

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
GARDENING SCHOOL

Series 19 – Course 1
August 4-5, 2025

San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels
San Antonio, TX 78209
830-837-5262

Open to Everyone!

Gardening School Courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. Each of the 4 courses has an optional exam. **NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Gardening Consultants must take all four courses and pass each exam.** Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the 4th course.

To take advantage of this opportunity, fill out the registration form on the reverse side of this brochure and send it with your check in the amount of \$150.00 made out to:

TGC, Inc. Garden School
Memo Line GS S19-C1

PLEASE NOTE:

Series 19 - Course 2
Will be held in
February, 2026

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*Helping Members become
accomplished horticulturists.*

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational instruction to those interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.

The school consists of a series of four courses. Each course is scheduled for two days of instruction, with an **OPEN BOOK** exam following each topic. Courses cover all aspects of growing - from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant cultivation and identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, and selected subjects of interest.

The courses are intended primarily for garden club members, but they are also open to the general public, requiring only the payment of a nominal fee. NGC affiliated Garden Club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. Attendees from the general public may attain consultant status by joining a garden club during the school series or shortly after completion. Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play), and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

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STATE PRESIDENT
Linda Jean Brown

LOCAL GARDEN SCHOOL CHAIRS

Karen A. Taylor, Chair
Lee Taylor, Co-Chair

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REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

Master Gardener (Please Circle) **YES** or **NO**

REGISTRATION FEES

DEADLINE IS July 21, 2025

THIS IS AN IN PERSON CLASS

Two Day School includes lunches and snacks
both days.

Detailed schedule available upon registration

CREDIT / REFRESHER / GUEST

(Please circle category)

\$150.00 + \$5.00 if taking class for credit

NO REGISTRATION AT DOOR

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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Instruction By:

Dr. Joe Novak

Professor, Rice University

COURSE I HIGHLIGHTS - BY TOPIC

Basic Botany

- Plant Anatomy (roots, stems, leaves, flowers)
- Plant requirements (light, temperature, water, humidity)
- Life cycle of plants (annuals, biennials, perennials)
- Reproduction (sexual, asexual)
- Study of plant structure
- Exam

Soils

- Characteristics & structure of soil
- Soil testing
- Function of soil
- Importance of roots
- Maintenance
- Fertilization (compost, fertilizers)
- Exam

Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers

- Environmental factors & choice of plant material
- Organic gardening
- Crop rotation & landscape suitability
- Pruning & training of plants
- Problems & problem solving
- Exam

Plant Propagation

- Seed selection
- Seed storage & germination
- Producing Transplants
- Vegetative propagation
- Exam

Propagation workshop (hands on project)

Supplemental Subject

REQUIRED READING

"The National Gardener"

Available online at gardenclub.org

SUGGESTED READING

Botany for Gardeners

Brian Capon

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

We have a room block at the
**PEAR TREE INN SAN ANTONIO
AIRPORT**

**143 NE I-410 Loop
San Antonio, TX 78216
210-366-9300**

**They are guaranteeing a rate of
\$97.00+tax on reservations made before
July 3, 2025
Group # 10151883**

Free Continental Breakfast/Free Beer & Wine



**SEND CHECK AND REGISTRATION
TO:**

***Karen Taylor
Gardening School Chair
109 Axis Run
Hunt, TX 78024***