



**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL
COURSE IV, SERIES 7**



**OFFERED BY THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.
September 26, 27 and 28, 2017**

Ingeborg Venus, FGCCT President

**The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
Jones Auditorium
123 Huntington Street
New Haven, CT 06504**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. (FGCCT) is pleased to offer the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Gardening Study School. The curriculum is divided into a series of four individual courses consisting of 10 hours of instruction each, and is open to any Garden Club member. However, anyone is welcome to attend who wishes to receive information about and develop skills in horticultural and gardening subjects. One course Series is given in CT each year.

The courses, which may be taken in any order, are structured to stimulate interest and impart knowledge for growing plants to the peak of perfection. Course content, which is presented in lecture format over the first two days by horticultural professionals, may include tours of botanical and test gardens. Topics include the study of basic botany for gardeners, soils, houseplants, and propagation. Also covered are such topics as how new plants are developed and evaluated, factors that influence plant growth, container gardening, pruning techniques, growing outdoor flowers and vegetables, specialized styles of gardening, growing plants indoors and/or under lights, and growing trees and shrubs, plus other interesting and informative gardening topics.

We urge everyone to take the optional exam offered the morning of the third day in order to become a NGC-accredited Gardening Consultant. Questions are based on any required reading, lectures, and study materials. NGC-affiliated Garden Club members become a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Gardening Consultant by attending all four courses and passing the test for each course with grades of 70% or better. After just two courses have been completed and passed, Provisional Consultant membership is available in the Gardening Consultants Council. When all four courses are completed and passed, full Gardening Consultant status is attained and a Consultant Certification Card is received. (NOTE: This does not convey "professional" status.)

The Gardening Consultants Council provides programs and tours that further the education of its members. Consultants are eligible to judge contest and displays as representatives of the Gardening Study Schools program in events participated in by the Council.

Non-member students who have successfully completed all four courses may apply for Consultant Certification upon joining a NGC-affiliated Garden Club within six weeks of completion of the series. Certificates of Completion may be awarded to non-NGC students attending a full series.

Gardening Consultants may Refresh their status every year but to maintain good standing they MUST Refresh by the end of the FIFTH calendar year. The calendar year may be used as a basis for fulfilling refresher requirements for Gardening Consultants. This means you may refresh once each calendar year without having to wait for a full year from your last refresher date. Four Refresher courses are required to achieve MASTER Gardening Consultant status.

DIRECTIONS TO CT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION (CAES)

123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT

From Route 15/Wilbur Cross Parkway

Northbound – Take Exit 62 (Rt. 101A/Whitney Ave.)

Southbound – Take Exit 61 (Rt. 101A/Whitney Ave.)

Proceed south on Whitney Ave..

Turn right onto Huntington St.

Arrive at 123 Huntington St. on right

From I-91 – Northbound or Southbound

Take Exit 6/Willow St .Exit (toward US 5/Blatchley Ave.)

SEE BELOW – From Willow St. Exit

From I-95 – Northbound or Southbound

Take I-91 North

Take Exit 6/Willow St. Exit (toward US 5/Blatchley Ave.)

SEE BELOW – From Willow St. Exit

From Willow St. Exit

Turn Rt./West onto Willow St. and proceed to the end

Turn right onto Whitney Ave.

Turn at 3rd left onto Huntington St.

Arrive at 123 Huntington St. on right

Park in lot or on the street.

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Please direct any inquires to Chair listed above

COURSE PROGRAM

TUESDAY, September 26, 2017

- 8:15 Registration
- 8:45 Welcome and announcements
Ingeborg Venus, President, *The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.*
Dr. Theodore Andreadis, Director, *Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT*
- 9:00 Outdoor Identification of Plants*
Jeff Ward, CAES
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Outdoor Identification of Plants*
- 12:15 Lunch
- 12:45 Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals*
Jude Hsiang, UCONN Extension
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Native Plants
Jude Hsiang, UCONN Extension
- 3:30 Dismissal

*Indicates Tested Subject

Map and Directions to Jones Auditorium
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES)
123 Huntington St, New Haven CT 06594
203-855-2237 www.ct.gov/caes
www.mapquest.com

COURSE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

- 8:45 Announcements
Katherine Patrick, Chair, FGCCT Gardening Consultants Council
- 9:00 Specialized Styles of Gardening*
Eric Larson, Yale Marsh Botanical Gardens
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Home Irrigation Techniques
Eric Larson, Yale Marsh Botanical Gardens
- 12:15 LUNCH
- 1:00 Techniques for Growing Fruit
Eric Larson, Yale Marsh Botanical Gardens
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Growing Fruit (Continued)
- 2:30 Tour CAES Plant Inquiry Offices
- 3:15 Dismissal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

- 8:45 Sign-In for Optional Exam
- 9:00 OPTIONAL EXAM
(Multiple Choice on Tested Subjects)
Open Book Exam: Factors*

Note: Coffee/Tea/Water and Breakfast Treats will be provided courtesy of the Gardening Consultants Council on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please provide your own beverages on Thursday if you are taking the Exam.

