

REGISTRATION FORM

Gardening School – Course 4, September 4 & 5, 2019

Name: _____

NGC Garden Club Name (if applicable):

State/District: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please choose your registration:

_____ **Two-Day Course Registration Fee of \$120**

Includes two days of 10 class hours, printed Student Study Manual, exam, and lunch both days.

_____ **Sept. 4th Only Registration Fee of \$72**

Includes 6 class hours, and lunch.

_____ **Sept. 5th Only Registration Fee of \$48**

Includes 4 class hours and lunch.

Are you taking the exam? Yes ___ No ___

Are you refreshing? Yes ___ No ___

Note: Refreshing Consultants must attend the full course. Students earning credit towards a Gardening Consultants Certificate must take the full course with the exam.

Mail registration form & check to:

Anna O'Kelly, Council Treasurer,
1411 Knights Bridge Turn, Crofton, MD 21114

Make Checks payable to: FGCMDC GCC
FGCMDC-Gardening Consultants Council

****Any special needs or diet restrictions? If so, please provide details:

Objectives of Gardening School

All gardeners can become accomplished horticulturists. To assist its members in achieving this goal, National Garden Clubs created the 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 optimum 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 are open to everyone
whether or not they are garden club
members.***

*"Growing Your Knowledge of
Horticulture"*



Course 4 Gardening School

Wednesday & Thursday

September 4 & 5, 2019

Sheraton Town Center Columbia

10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044

Sponsored by

*Gardening Consultants Council
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
Council Chair, Diana Bonner
Council Treasurer, Anna O'Kelly
Gardening School Chair, Linda Harris*

Hosted by

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Gardening School Course 4 Schedule

Day One – Wednesday, September 4, 2019

7:45 - 8:15 – **Registration;** Coffee/Tea, Breakfast
8:15 - 8:30 – **Welcome & Announcements**

8:30 – 9:30 – **Plant Classification & Nomenclature**
The binomial nomenclature naming system of important flowering and foliage plant groups, in simple terms. Instructor: **Ruth Rogers Clausen**

9:45 – 11:45 – **Specialized Styles of Gardening**
Sun/shade gardening, greenhouse, organic, rock, alpine gardens; hot beds, cold frames; hydroponics, aquaponics; **(Tested Subject)**
Instructor: **Ruth Rogers Clausen**

11:45 – 12:30 – **Lunch** (provided in the classroom)

12:30 – 3:30 – **Outdoor Identification of Plants**
ID of native deciduous trees using a dichotomous key; skills learned will enable students to ID other plants; will include plant ID outside on nearby walking trails. **(Tested subject)**
Instructor: **Wanda MacLachlan**

Instructors:

Ruth Rogers Clausen was trained in horticulture in the UK and received her MS in botany from Kent State University. She has freelanced as a teacher, lecturer and author in the US and Canada.

Wanda MacLachlan University of Maryland Extension Educator, received her BS in Horticulture from Kansas State University and her MS in Horticulture from the University of Maryland. She is also the State Coordinator of Bay-Wise Landscape Management Program, and State Coordinator of Maryland Master Naturalist Program.

Day Two – Thursday, September 5, 2019

7:45 - 8:15 – **Registration;** Coffee/Tea, Breakfast
8:15 - 8:30 – **Morning Announcements**

8:30 - 10:00 – **Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals.** Plant selection and environmental factors; when and how to plant; specific problems and solutions; training and pruning. **(Tested Subject)**
Instructor: **Chuck Schuster**

10:10 – 11:45 – **Pruning Techniques.** Overview of proper equipment, tools, and training; trees, shrubs, perennials; demonstration outside with participation by students. Instructor: **Joe DiGiovanni**

11:45 - 12:30 – **Lunch** (provided in classroom)

12:30 – 1:30 – **Gardening for Wildlife and Habitat**
Exploration of many simple ideas and the related changes gardeners can make in their garden spaces to encourage and support wildlife.
Instructor: **Lynn Walter**

1:30 – 3:30 – **Open Book Exam**
(only required for those seeking consultant status)

Instructors:

Chuck Schuster is currently the Extension Educator, Commercial Horticulture, University of Maryland Extension. He received a BS degree in Ag Extension & Education from the University of Maryland and his MLA in Education from McDaniel College.

Joe DiGiovanni is a retired Howard County Master Gardener who also teaches master gardener training classes at University of Maryland Extension. He has a BS degree in Geology from Campbell College.

Lynn Walter has also taught classes for our Environmental School. She has an MA in Biology from College of William & Mary, and has been a guest lecturer, garden club speaker, and master gardener guest lecturer.

Hotel Information

Sheraton Town Center Columbia, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044. Reservations: 888-627-8318 with a discounted room rate of \$129 if reserved by August 7th by mentioning FGCMMD.

Directions to Sheraton

Sheraton Town Center Columbia, 10207 Wincopin Circle, (off of Little Patuxent Parkway) Columbia, MD 21044 and is accessible from Route 29, Route 175, Route 100, I-70, I-95. BWI Airport is only 11 miles away and offers easy access to Columbia.

Suggested Reading for this Course

Plant Families: A Guide for Gardeners & Botanists, by Ross Bayton & Simon Maughan, 2017

Botany for Gardeners, (Third Edition) by Brian Capon

The Plant Kingdom: Guide to Plant Classification & Biodiversity, by Theresa Greenaway

Practical Botany for Gardeners, by Geoff Hodge

Essential Native Trees & Shrubs for Eastern US: A Guide to Creating a Sustainable Landscape, Ginger Woolridge & Tony Dove

Native Trees of Virginia: Tree ID Guide, can be purchased or downloaded at dof.virginia.gov

Native Shrubs & Woody Vines of Virginia: ID Guide, can be purchased or downloaded at dof.virginia.gov

Newcomb's Wildflower Guide: Field Guide for Quick ID of Wildflowers, Flowering Shrubs and Vines

Questions/Information

Contact **Gardening School Chair Linda Harris** at lindaharris355@aol.com or 443-695-2071.