



Education opportunities within FFGC

(Link to <https://ffgc.wildapricot.org/Educational-Opportunities>)

NGC Environmental/Flower Show/ Gardening/Landscape Schools or Horticulture Classes/Symposiums (For courses outside FL)

(<http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/gardening-study-forms.aspx>)

NGC Landscape Design School Course IV –

September 26 – 27, 2018, Winter Park Garden Club, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, 3789 – Cost \$56.00 – Deadline: September 20, 2018
Contact Pat Richardson, Chairman, Email: ograpmat42@yahoo.com (407) 469-7082

Send registration form to Sue Roberts, Registrar, P.O. Box 311, Mount Dora, FL 32756 - (352) 357-3712

[Registration Form](#)

NGC Landscape Design School Course I –

October 26 – 27, 2018, Ft. Myers – County Garden Center, 2166 Virginia Ave, Ft. Myers, FL 33901 – Cost \$73.00 – Deadline: September 30, 2018
Contact Vickie Williamson, Chairman, Email: vbwilliamson47@gmail.com (802) 324-3847

Send registration form to Kathy Woodlock, Registrar, 1103 SE 14th St., Cape Coral, FL 33990 Email: kywbio@gmail.com

[Registration Form](#)

NGC Gardening Study Schools, Course III – Sponsored by New Smyrna Beach Garden Club

November 8 and 9, 2019, 2000 Turnbull Bay Rd, New Smyrna Beach

Register by November 1, 2017

Sent check to Barbara Magnusson, Registrar, 204 Crawford Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Contact: Sally Flanagan, (386) 428-3170 - Email: sfflan@aol.com

[Registration Form](#)



NGC Gardening Schools, Course I – Sponsored by Lakewood Ranch Garden Club

January 28 and 29, 2019, 6600 River Club Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34202

Register by January 7, 2019 – Cost: \$65.00

Send check to Phyllis Weber, 6610 Meandering Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Contact: Sheryl Perkins (941) 744-7356 – Email:

sl_perkins@hotmail.com

[Registration Form](#)

NGC Gardening Schools, Course II – Sponsored by Lakewood Ranch Garden Club

January 30 and 31, 2019, 6600 River Club Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34202

Register by January 7, 2019 – Cost: \$65.00

Send check to Phyllis Weber, 6610 Meandering Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Contact: Sheryl Perkins (941) 744-7356 – Email: sl_perkins@hotmail.com

[Registration Form](#)

NGC Gardening Schools, Course IV –

February 12 and 13, 2019, New Smyrna Beach Garden Club,

Register by: February 1, 2019 – Cost: \$65.00

Send check to: Barbara Magnusson, Registrar, 204 Crawford Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Contact: Sally Flanagan, (386) 428-3170 Email: sfflan@aol.com

[Registration Form](#)



**NGC Environmental Schools, Course I –
Sponsored by New Smyrna Beach Garden
Club**

March 19 and 20, 2019, New Smyrna Beach
Garden Club,
Sent check to Barbara Magnusson, Registrar,
204 Crawford Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL
32169
Contact: Sally Flanagan, (386) 428-3170
Email: sfflan@aol.com

[NGC ESS Workbook](#)

**NGC Gardening Schools, Course III – Sponsored by Lakewood Ranch
Garden Club**

April 1 and 2, 2019, 6600 River Club Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34202
Register by January 7, 2019 – Cost: \$65.00
Send check to Phyllis Weber, 6610 Meandering Way, Lakewood Ranch,
FL 34202
Contact: Sheryl Perkins (941) 744-7356 – Email: sl_perkins@hotmail.com
[Registration Form](#)

**NGC Gardening Schools, Course IV – Sponsored by Lakewood Ranch
Garden Club**

April 3 and 4, 2019, 6600 River Club Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34202
Register by January 7, 2019 – Cost: \$65.00
Send check to Phyllis Weber, 6610 Meandering Way, Lakewood Ranch,
FL 34202
Contact: Sheryl Perkins (941) 744-7356 – Email: sl_perkins@hotmail.com
[Registration Form](#)

