



## COURSE 4 HIGHLIGHTS

### PLANT CLASSIFICATION AND NOMENCLATURE (1 hour)

- Overview of all studied plants
- Binomial nomenclature-- naming system
- Important flowering/foilage plant groups

### OUTDOOR IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTS (3 hours)

- Plant families
  - Characteristics
  - Local/regional choices
- Key/glossary and identification of plants (hand lens supplied)

### SPECIALIZED STYLES OF GARDENING (2 hrs.)

- Sun/Shade Gardening
- Greenhouse
- Organic
- Rock gardens/alpine gardens
- Hot beds and cold frames
- Hydroponics and aquaponics
- Other Styles

### REQUIRED READING

All students and consultants are required to read

- *The National Gardener* magazine, available on the NGC website.
- Guide for Students and Consultants. Available on NGC website.

## MORE COURSE 4 HIGHLIGHTS

### TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING WOODY ORNAMENTALS (1.5 hours)

- Plant selection and environmental factors
- When and how to plant
- Training and pruning
- Specific problems and solutions

### PRUNING TECHNIQUES (1.5 hours)

- 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 SUBJECT (1 hour)

Yet to be determined

### RECOMMENDED READING

Capon, Brian. *Botany for Gardeners*. Timber Press.  
 Tallamy, Douglas W. *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation*. Timber Press, 2019.  
 Stell, Elizabeth. *Secrets to Great Soil*. Storey's Gardening Skills Illustrated.  
 YouTube video *Secrets to Great Soil*.

## REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registration, cancellations, and refunds: Sunday, February 11. LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability.

TO REGISTER for this course,

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Fill out the form online. Your information will automatically be registered with us.

**REGISTRATION is also available online at [Districtx.org/Educational Opportunities](http://Districtx.org/Educational Opportunities)**

TO PAY for this course, fill out the form below and send it with your check made out to District X to:

Toni Cvetko  
 911 Gardenia Dr, #151  
 Delray Beach, FL 33483

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Course 2 Days for CREDIT	\$75.00
Add Exam and Processing Fee	\$8.00
Full Course 2 Days Refresher	\$75.00
Add Refresher Fee	\$8.00
Full Course 2 Days for Audit	\$75.00
TOTAL Amount of Check	\$_____

## LOCAL SCHOOL CHAIR

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## OVERVIEW

### Objectives of NGC Gardening School

- Provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.
- The school consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination.
- Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc.
- Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Each of the four courses consists of ten hours of lectures. Attendance is mandatory for the student to take the exam and receive credit. Exams are optional, but must be taken by those who want to be certified as an NGC Gardening Consultant. NGC garden club members completing the series of four courses with a passing grade of 70 or above may apply for the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. All lectures and exams are open to the public for the stated fees, regardless of NGC membership. A non-member student who has successfully completed the four courses and passed the exams may apply for consultant certification upon joining a garden club affiliated with NGC within one year after completing the series. Certificates of Completion may be issued to non-NGC students.

## FAQs

- There are 3-4 lectures per day with breaks.
- Instructors' outlines are emailed in advance to all registered attendees. They must be printed by students and brought to class.
- Exam questions are multiple-choice and taken from the assigned reading and lectures.
- Refreshers do not take the exam.
- Courses do not have to be taken in sequence.
- More than one course may be taken per year.
- Provisional Consultant status eligibility is attained after passing two exams.
- The courses and NGC certification do not confer professional status.



# NGC GARDENING SCHOOL

## Course 4, Series 10

**February 20 & 21, 2024**

**8:30 AM - 3:30 PM EST**

**Mounts Botanical Garden  
531 N. Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415**



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