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We're so excited to have you with us!

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PEOPLE PLANTS PROGRAMS
A 4 Part Series

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## Our Schools

Our schools provide members and non-members with a range of educational opportunities on the art and science of the environment, gardening, landscape design and floral.

### Environmental School
Helping members become accomplished environmental consultants. Helping others engage in environmental education.

### Flower Show School
Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing a NGC flower show.

### Gardening School
Gardening Schools provide educational information to those who are especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.

### Landscape Design School
Landscape Design School aims to help members develop a greater appreciation of the environment, both natural and human made.
www.GardenClub.org/Member-Resources
Gardening School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled over two days of instruction, followed by an exam for those interested in becoming a NGC accredited Gardening Consultant. Courses cover all aspects of horticulture: gardening, understanding soil structure, pruning techniques, identifying plants, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, fruits, vegetables, lawns, pests, plant diseases, plant classification and selected subjects of local interest. Additional topics may include reconciliation ecology and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians as well as working with youth.
Since 1977 National Garden Clubs have been promoting and educating member and non-members through Gardening Schools. Formerly called Garden Study Schools.
Gardening School

- 4 Courses
- 18 Topics
- Field Trip and Supplemental Subjects
Course Content

GARDENING SCHOOL COURSE CONTENT

Course 1 - Botany, Soils. Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, Flower propagation

Course 2 - Plant Disease and Garden Pests, Irrigation and Water, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass, Growing Fruits and Growing Vegetables

Course 3 - Factors that Influence Plant Growth, New Plant Development and Evaluation, Container Gardening- Outdoor, Houseplant Basics, Native Trees and Shrubs, Teaching Tour of a Botanical Garden

Course 4 - Plant Classification and Nomenclature, Outdoor Identification of Plants, Specialized Garden Styles, Techniques of Growing Woody Ornaments, Pruning Techniques
Discover the many gardening school projects, that promote sustainable gardens and ecological practices.
Like....soil management, crop rotations and educating the public
Study the gardening practices since ancient times...
Including...Thomas Jefferson and the practices he began at Monticello still used today by gardeners.
- Gardening Designs
- Soil Analysis
Hardiness Zones
Native Plants
Plant Disease and Pest Control
Benefits of Garden Therapy-Meditation and ways to engage these practices
DEMONSTRATIONS in the Garden for Youth and Adults
Botanists. Your Instructors might include: Ecologists, Environmental Horticulturists.
CREATE

Your Own Garden Plot Plan
CONNECT with reading material like the National Gardener and other publications for current and archived articles on gardening.
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What is a Gardening School?

Gardening School courses, primarily intended for garden club members, are open to the public. Organizers charge a nominal fee for attending each course. Member clubs, groups of clubs, Districts and State Garden Clubs may sponsor courses. Garden club members completing the series of four courses and passing exams gain the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. Other attendees may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the school series or shortly after completion.

In planning, promoting and publicizing Gardening Schools, organizers may consider the theme for the 2019-2021 NGC administration, Plant America, with its focus on gardens and gardening. Plant America is a description of what NGC garden clubs do as well as a command to service. During Gardening School, participants learn all aspects of Planting America. They receive information and skills for club, district or state projects that may apply to Plant America Community Project Grants.

For more information, please contact Charles McLendon, Gardening School Chairman.

See the NGC Schools Handbook and all related forms on the SCHOOLS RESOURCES page.
Schools Forms & Resources

Form Key- Descriptions and Directions

NGC Schools Handbook

Handbook Updates- April 2021
Class may be conducted:

- In Classroom (physically there)
- Via Zoom
- Hybrid-attendees and/or professors might be either in person &/or on ZOOM

The choice is up to the sponsoring NGC State Garden Club
Thank You!

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In Person vs Virtual
Barbara Hadsell
Florida

Garden Consultant

VS

Master Gardener
Recap to remember
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin Hammer
NGC Webinar
Jan 23rd
2pm
Zoom

Dr. Kritsky, is the chair of biology at Mount St. Joseph University, an adjunct curator at the Cincinnati Museum Center, and he is editor-in-chief of American Entomologist. He authored, *The Tears of Beekeeping in Ancient Egypt.*
Flower Show School

Become a Flower Show School Judge

Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing and chairing an NGC flower show. There are four courses each generally scheduled over a two to three day period and each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design and flower show procedure. If you are considering becoming a flower show judge, planning to chair a flower show, or you are just curious, your first step is to attend Course I. Subjects are taught by qualified instructors and outlines are provided.

Examples of horticulture and design are displayed and critiqued. Learn point scoring to evaluate how entries are judged and see what it takes to get the blue ribbon. Learn about awards, types of shows and what committees are needed to produce a show. We invite you to join this unique experience and become an active part of flower shows. See February 13th.
Landscape Design School

Become an NGC Landscape Design

Since its founding in 1958, professional instructors have maintained the high standards originally incorporated in the landscape design study program. Students acquire the tools for making their own gardens more beautiful and easier to maintain. Students have been motivated to serve in political decision-making areas where awareness of the impact of a well-designed landscape can enhance the beauty and enjoyment of life in the public arena.

SEE THE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND CONSULTANTS

March 13th
Environmental School

April 17th
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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