

## NGC Gardening School

### Objectives

All gardeners can become accomplished horticulturists. To assist its members in achieving this goal, National Garden Clubs, Inc. created Gardening Schools. A 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 optimal 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 Schools provide current information to those interested in horticulture and related topics. The curriculum has been developed by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), and customized by the course instructors.

Classes are open to the public as well as garden club members. The program consists of a series of four two-day courses.

Garden club members who complete the series of four courses (with testing) are awarded the designation of Gardening Consultant.

## NGC Gardening School



Course #2 October 28-29, 2024  
Course #3 April 28-29, 2025  
Course #4 October 29-30, 2025

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

### Dryer Masonic Center

306 134<sup>th</sup> St South, Tacoma 98444

**From I-5**, take highway 512, take the Pacific Ave exit & turn right. Go to 134<sup>th</sup> St & turn right. The hall is on the left ½ block down.

**From highway 167**, take highway 512, take the Pacific Ave exit & turn left. Go to 134<sup>th</sup> St & turn right. The hall is on the left ½ block down.

### Nearby Accommodations

Best Western Plus  
620 S Hill Park Dr, Puyallup, Wa  
253-848-1500

Holiday Inn  
812 S Hill Park Dr, Puyallup Wa  
253-848-4900

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

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

# Gardening School

## Series 13, Course 1



**Monday & Tuesday  
April 29 & 30, 2024**

Dryer Masonic Center  
306 134<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Tacoma Washington 98444

Sponsored by Hill & Dale District



Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs  
National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)

## NGC Gardening School

Course 1 Registration Form  
April 29 & 30, 2024

**Deadline for registration April 1**  
**No refunds after April 1**

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

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

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

Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

District: \_\_\_\_\_

- Full-time, April 29 & 30 \$70\_\_\_\_
- Only Monday, April 29 \$40 \_\_\_\_
- Only Tuesday, April 30 \$35 \_\_\_\_
- Exam fee or Refresher fee \$5 \_\_\_\_
- Are you taking the exam yes\_\_\_\_
- Are you refreshing yes\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes refreshments & lunch  
Please provide food allergies.

### **Make checks payable to:**

Hill & Dale District Gardening School

### **Mail registration form & check to:**

Kathleen Muckian  
2604 Platte Ct  
Puyallup, WA 98374-4002  
[nmuckian@comcast.net](mailto:nmuckian@comcast.net)

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Course 1 Schedule

### **Monday, April 29**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, check-in
- 8:45 a.m. Announcements,  
Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. Basic Botany for Gardeners
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Basic Botany continued
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Soils
- 1:30 p.m. Break
- 1:45 p.m. Soils continued
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Fun with soil sampling
- 3:30 p.m. Exam, Soils & Basic Botany

### **Tuesday, April 30**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Announcements,  
Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. Techniques for Growing  
Outdoor Flowers
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Supplemental Topic
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Plant Propagation
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Propagation Workshop
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 4.00 p.m. Exam, Growing Outdoor  
Flowers & Propagation

**Those refreshing or those not  
wishing to become NGC Gardening  
Consultants need not take the exams.**

## NGC Gardening School

Course 1 Recommended Reading

Sunset Western Garden Book  
Botany for Gardeners, by Brian Capon  
Secrets to Great Soil, by Elizabeth Stell  
Nature's Best Hope, Douglas Tallamy  
The National Gardener Magazine

### **Form 6 & 7**

Continuing Students please provide your form 6 with information regarding courses previously taken & passed. New students, a form 6 will be created for you. Refreshing Consultants, form 7 must be filled out with your previous refreshing dates, signed by your State School Chairman. Forms are found on NGC Website under Schools forms [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) Your forms must be emailed & received by registrar prior to class.

### **Committee**

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