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All participants must have a desktop, laptop, tablet or iPad with integrated camera and microphone

Smart phones are not permitted unless for “hotspot” connectivity

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures. Attendance is mandatory for the student to be able to take the exam and receive credit. Exams are optional but must be taken by students wishing to be certified as an NGC Landscape Design Consultant. Refreshers do not need to take the exams.

Students must complete all four courses and exams with a passing grade of 70 or above.

All lectures and exams are open to the public regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership

IMPORTANT:

All students must include a Form 6 with their registration. If this is your final Course to achieve consultant status, it should be signed by your state LDS Chair. **All refreshers must include a Form 7** signed by their state's LDS Chair

FAQs

- There are three lectures per day with breaks
- Instructor outlines will be emailed to all registered students and refreshers prior to the course beginning
- Students may take more than one course in a given year. Refreshers can only get credit for one course per year
- The Courses and NGC Certification do not confer professional status



Landscape Design School

Series 18 Course 1

October 28-30, 2026

8:00 AM-12:45 PM

Via Zoom



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OVERVIEW

Objectives of the Landscape Design Schools

- Develop a greater sense of appreciation, pride, and knowledge about our private, public, and historical gardens
- Become better informed in order to promote positive changes in our surroundings to encourage beauty, utility, convenience, and sound ecological practices
- Encourage a better understanding of the landscape design process to promote landscapes that will sustain sound management
- Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning
- Develop a contingent of qualified NGC Landscape Design Consultants to serve in areas of public life, such as providing leadership, educational programs, scholarships, awards, and working to promote positive landscaping decisions

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.



Note- If you are a Massachusetts resident, taking your third LDS class, you may be eligible for the Mary Nokes Scholarship for tuition. Contact us for more information

COURSE 1 HIGHLIGHTS

- A. Your Ecosystem
- B. Space, Design and People
- C. Principles and Elements of Landscape Design
- D. Developing Your Garden Plan
- E. Basics of a Site Plan
- F. Color in the Landscape
- G. Design for the Environment
- H. Development of Landscape Design: Ancient Times-1840
- I. Xeriscaping
- J. Special Interest Topic



REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registration, cancellations and refunds:

October 15, 2026

LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

NGC Club _____

Region _____ District _____

For Students: How many LDS courses have you completed prior to this Course? _____

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____ Full 3 day Course for Students \$110.00

____ Full 3 day Course for Refreshers \$105.00

____ Audit Only (no credit received) \$ 90.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____

CHECKS: made payable to GCFM, Inc. Mail registration form and check to: Beate Bolen Address on reverse side

TO PAY ONLINE- <https://www.gcfm.org/schools>

Note- for online registration a \$3.00 service fee will be included