

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
GARDENING SCHOOL

Series 18 – Course 2
February 5 – 6, 2024

San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels
San Antonio, TX 78209
830-837-5262

Open to Everyone!

Gardening School Courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. 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.**

Non-members 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.

To take advantage of this opportunity, fill out the registration form on the reverse side of this brochure and send it with your check in the amount of \$150.00 made out to:

TGC, Inc. Garden School
Memo line: GS S18-C2

Please Note
Course #3 is planned for
August 2024

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TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
DISTRICT VII

*Helping Members become accomplished
horticulturists.*

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational instruction to those interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.

The school consists of a series of four courses, scheduled for two days of instruction followed by an **OPEN BOOK** examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing – from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant cultivation and identification, etc. 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.

The courses are intended primarily for garden club members, but they are also open to the general public, requiring only the payment of a nominal fee. NGC affiliated Garden Club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. Attendees from the general public may attain consultant status by joining a garden club during the school series or shortly after completion. Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play), and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

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STATE PRESIDENT
Lee Taylor

LOCAL GARDEN SCHOOL CHAIRS

Karen Taylor, Chair
Lee Taylor, Co-Chair
Judith Boeckner, Co-Chair

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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Garden Club _____

Master Gardener (Please Circle) **YES** or **NO**

REGISTRATION FEES:

DEADLINE IS January 19, 2024

Two Day School includes lunch and snacks
both days:

Credit/Refresher/Guest

(Please circle category)

\$150.00 + \$5.00 if taking class for credit

Registration Deadline is January 19, 2024

No Registration at Door

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TGC, INC. GARDEN SCHOOL

Memo line: GS S18-C1

COURSE II Highlights

PLANT DISEASES & GARDEN PESTS - TEST

- A. Overview of good growing practices
- B. Regional insect and disease problems
- C. Beneficial insects - predators
- D. Problem solving/prevention
- E. Examples of plant problems – disease and insects

IRRIGATION AND WATER – TEST

- A. Planting efficiently
- B. Water use and water saving factors

LAWN ALTERNATIVES AND GROWING GRASS – TEST

- A. Site Preparation and selection of grass/plants
- B. Maintenance of site
- C. Problem solving

GROWING FRUIT - TEST

- A. Choice of varieties
- B. When and how to plant
- C. Training and pruning
- D. Environmental factor
- E. Problem solving and solutions

GROWING VEGETABLES - TEST

- A. Choice of varieties
- B. When and how to plant
- C. Crop rotation and inter-planting
- D. Pest Control
- E. Problems & solutions

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT – Selecting Fruit & Vegetables in the Market

ALL WRITTEN EXAMS ARE TO BE OPEN BOOK and/or
NOTES.

Instruction By:
Dr. Joe Novak
Professor, Rice University

REQUIRED READING

“The National Gardener”

Available on-line and by subscription

SUGGESTED READING

Botany for Gardeners

Brian Capon

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - San Antonio Airport

850 Halm Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78216

Phone: 1-210-342-3738

Details: Free Continental Breakfast



SEND CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO:

Karen Taylor, Chair

109 Axis Run

Hunt, TX 78024