

COURSE 3 HIGHLIGHTS

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE PLANT GROWTH (2 hours)

Environmental Factors
Nutrients - organic, inorganic
Plant/Cultivar Choices

Instructor: Anthony Gross, Florida Friendly Landscaping Certified Professional and Instructor; Green Industries Best Management Practices Instructor.

NEW PLANT DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (1.5 hours)

Hybridization
Cultivar Selection with Native Plants and Nativars
Environmental Suitability
Test Gardens

Instructor: Dr. Germán Sandoya Miranda has worked and trained in prestigious institutions across the US, France, Spain and Central America.

CONTAINER GARDENING (1.5 hrs.)

Plants Suitable for Containers
General Culture
Types of Containers

Instructor: Pamel Crawford, award-winning garden designer and author of 13 gardening books. Seven of her books cover container gardening, including "Five Heat Tolerant Container Gardens Ideal for Florida."

REQUIRED READING

All students and consultants are required to read *The National Gardener* magazine, available on the NGC website.

OPTIONAL READING: *Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy and *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon.

MORE COURSE 3 HIGHLIGHTS

HOUSEPLANT BASICS (1 hour)

Growing Conditions Indoors
Plant Choices
Training and Pruning
Types of Indoor Containers:
Single, Combination, Dish Gardens, Terrariums

Instructor: Carol Cloud Bailey, professional Landscape Counselor and Horticulturist, writer and instructor. Her technical experience includes diagnosis of plant problems and plant production.

NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS AND WILDFLOWERS (1 hour)

"Right Plant, Right Place" and more
Instructor: Jeff Nurge, owner and founder of Florida Native Gardening, Current Director-at-Large for the Palm Beach County chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

INVASIVES (1 hour)

General Overview
Instructor: Chris Lockhart, Field Biologist, coordinator and supervisor of volunteer groups for invasive exotic plant removal and planting for habitat restoration, funded by US Fish and Wildlife.

TEACHING TOUR OF MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN (2 hours)

Annuals and Perennials
Trees and Shrubs
Wildflowers and Container Plants
Emphasis on Natives
Instructor: Emily Marois, Urban Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator at Palm Beach County Extension Office, located at Mounts Botanical Garden.

REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for registration, cancellations, and refunds: Sunday, November 12.
LATE REGISTRATIONS are subject to availability.

TO REGISTER for this course,

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

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 \$65.00
Add Exam and Processing Fee \$8.00

Full Course 2 Days Refresher \$65.00
Add Refresher Fee \$8.00

Full Course 2 Days for Audit \$65.00

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

November 16 & 17, 2023
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM EST



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