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Permitted Equipment:

Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet, or iPad
Operating system: Microsoft Windows, Apple
MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android, or Tablet.

**Smart phones NOT permitted unless it is for
"Hotspot" connectivity.**

*Meets Zoom.com System Requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures. Attendance is mandatory for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who want to be certified as an NGC Gardening Consultant. NGC garden club members completing the series of four courses with a passing grade of 70 or above may apply for the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. All lectures and exams are open to the public for the stated fees, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. A non-member student who has successfully completed the four courses and passed the exams may apply for consultant certification upon joining a garden club affiliated with NGC within one year after completing the series. Certificates of Completion may be issued to non-NGC students.

FAQs

- There are 3-4 lectures per day with breaks
- Instructors' outlines are emailed in advance to all registered attendees.
- Exam questions are multiple-choice and taken from the lectures
Refreshers do not take the exam.
- Courses do not have to be taken in sequence
- More than one course may be taken per year
- Provisional Consultant status eligibility is attained after passing two exams
- Provisional Consultants may join FFGC Tri-Council
- Courses are open to residents of any State
- The courses and NGC certification do not confer professional status.

For more information on Gardening Schools, see the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website.



NGC GARDENING SCHOOL Course 4 Series 11

Feb 9-11, 2026

8:15 AM-12:00 PM EST

Zoom Tech & Course Review Meeting

(Required) Fri. Feb. 6, 2025

Mark your Calendars

10 -11 AM EST

Presented via

ZOOM



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OVERVIEW

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects. The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for three mornings of instruction, followed by a general examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as the NGC Gardening with Nature program that promotes the planting of native plants as the base of the food chain that supports all wildlife including pollinators vital to our agriculture. and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

Course Requirements

Attendance is mandatory at all lectures of a course for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Prospective consultants must take a written examination. Each course includes:

- Ten hours of lectures, including a supplemental subject lecture
- A multiple-choice exam (open book/notes) based on the lectures. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who apply for NGC certification.

COURSE 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Course 4

**Plant Classification and Nomenclature,
Outdoor Identification of Plants,
Specialized Styles of Gardening,
Techniques for Growing Woody
Ornamentals, Pruning Techniques,
Supplemental Subject.**



REQUIRED FORMS

Form 6 or 7 must be submitted electronically, before the Course begins. Email Form 6 or Course 7 to the Course Chairman, Sally Flanagan, sfflan@aol.com

Form 6 & Form 7 must be signed by the State Chairman and then emailed to the Course Gardening School Chairman, Sally Flanagan, sfflan@aol.com

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registration, cancellations and refunds: **Fri. Jan. 30, 2026**

LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability.

Make checks payable to:

New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

Fill out Registration Form online

Click on link below

<https://forms.gle/MGGdd5jmyyQqdUZe8>

Mail check to:

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Name: _____

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Full Course, 3 Days for CREDIT \$65.00

Add Exam Fee \$5.00

Full Course, 3 Days Refresher \$65.00

Add Refresher Fee \$5.00

Full course, 3 Days for Audit \$65.00

Total Amount of Check \$_____

Registration is not complete until your check is recieved.