

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Gardening School – Course 1
September 15-16, 2026
Course #1, Series 2
Zoom Platform

Registration for this class is online only.
Options for registration are:

1. Two-Day Course Registration Fee of \$65 for GCG or other NGC member; Includes all classes, course review and exam.
2. Two-Day Course Registration Fee of \$60 – No Exam for GCG or other NGC Member Refresher Includes all sessions and no exam
3. Two Day Course Registration Fee of \$75 for non-GCG or any non-NGC members; Includes all classes and lunch, and no exam.

Permitted Equipment: Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet, or iPad *Qualifying operating system: *Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android, or Tablet*. Smart phones **NOT** permitted unless it is for “Hotspot” connectivity (Zoom 5.4 or higher) **Meets Zoom.com System Requirements*

All registrations fees must be paid by Zelle, check or money order as per registration instructions in the registration link.

Registration Link: [GCG Sponsored NGC Gardening School Course 1 Registration](#)

Registration Fee Deadline is September 1, 2026

Note: Students earning credit towards a Gardening Consultants Certificate must complete and submit NGC Form 6 ***prior to the course***, attend the full course, and pass the exam.

Refreshing Consultants must complete and submit NCG Form 7 ***prior to the course*** and attend the full course.

The appropriate form, 6 or 7, must be filled out with your previous Gardening School’s course dates, signed by your State Gardening School Chairman. Please have your State Gardening School Chairman send via email the signed Form 6 or 7 to schoolregistrar@gardenclubofgeorgia.org Forms 6 and 7 are located on the National Garden Club, Inc. website at this link: <https://www.gardenclub.org/school/schools-resources>.

For future NGC Consultants of Georgia Council NGC Gardening School Courses, please monitor the NGC website for course postings.

Gardening Schools are open to everyone whether or not they are garden club members.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Gardening School



Course 1

Tuesday & Wednesday
September 15-16, 2026
Presented virtually via Zoom

Sponsored by
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
NGC Consultants Council of Georgia
Council President, Gale D. Thomas
Council Treasurer, Marilyn McDonnell
Gardening School Chairman, Gale D. Thomas



The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Diane Hunter, President

Purpose and Scope of Gardening Schools

NGC Gardening Schools four courses were designed to learn the correct way to plant, to prune and marvel at what we have accomplished. We are stewards of the land; we have a responsibility to serve and protect for future generations.

Objectives of Gardening School

All gardeners can become accomplished horticulturists. To assist its members in achieving this goal, National Garden Clubs created the Gardening Schools; the school is a series of four 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 optimum 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 School Course 1 Topics

Tuesday, September 14, 2026

Botany, Soils,
Outdoor Flowers,
Plant Propagation
Basic Botany
Soils

Wednesday, September 15, 2026

Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers
Plant Propagation

Supplemental Topics:
S.E. Pollinator Count
Invasive Plants

Required Reading:

The Guide for Students and Consultants

(Revised 2/2023)
available on the NGC
website: gardenclub.org

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)

Students and Consultants are encouraged to read current gardening articles in *The National Gardener* which can be found at gardenclub.org

