

NGC Gardening School
Series 12, Course 4 Registration
April 9, 10, & 11, 2026
Zoom

Deadline for Registration April 1, 2026

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:

Jill Malcolm, Registrar
33 Bonney Drive,
Holliston, MA 01746

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 2, 2026 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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Questions? Please Contact
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National Garden Clubs
Gardening Study School
Series 12 Course 4,

Zoom virtual offering only

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

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

**Plant Classification & Nomenclature
tested**

- Overview of all studied plants
- Binomial nomenclature – naming system
- Important flowering/foilage plant

9:30 – 9:45 AM Break

9:45 – 11:15 AM

**Outdoor Identification of Plants
tested**

- Plant Families
 - Characteristics
 - Local-regional choices
- Key/glossary & identification of plants

11:15 – 11:30 AM Break

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Outdoor Identification of Plants-cont.

1:00 PM End of Day for Refreshers

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

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:00 – 8:20 Sign in

8:20 AM Welcome & Announcements

Today's Lecturer

Kathi Gariepy

MA Master Gardener, educator, garden
writer & lecturer, NGC Landscape Design
master & Gardening Consultant master

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Specialized Styles of Gardening – tested

- Sun/Shade Gardening
- Greenhouse
- organic
- Rock gardens/alpine gardens
- Hotbeds & cold frames
- Hydroponics & aquaponics
- Other styles

9:30 – 9:45 Break

9:45 – 10:45 AM

Specialized Styles of Gardening - Cont. .

10:45 – 11:15 Break

11:15-12:15

Nativars

- What are nativars
- Difference between nativars & natives.
- Why grow nativars.
- Nativars & pollinators

12:15 PM End of Day for Refreshers

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

Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:30 – 8:50 Sign in

8:50 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 – 10:30 AM

**Techniques for Growing Woody
Ornamentals – tested**

- Plant selection & environmental factors
- When & how to plant
- Training & pruning
- Specific problems & solutions

10:30– 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 12:15 AM

Pruning Techniques – tested

- Overview of proper equipment/tools/training
- Trees & shrubs
- Perennials & annuals
- Any other specific plant group
- Demonstration

12:15 PM End of Day for Refreshers

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