



# Gardening School

On~line Brochure  
for Series 20 Course 3

Wednesday, September 15  
and  
Thursday, September 16, 2021

9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM



Sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
and Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc.





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Course 3 will be presented live via Zoom

## Important Tech Requirements

All participants must:

Have a desktop or laptop computer, tablet, or iPad with audio and video capability.

Attend a practice session on **September 12 at 4:00** to confirm your ability to use Zoom.

*If you are a frequent participant in Zoom courses you may be excused from the practice session with the consent of the Michigan Gardening School Chair, Denise Clegg. Contact Denise at:*

[dclegg@migardenclubs.org](mailto:dclegg@migardenclubs.org)



# Course 3 Curriculum

Factors that Influence Plant Growth

New Plant Development and Evaluation

Outdoor Container Gardening

Houseplant Basics

Native Trees and Shrubs

Garden Teaching Tour

Supplemental Subject: Community Seed Libraries





# Course Requirements

To receive course credit,  
all ten course credit hours must be attended  
in-person, at the time of the presentation.

Prospective consultants  
must pass the course exam to receive credit.

You may rely on notes, outlines,  
and screen shots of the presentation





# 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 better on every exam. These four courses must be completed within seven years. If you wish to become an accredited Gardening Consultant, you must take the optional 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.





# 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.





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## Gardening School Objectives

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- 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 the 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.*





# Committee

National Garden Clubs Gardening School Chair:

Charles McLendon

State Gardening School Chair: Denise Clegg

Central Region Accrediting Chair: Sue Roberts

Local Gardening School Co-chairs:

Denise Clegg and Jeanette Meyer

Committee Members: Marcia Wielenga, Carol Beckius, Deb Harvey

District 3 Director: Michele Armstrong

Technical Administrator: Charley Bohland





## Cost

NGC Member with Exam:	\$65
NGC Member without Exam:	\$60
NGC Member with Refresh:	\$65
NGC Member without Refresh	\$60
Non-member with Exam:	\$75
Non-member without Exam:	\$70

There will be a 10% late fee after the September 1<sup>st</sup> registration deadline, if late registration is accepted by the Chair.

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 us for instructions at:

[rladuke@migardenclubs.org](mailto:rladuke@migardenclubs.org)

All refunds will incur a (10%) processing fee.

No refunds after September 1<sup>st</sup>.





# Contact Us

We welcome your questions and feedback.

All communication with registrants will be via email:

[Gardeningschool2021@migardenclubs.org](mailto:Gardeningschool2021@migardenclubs.org)

*Please be sure to add this email address  
to your contacts so that 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 Kalamazoo area,  
please contact Kalamazoo Garden Council  
by visiting our website:

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

The Kalamazoo Garden Council is comprised of  
nine individual garden clubs,  
and one of them is sure to match your interests.





# Registration

Registration for **Gardening School Course 3**  
will be conducted on-line.

**Registration deadline for Course 3 is September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**No refunds after that date.**

We are limited to 50 attendees.

There will be a 10% late fee after the September 1<sup>st</sup> registration deadline,  
if late registration is accepted by the Chair.

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](#)  
[Course 3](#)  
[by clicking here](#)