

LODGING

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
3001 Hotel Drive, Turlock 95380
209-664-9999

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
3301 Countryside Drive, Turlock 95380
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Candlewood Suites
1000 Powers Court, Turlock 95380
209-250-1501

Pictured right: NGC Gardening
Consultant pin \$21. Available
online: www.gardenclub.org



CERTIFICATION

The **Consultant Certification Card** is issued by *National Garden Clubs, Inc.* to garden club members after completion of the Gardening School Courses 1, 2, 3, 4 with a passing grade of 70% or more on each course exam.

After passing two courses, a student may become a **Provisional Consultant** and join a Consultants Council. For information go to: <http://gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-es-gs-ld-schools-guide-for-students-and-consultants.pdf>.

To remain in good standing, Gardening Consultants must continue their education by attending a Gardening School Refresher or a Gardening School course every 5 years. No exam is required. After the fourth Refresher, the Consultant becomes a Master Consultant. Refresher credit can be earned only once within a calendar year.

Berni Hendrix, District Director
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Gardening School

The Art of Growing

Series 27

Courses 1, 2, 3, 4

February, March, April 2020

Sponsored by
Valley Lode District

*Serving the counties of
Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tuolumne,
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Address

City State Zip

Area Code/Telephone

Email

Garden Club name District

Check all that apply

- Course 3 February 15, 16, 2020 \$75.00
 Course 1 March 7, 8, 2020 \$75.00
 Course 2 March 28, 29, 2020 \$75.00
 Course 4 April 18, 19, 2020 \$75.00
 VLD FREE (NGC fee per course) \$ 5.00
 Lunch x 2 \$15.00

Total Remittance \$ _____

Registration includes complimentary refreshments and lunches. Cannot accommodate special dietary requests.

Registration with payment MUST be received at least two weeks prior to Course start date.

NO refund for cancellation received within one week of Course start date.

Credit/Debit Card accepted – PayPal

_____ exp: _____

Make checks payable to: **Valley Lode District**

Mail registration and payment to:

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GARDENING SCHOOL DATES

- Course 3*** February 15-16, 2020
Course 1 March 7 - 8, 2020
Course 2 March 28 - 29, 2020
Course 4 April 18 - 19, 2020

**Not required to take Courses in sequence.*

Note: Those refreshing or those not wishing to become a NGC Gardening Consultant need not take the course exams. A \$5.00 NGC fee is required for each course and is included in tuition. Those not paying full tuition must pay the NGC \$5.00 course fee.

8:30 a.m. Registration (check-in)

8:45 a.m. Announcements/ Introductions

9:00 a.m. Class begins

3:00-4:00 p.m. Class ends

Required Reading: *The National Gardener* magazine available online only.

Recommended Reading

Sunset Western Garden Book

Botany for Gardeners, by Brian Capon

Secrets to Great Soil, by Elizabeth Stell

SCHOOL LOCATION & DIRECTIONS

StanCo Fairgrounds, Floriculture Building
900 North Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380

From Hwy 99, take Fulkerth Road exit, turn east; continue to Golden State Blvd; turn right; StanCo Fairgrounds is on the right. Floriculture Building is on the right through the arch entrance. Free parking.

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NGC GARDENING SCHOOL

OBJECTIVES:

National Garden Clubs, Inc. has created the Gardening School Courses - a series of four courses designed to:

- Stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials 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.
- Provide an understanding of plants' reactions to certain weather conditions and how to modify these conditions to encourage optimal growth.
- Provide an understanding of commercial and natural fungicides and pesticides, growth regulators, and other chemicals used in general horticultural procedures.
- Illustrate methods for rapid propagation.
- Offer plant identification instruction.
- Explore growing techniques for garden plants, vegetables, fruits, houseplants, trees, shrubs, and specialized styles of gardening.
- Develop a respect for and appreciation of plants and their roles in our lives and activities.

Gardening School curriculum has been developed by *National Garden Clubs, Inc.* and then customized by the course instructors.

Classes are open to the public as well as to garden club members. The program consists of a series of four 2-day courses.

