

NGC Gardening School
Series XI Course #4
Registration

Registration Fee - \$75.00

Registration includes lunch, snacks, and beverages

Registration Deadline -August 11, 2025

Please Print Legibly

Name _____

Street _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Garden Club _____

State Organization if not LGCF, Inc.

Include **Check** made payable to:
Gardening Study School LA

Mail registration form and check to:

Roxanna Champagne, Registrar
220 Farmington Dr, Lafayette, LA 70503

For more information contact:
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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 certified as NGC Gardening Consultants.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.



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Tuesday-Wednesday
August 26-27, 2025

Sponsored by:

Lafayette Garden Club
Abbeville Garden Club

Tuesday

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
2206 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

LSU AgCenter
1105 W. Port St., Abbeville, LA

Roxanna Champagne

LGCF Gardening School Chairman

Patsy Hebert

Local Chairman

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Schedule

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

**Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
2206 Johnston St. Lafayette, LA**

8:00am	Registration
8:30am-11:30am	Outdoor Identification of Plants
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm-1:30pm	Plant Classification and Nomenclature

Wednesday, August 27

**LSU AgCenter
1105 West Port St. Abbeville, LA**

8:30am	Registration
9:00am-10:30am	Pruning Techniques
10:45am-11:45am	Success with Succulents (Not tested)
11:45pm	Lunch
12:45-2:15pm	Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals
2:30-4:30pm	Medicinal Gardens



General Information

Status of Accredited Gardening Consultant 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**.

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.

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.

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Requirements Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures, which may include field trips to evaluate and receive instruction on specific course topics.

Attendance is **mandatory** at all lectures and field trips.

Textbook "Botany for Gardeners" (Optional)

The student/prospective consultant must take and pass each exam to receive credit.

Open book/notes for all test questions

Each Test Question valued at 2.5 points for Course 1 and 2 points for Courses 2, 3, & 4.

A score of 70 is passing.