

NGC Gardening School  
Series 12, Course 3 Registration  
April 9, 10, & 11, 2025  
Zoom

Deadline for Registration April 1, 2025

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Permitted Equipment (circle one)**

Desktop or Laptop Computer, iPad or Tablet

**Operation System (circle one) \***

Microsoft Windows, Apple MacOS,  
Apple iOS on iPad, Android on tablet

\*Meets Zoom.com System Requirements

Please indicate your option: (check one)

Full course with exam \$110

Full course, no exam \$100

Full course, non-club member \$125

1 Day Only Registration \$70

(check one)

Apr. 9, \_\_\_ Apr. 10, \_\_\_ Apr. 11, \_\_\_

Make check payable to: GCFM, Inc.

Mail to Registrar:  
Linda Jean Smith, Registrar  
23 Bentley Lane  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

**NO REFUNDS**

**General Information**

Attendance to all classes is required to take the exam or to receive refresher credit. Courses are open to the general public, with the payment of a nominal fee. Garden club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of Gardening Consultant. Attendees from the general public may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the course series or shortly after completion.

**Recommended Reading:**

*Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon maybe purchased through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

**Requirements**

- Participants must have a desktop, laptop, tablet or iPad with integrated camera and microphone.
- Participants must attend a test/practice session to check their ability to use Zoom and to do a **tech check on April 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm.**
- Smartphones are not permitted, unless for "hotspot" connectivity.

**NOTE: IF REFRESHING PLEASE COMPLETE FORM 7 FOUND ON NGC WEBSITE, SCHOOL FORMS & RESOURCES. STUDENTS FILL IN FORM 6**

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

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### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

**8:00 –8:20 Sign in**

**8:20 AM Welcome & Announcements**

**Today's Lecturer**

**Kathi Gariepy**

Mass. Master Gardener, educator, garden writer and lecturer, NGC landscape design master and gardening consultant master

**8:30 – 10:00 AM**

**Container Gardening, Outdoor – tested**

- Plants suitable for containers
- General Culture – environmental, light, humidity, temperature
- Types of containers – size, weight, adaptability, single container, planters, troughs, dish gardens, combination

**10:00 – 10:15 Break**

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

**Houseplant Basics – tested**

- Growing conditions indoors
- Plant Choices
- Training & pruning
- Types of indoor containers, planters dish gardens, troughs, combination.

**11:15 – 11:30 Break**

**11:30-12:30**

**Butterfly Gardening** with the emphasis on host plants and native nectar plants

**12:30 PM End of Day for Refreshers**

**Test Review of Lecture material  
Followed by test for students**

### Thursday, April 10, 2025

**8:00 – 8:20 Sign in**

**8:20 AM Welcome & Announcements**

**Today's Lecturer**

**Dr. Judith Sumner,**

Professor of Natural Sciences, retired, Assumption College, lecturer & author

**8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**Factors That Influence Plant Growth – tested**

- Local, regional conditions
- Light, water & temperature
- Weather – seasonal, drought, flood
- Pollution problems
- Nutrients – organic, inorganic
- Plant/cultivar choices

**9:30 – 9:45 AM Break**

**9:45 – 10:45 AM**

**Factors that Influence Plant Growth –**

**10:45 – 11:00 AM Break**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**New Plant Development & Evaluation tested**

- Hybridization/genetic manipulation
- Species/cultivar selection
- Environmental suitability

**12:30 PM End of Day for Refreshers**

**Test Review of lecture material  
Followed by test for students**

### Friday, April 11, 2025

**8:20 – 8:40 Sign in**

**8:40 AM Welcome & Announcements**

**Today's Lecturer**

**Joann Vieira**

Horticulturalist, former head of horticulture Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, current head of horticulture for MA Trustees of Reservation

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Native Trees & Shrubs – tested**

- Plant species/varieties
- Local, regional choices
- Wildlife support – Native Species
- Proper planting - maintenance
- Maintenance – Pruning

**10:00– 10:15 AM Break**

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

**Teaching Tour – tested**

- Indoor & outdoor plants
- Annuals, perennials, trees & shrubs, natives, container plants, wildflowers

**10:15 –10:30 AM Break**

**10:30 – 12:30**

**Teaching Tour continues**

**12:30 PM End of Day for Refreshers**

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