NGC Tri-Refresher, FFGC/UF Short Course

Harmony in Your Garden – Sponsored by FFGC and University of Florida

June 11 – 13, 2018, Gainesville

Some topics: Tour Schoellhorn Shad Garden, small space gardening, irrigation, fertilizer guides, design program, protecting gopher tortoise and indigo snakes, Begonias, color our canopy using trees, and other topics

Deadline: May 31, 2018 to Rose Kimlinger, Registrar: 1046 NW 125 Drive, Newberry, FL 32669 – Checks payable to District V, FFGC/UF Short Course

See [registration form](#) for cost and Lodging Information:

Short Course North 2018 – 10 Things I Want to Know Sponsored by FFGC, District I, University of FL, IFAS

August 9 and 10, 2018, Escambia County Extension Office, 4-H Building, 3740 Stefani Drive, Cantonment, FL 32533

Topics of Study will include: Ornamental Grasses, Shade Gardening, Attractive Native Plants, Wildflowers for Landscaping, Understanding GMOs, Adaptive Gardening for Aging, Rain Gardening, Beneficial Bugs, Our Changing Environment, Alternatives to Turf Optional Topics:

Manipulating Leaves from your Garden Using Manipulated Leaves in Design
Cost Garden Club Members: \$50.00 - Master Gardeners attending both days receive 10 CEUs - **Deadline:** August 1, 2018

Sent check to 09 Sandpine Dr, Nacarre, FL 32566

Contact: sjngc@mchsi.com or 850-293-4902

[Registration Form](#)

FFGC Symposium

Fall Symposium- Sponsored by FFGC, FL Flower Show Judges, District X Judges Council

November 4 – 6, 2018, Palm Beach Gardens Marriott, 4000 RCA. Blvd.
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Some topics: Botanical Divisions, Designs, Horticulture, Practice Point
Scoring in both design and horticulture

Deadline: October 22, 2018 to Susan Hillson, Registrar: 8959 Via
Prestigio W., Wellington, FL 33411 – (561) 333-0740 - Checks payable
to District X Judges Council – Full Course Cost: \$165.00

[Registration Form](#)

REGISTRATION FORM
GS COURSE I - January 28-29, 2019
GS COURSE II - January 30-31, 2019
May take Course I and II separately

Course I Fee: \$65.00 _____
2 days (January 28 - 29, 2019) _____
Course I Exam Fee: \$8.00 _____
Refresher Fee: \$5.00 _____

Course II Fee: \$65.00 _____
2 days (January 30 - 31, 2019) _____
Course II Exam Fee: \$8.00 _____
Refresher Fee: \$5.00 _____

Course I and II: \$120.00 _____
Course I and II Exam: \$10.00 _____

Total Due: _____

Registration Deadline: **January 7, 2019**
No Refunds will be given after this date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

NGC Member Club: _____
District #: _____

____ Master Gardener
____ I am taking this course as a Refresher
(no exam required)
____ Need overnight accommodation?

Include check for the total amount payable to:
Lakewood Ranch Garden Club

Mail registration form and check to:

Phyllis Weber
6610 Meandering Way
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
(941) 758-5191

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For more information on the Gardening School, see the National Garden Clubs, Inc. website:
<http://www.gardenclub.org/schools/gardening-study.aspx>



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PRESENTS:

Gardening School

Series 7
Course I and II

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Bradenton, FL 34202
8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Course I - Highlights

BASIC BOTANY

- A. Plant anatomy (roots, stems, leaves, flowers)
- B. Plant requirements (light, temperature, water, humidity)
- C. Life cycle of plants (annuals, biennials, perennials)
- D. Reproduction (sexual, asexual - pollination and fertilization)
- E. Study of plant structure (specific plant group studied)



SOILS

- A. Characteristics and structure of soil
- B. Soil testing (Extension Service/state)
- C. Function of soil
- D. Importance of roots
- E. Maintenance
- F. Fertilization (compost, fertilizers)

TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING OUTDOOR FLOWERS

- A. Environmental factors and choice of plant material
- B. Organic gardening
- C. Crop rotation and landscape suitability
- D. Pruning and training of plants
- E. Problems and problem solving

