

## REGISTRATION FORM

### GS COURSE 4 – Classification, Garden Styles, Plant Identification, Pruning, Woody Ornamentals January 11 – 14, 2022

**Registration: Student \$65 + \$5 Exam Fee\***

**Consultant: \$60 + \$5 Refresher Fee\*\***

**Audit: \$60**

\*Students taking the course for credit must remit the \$5 exam fee along with the \$65 course fee, for a total of \$70.

\*\*Consultants who wish to refresh must remit the \$5 Refresher fee along with the \$60 course fee, for a total of \$65.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State Garden Club

Your Garden Club : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am taking this course as a Refresher to maintain my GS Consultant certification of Good Standing (no exam required)

**No refunds after January 5, 2022. To avoid USPS delays, please mail your registration and check NOW! Include check for the total amount payable to: **District VIII FGCNYS Judges Council** Mail registration form and check to:**

Melissa Marcus, GS Registrar

772 Ransom Rd., Gr Island NY 14072

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

*National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.*

PARTICIPANTS **MUST** HAVE A DESKTOP OR

LAPTOP COMPUTER, TABLET, OR iPad WITH AUDIO AND VIDEO CAPABILITY

PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWERS AND RETURN

### WITH REGISTRATION

**PERMITTED EQUIPMENT (circle one)  
Desktop or Laptop computer, Tablet,  
or iPad**

**OPERATING SYSTEM (circle one)** Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS, Apple iOS on iPad, Android on Tablet). Smartphones NOT permitted unless it is for "Hotspot" Connectivity) \*Meets Zoom.com System

Requirements **ABOUT THE EXAM The exam is open book/notes.** There will be 7 questions from Plant Classification and Nomenclature; Outdoor Identification of Plants will have 15 questions; Specialized Styles of Gardening will have 10 questions; Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals, 9 questions; and Pruning Techniques, 9 questions **NOTE:** Students seeking the National Garden Club designation of Gardening Consultant must pay the nominal fees and pass all exams. Auditing students who opt out of the exams receive a Certificate of Achievement.

## NGC GARDENING SCHOOL (GS)

Series VIII

**Course 4 - Plant Growth, New Plant Development, Containers, Houseplants, Native Trees & Shrubs**

**January 11 – 14, 2022**

**Sponsored by**

**District VIII FGCNYS  
JUDGES COUNCIL**

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For more information on Gardening Schools, see the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website:  
[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**DAYS:**

Tuesday – Friday, 1/11 – 1/14  
5:45 – 8:45 ET Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday  
5:45 – 9:45 ET Friday

**LOCATION:**

Buffalo, New York  
Presented virtually via Zoom

## COURSE 4 OVERVIEW

### TOPICS:

#### Plant Classification and Nomenclature

- Overview of all studied plants
- Binomial nomenclature - naming system Note: Keep it simple • Important flowering/foilage plant groups. Outdoor Identification of Plants
- Plant families • Characteristics • Local/regional choices • Key/glossary and identification of plants (hand lens required) Specialized Styles of Gardening
- Sun/Shade gardening • Greenhouse
- Organic • Rock gardens/alpine gardens • Hot beds and cold frames • Hydroponics and aquaponics • Other styles. Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals • Plant selection and environmental factors • When and how to plant • Training and pruning • Specific problems and solutions Pruning Techniques • Overview of proper equipment/tools/training • Trees and shrubs • Perennials and annuals • Any other - specific plant group • Demonstration • Inside and outside
- participation by students Supplemental Topic • Planting a Money Tree. The Economy, Gardening and You!

**Instructors:** Professors, naturalists, and leaders in their field. Our instructors are Barbara Schaedler, Mina Vescera and Anne Dyet.

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### **Recommended & Required Reading**

##### Required Reading

- Guide for Students and Consultants (Student Guide Revised 2/2019) available on NGC website and provided in student packets with course outlines.

##### Recommended Reading

- The National Gardener – 4 issues per year
- 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 Sunset Garden Book Series for your region.

##### **Please note:**

Students taking for credit should complete form 6 and refreshing consultants complete form 7.

Downloadable PDF from [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) under Schools then Schools resource tab. Send fillable form saved under the last name to your state GS Chairman to obtain credit.

## ABOUT GS COURSES

Gardening Schools (GS) is a practical and economical approach to obtaining a basic gardening education. These courses were designed to help our students 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. GS is divided into four courses: Course 1 - Botany, Soils, Outdoor Flowers, Plant Propagation.

Course 2 - Diseases & Pests, Irrigation & Water, Lawns & Alternatives, Fruits & Vegetables.

Course 3 - Plant Growth, New Plant Development, Containers, Houseplants, Native Trees & Shrubs, Teaching Tour.

Course 4 - Classification, Garden Styles, Plant Identification, Pruning, Woody Ornamentals. Courses in Gardening Schools are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. (NGC) membership. Each of the four courses has an optional exam. NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Gardening Consultants need to take all four courses, pay the testing fees, and pass each exam.

Non-members fulfilling the requirements of the courses may apply to be NGC Consultants upon joining an NGC-affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the fourth course.