

## 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.**

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

## NGC Gardening School

### Series 9 Course 3

#### Registration is limited to:

- 30 Students taking Exams
- 30 Refreshing Consultants

#### Registration is open to all states

**Deadline for Registration July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

**PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A DESKTOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTER, TABLET, 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 may become 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.gardencubs.org](http://www.gardencubs.org)**

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## Gardening School

### Series 9 Course 3



**JULY 28-29, 2022**

*Presented virtually via*



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**MARLENE HATTON, PRESIDENT**

## NGC Gardening School

### Series 9 Course 3 Registration

**July 28-29, 2022**

**Deadline for Registration:**

July 18, 2022

*No refunds after July 18, 2022*

**Name:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home and Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Courses Completed to date, if any:

**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: \$60.00

Full course, no exam \$55.00

Refreshing: \$60.00

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

## NGC Gardening School

### Course 3 Schedule

Thursday, July 28, 2022

12:00 p.m. Announcements and Tech Check

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Factors That Influence Plant Growth (tested)

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. New Plant Development and

Evaluation (tested)

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. Container Gardening

Outdoor (tested)

6:00 p.m. Questions, comments

followed by completion of online exam

Friday, July 29, 2022

12:00 p.m. Announcements and Tech Check

12:30 p.m. Teaching Tour

-Indoor/Outdoor Plants (tested)

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Houseplant Basics (tested)

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Native Trees and Shrubs

(tested)

5:00 p.m. Fall Planting Guide (not

tested)

6:00 p.m. Exam

## NGC Gardening School

### Series 9 Course 3 Committee

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