National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Landscape Design Schools

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPICS

Each LDS Course includes a Special Interest Topic enabling State LDS Chairmen to explore new trends, issues and regional concerns. The NGC Instructors’ Chairman approves all instructors and may approve other special interest topics. Please download LDS 20 from the NGC website for the latest list.

Arboretum, Botanical Garden, and Educational Garden Design
Art and Nature Appreciation
Art in the Landscape: Installation/Site Specific Art/Earth Art/ Nature Art/
Sculpture/Living Plant Art
Beautify Blight/Landscape Revitalization
Bird and Butterfly Gardens
Cemetery Landscape History and Restoration
Civic Horticulture
City Beautification
Community Gardens: The Vertical Farm
Community Landscape Design Issues, Challenges & Solutions
Conservation of Natural Resources
Cottage Garden Design
Cultural and Ethnographic Landscapes
Drylands Design
Ecology and Environment
Edible Landscapes
Feng Shui Garden Design
Garden Design Exhibits (Flower Shows and other exhibits)
Garden Design for Seasonal Effects
Gardens for Children
Gardens for Physically Challenged
Groundcovers in the Landscape and their Functional Application
Hardscape and Enclosures in Garden Design
Herb Garden Design
Historic Preservation: Social and Economic Values
Historic Districts/Local History
Indoor/Interior Garden Design
Landscaping for Wildlife
Local Land Trust Development & Management
Landscapes as Classrooms
Landscapes At Risk
Landscapes for Local Recreational Trends
Lost Landscapes
Memorial Gardens
Mini-Workshop: Color in the Landscape
Outdoor Lighting
Outdoor Rooms
Pedestrian versus Vehicular Landscape Design: Hardscape and Plants

(Potentials/Compatibilities)
Plant Visitations: Focus on Native Plant Resources, Plant Trends, Plant Combinations
Permaculture and Sustainable Agriculture
Prominent Professionals in Landscape Design
Preserving Public and Private Open Spaces
Rain Gardens
Regional Landscape Design
Roof Gardens
Role of Native Plants in Landscape Design
Sensory Gardens
Site Design for Energy Conservation
Site Specific Landscapes: Shade, Full Sun, Moist, Dry, Flat, Rolling, Natural Obstacles
Significant Historic Landscape Sites
Spotlight on Local Landscapes
Sustainable Landscaping: Self-sustaining Landscapes
Therapy Gardens
Theme or Period Garden Design
The Works of a Renowned Landscape Leader(s)
Thinking a Lot More about the “Parking Lot”
Townhouse and Patio Gardens/Container and Wall Gardens
Tree Canopy in the Landscape: Their Functional Element within the Design
Water Garden Design
Water Management in the Landscape
Working Landscapes/Ocean, River & Lake Waterfronts/Roads, Highway, Turnpike, & Railroad
Wildlife Reserves Help To Preserve