PLANT PROPAGATION

- A. Seed selection lecture
- B. Vegetative propagation
- C. Propagation workshop (hands on project)

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT

Organic Pesticide and Pesticides study and safety

Required Reading

"The National Gardener" magazine purchased from NGC Headquarters
<http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop>

Suggested Reading

"Botany for Gardeners" by Brian Capon available at Walmart or Amazon.com

Course II - Highlights

PLANT DISEASES AND GARDEN PESTS

- A. Overview of good growing techniques (Controls - organic and inorganic)
- B. Regional insect and disease problems
- C. Beneficial insects - predators
- D. Problem solving/prevention
- E. Examples of plant problems - disease and insects

IRRIGATION AND WATER

- A. Planting efficiently
- B. Water use and water saving factors

LAWN ALTERNATIVES AND GROWING GRASS

- A. Site preparation and selection of grass/plants
- B. Maintenance of site
- C. Problem solving

GROWING FRUIT

- A. Choice of varieties
- B. When and how to plant
- C. Training and pruning
- D. Environmental factors
- E. Problem solving and solutions

GROWING VEGETABLES

- A. Choice of varieties (organic, non-GMO, non-organic)
- B. When and how to plant
- C. Crop rotation and inter-planting
- D. Pest control
- E. Problems and solutions

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT

Regional Animal Pest: Birds, frogs, toads, lizards, possums, rabbit, skunk, snakes

Open to Everyone!

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Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the 4th course.

All students attending the course will receive a Certificate of Achievement.



To take advantage of this opportunity, fill out the registration form on the reverse side of the brochure and send it with your check to the Lakewood Ranch Garden Club.

**Please note we will have
Course III, April 1 and 2, 2019 and
Course IV, April 3 and 4, 2019**

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Refresher Fee: \$5.00 _____

Course III and IV: \$120.00 _____
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Total Due: _____

Registration Deadline: **March 18, 2019**
No Refunds will be given after this date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

NGC Members:

Club: _____

District #: _____

____ Master Gardener

____ I am taking this course as a Refresher
to maintain my Consultant's Certificate
(no exam required)

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Course III - Highlights

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE PLANT GROWTH

- A. Environmental factors
- B. Nutrients - organic, inorganic
- C. Plant/cultivar choices

NEW PLANT DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

- A. Hybridization
- B. Cultivar selection - Include Native Plants and Nativars
- C. Environmental suitability
- D. Test gardens

CONTAINER GARDENING - OUTDOOR

- A. Plants suitable for containers
- B. General culture
- C. Types of containers

HOUSEPLANT BASICS

- A. Growing conditions indoors
- B. Plant choices
- C. Training and pruning
- D. Types of indoor containers (Single container, combination plantings, dish gardens, terrariums)

TEACHING TOUR OF Marie Shelby BOTANICAL GARDEN

- A. Indoor and outdoor plants
- B. Annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, container plants, wildflowers, etc.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT

Visit test garden where new varieties are grown.

Required Reading

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Suggested Reading

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Course IV - Highlights

PLANT CLASSIFICATION AND NOMENCLATURE

- A. Overview of all studied plants
- B. Binomial nomenclature - naming system.
- C. Important flowering/foilage plant groups

OUTDOOR IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTS

- A. Plant families
- B. Key/glossary and identification of plants (hand lens required)

SPECIALIZED STYLES OF GARDENING

- A. Sun/Shade gardening
- B. Greenhouse
- C. Organic
- D. Rock gardens/alpine gardens
- E. Hot beds and cold frames
- F. Hydroponics and aquaponics

TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING WOODY ORNAMENTALS

- A. Plant selection and environmental factors
- B. When and how to plant
- C. Training and pruning
- D. Specific problems and solutions

PRUNING TECHNIQUES

- A. Choice of varieties (organic, non-GMO, non-organic)
- B. When and how to plant
- C. Crop rotation and inter-planting
- D. Pest control
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT

Invasive Plants in Florida

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