

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 awarded the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant.

NGC Gardening School

Series 12, Course 3 - August 12-13, 2020

Registration is limited to 30

Registration is limited to Washington state residents until July 10.

Deadline for Registration July 28

PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A DESKTOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTER, TABLET, OR IPAD WITH AUDIO AND VIDEO CAPABILITY.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND A TEST/PRACTICE SESSION TO TEST THEIR ABILITY TO USE ZOOM AND DO A TEST CHECK THE WEEK BEFORE; DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED WITH REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION.

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 may 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.*

Required reading: *The National Gardener.*
www.gardenclubs.org;

Recommended reading: See Handbook.

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August 12-13, 2020

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August 12-13, 2020

Deadline for Registration July 28

No refunds after July 28

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

District: _____

Permitted Equipment *(circle one)*:

Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet or iPad

Operating system* *(circle one)* Microsoft

Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android on Tablet). Smartphones **not** permitted unless it's for "Hotspot" connectivity), Zoom 5.0.

**Meets Zoom.com System Requirements*

Please indicate your registration option:

- Full course with exam \$75
- Full course, no exam \$70
- Full course, refreshing \$75

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

Make check payable to:

MHGC Gardening School

Mail to Registrar:

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Course 3 Schedule

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Announcements & tech check

9:00 a.m. Teaching Tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden (virtual)*, Alison Johnson

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Houseplant Basics*, Alison Johnson

12:45 p.m. Lunch break

1:30 p.m. New Plant Development and Evaluation*, Scott Vergara

3:00 p.m. Break and Review

3:30 p.m. Exam

Thursday, August 13

8:45 a.m. Announcements & tech check

9:00 a.m. Factors that Influence Plant Growth*, Christina Pfeiffer

11:00 a.m. Break

11:10 a.m. Trees Through the Seasons - Selection & calendar for care *(This topic is not tested)*, Christina Pfeiffer

12:10 p.m. Lunch break

12:45 p.m. Container Gardening - Outdoor*, Alison Johnson

2:45 p.m. Break and Review

3:15 p.m. Exam

**Topics included in exam*

NGC Gardening School

Series 12, Course 3 Committee

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