

Registration Form
Gardening School
Series XI, Course 1

PURPOSE OF THE
GARDENING SCHOOL COURSES

1. To stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials to the peak of perfection.
2. To give the student an understanding of how and why a plant grows.
3. Teach soil structure and methods for making the soil more productive.
4. Lend an understanding as to why plants react to certain weather conditions and how to modify these conditions to encourage optimum growth.
5. Provide an understanding of commercial and natural fungicides and pesticides, growth regulators and other chemicals used in general horticultural procedures.
6. Illustrate methods for rapid propagation.
7. Offer method and instruction in plant identification.
8. Explore specialized styles of gardening.

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National Capital Area
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Presents

GARDENING SCHOOL
SERIES XI
COURSE 1



ACCREDITED BY
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Monday and Tuesday
November 17-18, 2025

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
3810 Meredith Dr
Fairfax, VA 22030

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club State: _____

Fee Schedule

Full Course (NGC member) in person	\$120.00	___
Full Course (non-member) in person	\$150.00	___
Refresher (NGC member) in person	\$ 90.00	___
Zoom (NGC/refresh)	\$ 75.00	___
Zoom (non NGC full course)	\$ 90.00	___
One day \$75	11/17 Mon ___ 11/18 Tues ___	

Check if you are Taking Exam ___ or Refreshing ___

*Registration fee will not
be refunded after
10/31/25*



*Payment preferred
electronically by
Square using
QR code*

Please email Form 6 or Form 7 and questions
to gs@ncagardenclubs.org

Everyone Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to attend a Gardening School Course that follows the National Garden Club curriculum.

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.

Nonmembers 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.

Each course is scheduled for two days of instruction, with an OPEN BOOK exam at the conclusion. Courses cover all aspects of growing - from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant cultivation and identification, etc.

Course 1 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.

PROGRAM

Day 1:

8:30 - 9:20 am Registration
9:20 - 9:30 am Announcements
9:30 - 12:15 pm Basic Botany with 15 minute break at 10:45 - 11:00 am
12:15 - 12:45 pm lunch
12:45 - 3:00 pm Soils with a 15 minute break from 1:45 - 2:00 pm
3:00 - 3:15 pm break
3:15 - 4:30 pm Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers

Day 2:

8:30 - 9:20 am Registration
9:20 - 9:30 am Announcements
9:30 - 10:30 am Supplemental Subject - Invasive Plants
10:30 - 10:45 am Break
10:45 - 12:15 pm Plant Propagation
12:15 - 12:45 pm lunch
12:45 - 2:00 pm Propagation Workshop
2:00 - 2:15 pm Break
2:15 - 2:30 pm Review
2:30 - 4:30 pm Exam

Required Reading

- [The National Gardener – 4 issues/ year](#)
- [Guide for Students and Consultants](#)

Hotel Suggestion

Hampton Inn
10860 US-50
Fairfax, VA 22030
United States

Outlines and Handouts will be emailed to students for pre-study. Please print them upon receipt and bring them to class.

If you are unable to print any of the outlines, notify

Connie Richards
gs@ncagardenclubs.org

and we'll provide a printed copy for you to pick up on registration day.

Recommended Reading

- Capon, Brian, Botany for Gardeners. Timber Press
- Tallamy, Douglas W., Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard. Timber Press (2019)
- Stell, Elizabeth, Secrets to Great Soil (Storey's Gardening Skills Illustrated)
- YouTube video [Secrets to Great Soil](#)
- The New Western Garden Book: The Ultimate Gardening Guide, Ninth Edition (Sunset Western Garden Book)