

NGC Gardening School

Series # 25, Course # 1

Registration: March 28-29, 2024

Deadline for Registration 3/11/2024

No refunds after 3/11/2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

CellPhone: _____

Email: _____

GardenClub: _____

District & State: _____

Please indicate your registration option:

- Full course with exam \$ 70
- Full course, no exam \$ 65
- Full course, Non-GCI member \$ 75
FYI: NGC FEE \$5 (If taking exam or refreshing)

Note: STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE FORM 6; REFRESHING CONSULTANTS FORM 7 FOUND ON THE NGC WEBSITE, SCHOOL RESOURCES AND EMAIL TO REGISTRAR BEFORE COURSE COMMENCES.

Make check payable to:

GARDEN CLUBS OF

ILLINOIS

Mail to Registrar:

Kathleen Eddy

35 Garfield Lane

Streamwood, IL 60107

NGC Gardening School

Location:

Streamwood Police Dept

401 Irving Park Rd

Streamwood , IL 60107

Course #1 Schedule

Thursday March 28, 2024

8:30 a.m. Announcements &
tech check

8:45 am Basic Botany

9:45 am Break

10 am Basic Botany

11:30 Lunch Break

12:15 Soil

2:15 Break

2:30-3:30 pm Invasive Plants

FRIDAY March 29, 2024

8:30 am Announcements

8:45 am Techniques for Growing
Outdoor Flowers

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Plant Propagation

12 pm Lunch

12:45 pm Propagation Workshop

2:15 pm Break

2:30 Review and Exam

Note: Those refreshing or those not wishing to become NGC Gardening Consultants need not take the exams.

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Recommended Reading.

Sunset Western Garden Book

Botany for Gardeners by Brian Capon

Secrets to Great Soil, by Elizabeth Stell

Nature's Best Hope, by Douglas Tallamy

The National Gardener Magazine

COMMITTEE

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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.

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Registration is limited to (#): 30

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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 exams. After passing two courses, a student becomes 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*. www.gardenclubs.org

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