

Consultants

Procedures for maintaining Certification

Refreshing

Consultants must refresh by the end of the fifth calendar year of the date following the last course or refresher event by one of the following means:

* Attending, in full, a GSS Course (no Exams required)

*Attending, in full, a Refresher Event or Tour which has been accepted by the State GSS Chairman and approved by the NGC GSS Chairman.

*Attending, in full, an NGC accredited Gardening Study Refresher Event.

Credit for refresher events can be granted only one in a calendar year.

Record Keeping

After verifying each individual's records, the State GSS Chairman distributes new refresher Cards to Consultants who complete a course or approved State Refresher Event. The State GSS Chairman sends a roster of those refreshing to the NGC Accrediting Chairman for the region, who sends the roster to the Schools Secretary at NGC Headquarters. The State GSS Chairman lists the out of state refreshing Consultants and notes their state affiliation. The Schools Secretary then notifies the State GSS Chairman in the home state, where the Consultants records are kept, and the NGC Accrediting Chairman for that region.

The NGC Accrediting Chairman for the region mails Refresher Cards for Consultants who refresh at any NGC accredited Refresher Event directly to the home State GSS Chairman, who is responsible for maintaining the Consultant's records.

A Consultant who moves to another state must request a transfer of records in order to be listed locally as an NGC Gardening Consultant.

Extensions

A Consultant unable to refresh within five calendar years may request an extension from the State GSS Chairman before the certification has expired. The State GSS Chairman forwards the request form to the NGC GSS Chairman. If the request is granted, the NGC GSS Chairman records the extension, Notifies the NGC School Secretary and the State GSS Chairman the notifies the consultant of the time of the extension.

Reinstatement

Lapsed Consultants can be reinstated within a seven-year time period for the last year of their certification by completing two courses with a passing grade of 70% for each exam. If the Consultant is over 70 years old, the exam requirement is waived. No waiting time is required between courses.

Removal of records

Consultant's records are retained for a period of seven years from the last year of accreditation. After this period, an individual's records are removed from all files.

Master Consultant

After a Consultant's fourth refresher, the State GSS Chairman automatically applies for the Consultant's Master Certification Card. If some of the Consultant's refreshers have been taken place out-of-state, the Consultant must verify that the home State GSS Chairman, who maintains the Consultant's records, has been notified of such refreshers. Master Consultants must refresh their certification every five years.

Consultant Emeritus

Emeritus status is granted to Master Consultants who apply to the State GSS Chairman indicating that they are no longer able to continue active participation. Unlike Master Consultants, Emeritus Consultants need not attend refresher events to maintain their accreditation.

Form 05-21 Student Guide

National Garden Clubs, INC. Gardening Study School



School Registration, Guide for Students and Consultants

Series 9 – Course I
May 1-2, 2012

Hammond Research Station
21549 Old Covington HWY.
Hammond, LA 70403
Sponsored by District VI
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

Gardening Study Courses

Purpose

National Garden Clubs created the Garden Study Courses program in 1977. The purpose of the program is to assist its members in achieving the goal - "All gardeners can be accomplished horticulturists".

Objectives

- *Stimulate interest in the growth of plant material to their peak of perfection.
- *Give the student an understanding of how and why a plant grows
- *Teach soil structure and methods for making the soil more productive.
- *Lend an understanding as to why plants react to certain weather conditions, and how to modify conditions to encourage optimum growth.
- *Provide an understanding of commercial and natural pest and disease control agents, growth regulators and other substances used in general horticulture practices.
- *Illustrate methods of plant propagation.
- *Offer methods and instruction in plant identification.
- *Explore growing techniques for garden plants, vegetables, fruits, houseplants, trees and shrubs and specialized styles of gardening.
- *Develop a respect for and appreciation of plants and their roles in our human lives and activities.

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Series VIII Gardening Study Schools

Course I Topics

Basic Botany, 2.5 hours *

Soil, 2 hours *

Basic Houseplants, 1.5 hours *

Plant Propagation, 1.5 hours *

Propagation Activity (this would be hands on), 1.5 hours *.)

Supplemental Subject, 1 hour

- exam subjects

Required textbook, Living with Plants by Schuman, can be ordered for \$24.95 plus shipping,
Required for those taking for credit, The National Gardener Magazine label available from by contacting National Garden Clubs Member Services at 1-800-550-6007

Registration Form

Course Fee: \$55.00 (2 Days)
Clip or copy and mail to : **Gardening Study Schools, Dorothy Delaune**
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Covington, LA 70435

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