



National Garden Clubs

# Environmental School

## Course 1

Friday and Saturday

October 21-22, 2022

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Manistee Downtown Education Center

400 River Street Manistee, Michigan





## Environmental School Course 1

is sponsored by:

Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.

Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, Inc.

Portage Lake Garden Club, Inc.



## MASTER GARDENERS

Michigan State University Extension  
has approved 4 credits  
for Master Gardeners  
who complete this course.



## Location

400 River Street Manistee, Michigan

**The Manistee Downtown Education Center** is located at the intersection of River and Maple streets. We will meet in Classrooms A and B.

The center is part of West Shore Community College's downtown campus, and is a collaborative, multi-use space. The building also houses offices for the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Michigan Works!, Manistee Veterans Affairs, and the Manistee County Community Foundation.

The newly renovated building on the Manistee River offers covered parking for visitors.



Suggested

## Overnight Accommodations

Dempsey Manor B & B  
506 Maple Street, Manistee  
616-802-4588

Ramsdell Inn  
399 River Street, Manistee  
231-398-7901

Manistee National Golf & Resort  
4797 Grant Hwy, Manistee  
231-398-0123

Super 8 by Wyndham  
220 Arthur Street, Manistee  
231-398-8888

Little River Casino & Resort  
2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee  
888-568-4262

Days Inn by Wyndham  
1462 Manistee Hwy, Manistee  
231-723-8385



# Curriculum

**Friday, October 21**

**8:30 AM-9:00 AM Registration and Welcome**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM Ecology**

**10:00 AM-11:00 AM Plants - Biodiversity**

Dr. Paul Bilinski, Professor of Biology  
West Shore Community College

**11:15 AM-12:15 PM Networking and Outreach**

Emily Cook, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator  
Benzie Conservation District

**12:45 PM-1:45 PM Backyard Wildlife Habitat**

Dr. Joshua Shields, Forester and Wildlife Biologist  
Forestry Assistance Program

**1:45 PM-2:15 PM Bee Capper; Proctor Review**

**2:45 PM-5:00 PM**

**Nature Discovery Field Trip**

**at North Point Park**

Dr. Joshua Shields



# Curriculum

**Saturday, October 22**

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM Environmental Science**

**10:00 AM-11:00 AM Environmental Issues**

Kevin Postma, Science Teacher  
Manistee Area Public Schools

**11:15 AM-12:15 PM**

**Historical Environmental Actions and Leaders**

**12:45 PM-1:45 PM Sustainability**

Lara Treemore-Spears  
Watershed Project Manager, Village of Onekama

**2:00 PM Review**

Followed immediately by the exam

**Bee Capper**

The course officially ends at 5:00 PM.  
Most people finish the exam in an hour.



Member Registration Fee:	\$70
Member Registration with Exam or Refresh Fee	\$75
Non-Member Registration Fee:	\$90
Non-Member Registration Fee with Exam	\$95

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 7**

**No refunds after the registration deadline.**

*There will be a 10% late fee after the registration deadline,  
if late registration is accepted by the Chair.*

**All cancellations will incur a 10% fee**

Payment will be accepted on-line when you register.

If you are unable to pay on-line,  
you may request to pay by check

**Please email Ronalee Polad for instructions:**

**[rpolad@migardenclubs.org](mailto:rpolad@migardenclubs.org)**



## Important NGC Forms

If you are seeking consultant status,  
your registration for Environmental School Course 1  
is not complete until you have submitted a  
Consultant Application for Accreditation

### **NGC Form 6**

[Click here for NGC Form 6](#)

If you are a consultant who is refreshing, please submit

### **NGC Form 7**

[Click here for NGC Form 7](#)

**Submit your completed  
Form 6 or Form 7 via email to:  
[markowski.beth@gmail.com](mailto:markowski.beth@gmail.com)**

**Out-of-state registrants should contact their state Environmental School Chair.**





## Committee

### **Portage Lake Garden Club**

Mary Jo McElroy

Faye Backie

Bee Capper

### **Spirit of the Woods Garden Club**

Kris Greve

Kathy Johnson

Beth Markowski (chair)

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### **Michigan Garden Clubs**

Environmental School Chair

Bethany Goodman

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## Contact Us

All communication with registrants will be via email:

[markowski.beth@gmail.com](mailto:markowski.beth@gmail.com)

*Please be sure to add this email address  
to your contacts so our communication  
with you does not go to your spam folder.*

For further information on all NGC Schools

see the websites below:

Michigan Garden Clubs (MGC)

[www.migardenclubs.org](http://www.migardenclubs.org)

National Garden Clubs (NGC)

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)



## Join Us!

If you are interested in joining a garden club  
in the Manistee County area, please contact:

**Spirit of the Woods Garden Club** (Manistee)  
via email: [spiritofthewoodsgc@gmail.com](mailto:spiritofthewoodsgc@gmail.com)

Or visit the **Portage Lake Garden Club** (Onkama) website at:  
[www.portagelakegardenclub.org](http://www.portagelakegardenclub.org)

## become a member



## Register

If you wish to register, please click on the blue box below.

You will be re-directed to  
Michigan Garden Clubs website  
to complete your registration.

[Register for](#)  
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[by clicking here](#)

*By clicking the registration box  
you acknowledge that you understand  
the information presented in this brochure,  
and wish to register.*