

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.

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Dryer Masonic Center

306 134th St South, Tacoma 98444

From I-5, take highway 512, take the Pacific Ave exit & turn right. Go to 134th 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 134th 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 3



**Monday & Tuesday
April 28 & 29, 2025**

Dryer Masonic Center
306 134th 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)

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Course 3 Registration Form
April 28 & 29, 2025

Deadline for registration April 1
No refunds after April 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

District: _____

- Full-time, April 28 & 29 \$70___
- Only Monday, April 28 \$40___
- Only Tuesday, April 29 \$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:

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2604 Platte Ct
Puyallup, WA 98374-4002
nmuckian@comcast.net

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Course 3 Schedule

Monday, April 28

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, check-in
- 8:45 a.m. Announcements
- 9:00 a.m. Factors that Influence Plant Growth
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Factors that Influence Plant Growth cont
- 11:15 a.m. Trees Through Seasons
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. New Plant Development
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Houseplant Basics
- 3:45 p.m. Exam, Factors that Influence Plant Growth, New Plant Development & Houseplants

Tuesday, April 29

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, check in
- 8:45 a.m. Announcements
- 9:00 a.m. Teaching Tour
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Teaching Tour
- 11:15 p.m. Native Trees and Shrubs
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Container Gardening
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Exam, Teaching Tour, Native Trees & Shrubs, Container Gardening

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

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Course 3 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 and 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 Your forms must be emailed & received by registrar prior to class.

Committee

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