 become an accredited Gardening Consultant, you must take the exams. After passing two courses, a student will become a Provisional Consultant and join a Consultants Council. To remain in Good Standing, Gardening Consultants must continue their education by attending a GS Refresher or a GS Course every five years, no exam required. Following a Consultant's fourth refresher, the Consultant becomes a Master Consultant. Both Consultants and Master Consultants may earn refresher credit only once in a calendar year.

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A detailed schedule will be sent to you upon confirmation of your registration. The schedule will include instruction, question periods, a review, and optional exam. All communication to registrants will be via email. The following topics will be covered:

Basic Botany

Soils

Growing Outdoor Flowers

Plant Propagation

Supplemental Subject TBD

NGC Gardening School Series 20, Course 1 Committee Members

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Gardening School Chair:
Barbara Hadsell

State Gardening School Chair: Marilyn Hartley-Kik

Local Gardening School Co-chairs:
Denise Clegg and Jeanette Meyer

Technical Administrator: Laura Grainger

Gardening School Registrar: Lynn Belco

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Please direct all questions to:

gardeningsschool2021@migardenclubs.org