

NGC Gardening School Series 9, Course 3 September 21-22, 2026

**ALL REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE
ONLINE ONLY**

Deadline for Registration: Sept. 18

No refunds after Sept. 20

TO REGISTER,

<https://ctgardenclubs.org/event/gardening-school-course-3-series-9/>

Registration options:

- Full course with exam **\$100 + \$5***
 - Full course, no exam **\$100**
 - Full course, refreshing **\$100 + \$5***
- (\$5* NGC fee if taking exam / refreshing)**

Permitted Equipment:

Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet or iPad

Operating system*: Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android on Tablet.

No smartphones unless used as "Hotspot"

EVERYONE TAKING THE COURSE FOR CREDIT MUST EMAIL THE CORRECT, COMPLETED FORM TO THE REGISTRAR ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CLASSES.

STUDENTS: FORM 6;

REFRESHING CONSULANTS: FORM 7

FOUND ON THE NGC WEBSITE, SCHOOL RESOURCES

NGC Gardening School Course 3 Schedule

Monday, September 21

8:00 Sign in & attendance
8:15 Announcements & introductions
8:30 **Teaching Tour**, 2 hrs. Barbara Schaedler
10:30 Break (15 min)
10:45 **Outdoor Container Gardening**, 1.5 hrs.
Dr. Yonghao Li
12:15 Lunch break (30 min)
12:45 **Factors that Influence Plant Growth, (Part I)** 2 hrs. *total* Renee Marsh
1:45 Break (15 min)
2:00 **Factors that Influence Plant Growth (Part II)** Renee Marsh
3:00 Review

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 Sign in, attendance, announcements
8:30 **New Plant Development and Evaluation**, 1.5 hrs. Adam Wheeler
10:00 Break (15 min.)
10:15 **Houseplant Basics**, 1 hr. Meg Barnes
11:15 Break (15 min.)
11:30 **Succulents**, 1hr. Meg Barnes
12:30 Lunch break (30 min)
1:00 **Native Trees and Shrubs** 1.0 hr.
Felicia Millett
2:00 Break (15 min.)
2:15 Review and any questions

ClassMarker Testing

Link opens at 3:00p.m. Closes at 8:00p.m.

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NGC Gardening School Objectives

All gardeners can become accomplished horticulturists. To assist its members in achieving this goal, NGC 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.

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PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND A TECH CHECK THE WEEK BEFORE CLASSES UNLESS AN NGC ZOOM SCHOOL COURSE HAS BEEN TAKEN.

General Information:

After NGC members have completed Gardening School Courses 1-4 with a passing grade of 70 or more on every exam, they become an Accredited Gardening Consultant. These four courses must be completed within seven years. Exams are optional. However, if you wish to be an accredited Gardening Consultant, you must take the exams. 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.

All students are required to read *The National Gardener* which is only accessible online at: www.gardenclubs.org

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