

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
GARDENING SCHOOL

Series 19 – Course 2
February 2 – 3, 2026

San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels
San Antonio, TX 78209
830-837-5262

Open to Everyone!

Gardening School Courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. Each of the 4 courses has an optional exam. **NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Gardening Consultants must take all four courses and pass each exam.**

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.

To take advantage of this opportunity, fill out the registration form on the reverse side of this brochure and send it with your check in the amount of \$150.00 made out to:

TGC, Inc. Garden School
Memo line: GS S19-C2

Please Note
Course #3 is planned for
August 2026

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TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
DISTRICT VII

Helping Members become accomplished horticulturists.

The NGC Gardening School Courses are designed to provide educational instruction to those interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects.

The school consists of a series of four courses, scheduled for two days of instruction followed by an **OPEN BOOK** examination. Courses cover all aspects of growing – from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant cultivation and identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, and selected subjects of interest.

The courses are intended primarily for garden club members, but they are also open to the general public, requiring only the payment of a nominal fee. NGC affiliated Garden Club members completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. A non-member student who has successfully completed the four courses may apply for Consultant Certification upon joining a garden club affiliated with NGC within one year after completing the series. Additional topics and areas of interest that may be covered are subjects such as Reconciliation Ecology (the science of inventing, establishing and maintaining new habitats in places where people live, work, and play), and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians.

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STATE PRESIDENT
Linda Jean Brown

LOCAL GARDEN SCHOOL CHAIRS

Karen Taylor, Chair
Lee Taylor, Co-Chair

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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Garden Club _____

Master Gardener (Please Circle) **YES** or **NO**

REGISTRATION FEES: DEADLINE IS January 19, 2026

Two Day School includes lunch and snacks both days:

Credit/Refresher/Guest

(Please circle category)

\$150.00 + \$5.00 if taking class for credit

Registration Deadline is January 19, 2026

No Registration at Door

THIS IS AN IN PERSON CLASS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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Additional Form Requirements:

NGC Form 6 for Students

NGC Form 7 for Consultants

COURSE II Schedule

February 02 - MONDAY

8:00-8:30 am - Registration
8:30 am-10:00 am Plant Diseases & Garden Pests
10:00 am-10:15 am Break
10:15 am-11:15 am Continue Plant Diseases & Garden Pests
11:15 am-12:15 pm Open Book Quiz on Plant Diseases & Pests
LUNCH BREAK - 12:15 am-1:00 pm
1:00 pm-2:30 pm Irrigation & Water
2:30 pm-3:15 pm Open Book Quiz on Irrigation & Water
3:15 pm-3:30 pm Break
3:30 pm-5:00 pm Lawn Alternatives & Growing Grass
5:00 pm-5:45 pm Open Book Quiz on Lawn Alternatives & Growing Grass

February 03 - TUESDAY

8:00 am-8:30 am Assemble/Coffee
8:30 am-10:30 am Growing Vegetables
10:30 am-10:45 am Break
10:45 am-11:45 am Open Book Quiz on Growing Vegetables
LUNCH BREAK - 11:45 am-12:30 pm
12:30 pm-2:00 pm Growing Fruit
2:00 pm-2:45 pm Open Book Quiz on Growing Fruit
2:45 pm-3:00 pm Break
3:00 pm-4:45 pm Evaluating Fruits & Vegetables
4:45 Conclude Garden School, Course 2

ALL WRITTEN EXAMS ARE TO BE OPEN BOOK and/or NOTES.

Instruction By:

Dr. Joe Novak

Professor, Rice University

REQUIRED READING

"The National Gardener"

Available on-line and by subscription

SUGGESTED READING

Botany for Gardeners

Brian Capon

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL SAN ANTONIO

AIRPORT

95 NE I-410 Loop

San Antonio, TX 78216

210-308-8100

**They are guaranteeing a rate of
\$70.00+tax on reservations made
before**

January 4, 2026

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Drinks and Snacks**



SEND CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO:

Karen Taylor, Chair

109 Axis Run

Hunt, TX 78024