

REGISTRATION FORM

Gardening School – Course 4, May 8 & 9, 2024

Name: _____

Garden Club: _____

State Garden Club: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please choose your registration:

_____ **Two-Day Course Registration Fee of \$130;**
Includes all classes, lunch, course review and exam

_____ **May 8th Only, Registration Fee of \$80**
(Includes 6 class hours & lunch)

_____ **May 9th Only, Registration Fee of \$60**
(Includes 4 class hours & lunch)

Are you taking the exam? Yes _____ No _____

Are you refreshing? Yes _____

Mail registration form & check to:

Linda Harris, GS State Chair
3252 Walnut Bottom Rd., Swanton, MD 21561

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; the 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.

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

**Registration deadline is April 30
No refunds after May 1**

*"Growing Your Knowledge of
Horticulture"*



Course 4 Gardening School

Wednesday & Thursday
May 8 & 9, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton
5485 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045



Sponsored by
Gardening Consultants Council
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
Gardening School Chair, Linda Harris

Hosted by
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Susie Middleton, President

Schedule for Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:30 - 8:15 – **Registration; Breakfast**
8:15 – 8:30 – **Welcome & Announcements**

8:30 – 9:30 – **Plant Classification & Nomenclature** presented by Kathy Jentz, Editor/Publisher of Washington Gardener Magazine, horticulturist and author. Includes binomial nomenclature and naming system covering important flowering/foilage plant groups.

9:45 – 11:45 – **Specialized Styles of Gardening** presented by Kirk Brown, landscape designer, environmental and horticultural educator, garden writer/speaker. Includes sun/shade gardening, rock gardens, alpine gardens, organic, greenhouse, hydroponics, etc.

11:45 – 12:30 – **Lunch (provided)**

12:30 – 3:30 – **Outdoor Identification of Plants** presented by Wanda MacLachlan, University of MD Extension Area Educator, Residential Landscape Management. Indoor discussion of plant families and characteristics; how to key and ID plants followed by an outdoor ID session practicing what has been presented.

Questions/Information

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

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

Schedule for Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:30 - 8:15 – **Check-In; Breakfast**
8:15 – 8:30 – **Announcements**

8:30 – 10:00 – **Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals** presented by Chuck Schuster, Senior Agent Emeritus, University of MD Extension, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources. Includes plant selection and environmental factors; when and how to plant; training and pruning; special problems and solutions.

10:15 – 11:45 – **Pruning Techniques** presented by Chuck Schuster. Includes overview of proper equipment/tools/training; trees and shrubs; perennials and annuals; demonstration and participation by students.

11:45 – 12:30 - **Lunch (provided)**

12:30 – 1:30 – The Importance of Native Keystone Plants in our Ecosystem, presented by Claire Jones, landscape designer and garden speaker. These super host plants are keystone species, which have an out-size impact on the health and biodiversity of their ecosystems; learn about the top keystone trees, shrubs, and perennials of the mid-Atlantic region; with tips on establishing and managing these plants.

1:45 – 3:00 - **Review & Open Book/Notes Exam**

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Hotel Information

The two-day course will be held at
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Columbian Ballroom
5485 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045

There is also a block of guest rooms available for those staying overnight for \$159
Phone # 410-997-1060 or 833-435-0407
Using SRP Code C-918 for the “FGCMD Gardening School” or by using the following link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/bwichtd-918-41e4d4be-e080-43e2-abc1-9992e1805a6a/>

The cutoff date for this rate is April 7

SUGGESTED Reading for this Course

A Gardener’s Guide to Botany, Scott Zona

Botany for Gardeners, Brian Capon

Plant Families: A Guide for Gardeners & Botanists, Ross Bayton

A Gardener’s Handbook of Plant Names: Their Meanings & Origins, A.W.Smith

The Well Tended Perennial Garden: Planting & Pruning Techniques, Tracy DiSabato-Aust

Easy, Practical Pruning: Techniques for Trees, Shrubs, Vines and Roses, Barbara Ellis

Manual of Woody Landscape Plants, Michael Dirr