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| NGC Gardening School ObjectivesAll 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. |

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| NGC Gardening SchoolSeries 12, Course 4 - January 12-13, 2021**Registration is limited.**Registration Deadline January 5Participants must have a desktop or laptop computer or tablet with audio and video capacity and must attend a test;/practice session to run-through 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](http://www.gardenclubs.org);Recommended reading: See Handbook..  |

 |  **National Garden Clubs, Inc.** **Gardening School** **Series 12, Course 4**Macintosh HD:Users:nancyhargroves:Desktop:ngc-logo-badge-print-rgb-433w.jpg **January 12-13, 2021***Presented virtually via**Sponsored by Chinook District of**Garden Clubs in Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs* |
| NGC Gardening SchoolSeries 12, Course 4 Registration**January 12-13, 2021**Registration Deadline January 5*No refunds after January 5*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:** Chinook District**Mail to Registrar:**Marilee Capodanno1144 S. 229th Pl.Des Moines, WA 98198capodanno@comcast.net | NGC Gardening SchoolCourse 4 ScheduleTuesday, January 128:30 a.m. Announcements &  tech check9:00 a.m. \*Plant Classification and Nomenclature,  Bess Bronstein10:15 a.m. \*Specialized Styles of Gardening, Alison Johnson12:15 p.m. Lunch break1:00 p.m. \*Pruning Techniques,  Laura Matter3:00 p.m. Review3:30 p.m. ExamWednesday, January, 138:45 a.m. \*Plant Identification,  Bess Bronstein11:45 a.m. Lunch break 12:30 a.m. \*Growing Woody Ornamentals,  Christina Pfeiffer2:15 p.m. Native Trees and Shrubs, Laura Matter *(This topic will not be tested)*3:15 p.m. Review3:45 p.m. Exam \**Topics included in exam* | NGC Gardening SchoolSeries 12, Course 4 CommitteeNational Garden Clubs, Inc. Gardening School Chair: Barbara HadsellWashington State Federation of Garden Clubs Gardening School Chair: Brynn TavasciLocal Gardening School Chair:Linda Haas206-243-7212lindahaas@comcast.netTechnical Administrator Debbie Angel253-486-2326debbielangel@gmail.comGardening School Registrar: Marilee Capodannocapodanno@comcast.netSponsored by:Chinook District of Garden Clubs in Washington State Federation of Garden ClubsA member of:Pacific Region Garden ClubsNational Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) |