National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Landscape Design School

Series 12: Course 3 of 4

(Courses may be taken in any order)

March 24 and 25, 2026

Presented virtually via

zoom

offered by

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

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Course 3– March 24-26, 2026

- Registration and virtual connection are scheduled for 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- Introductions & lectures begin at 8:30 a.m. and the day is finished at approximately 3:30 p.m.
- Lecture outlines, instructor bios, & lecture schedule will be provided via email before the start of the Course.

Course 3's nine lectures are:

1.	Landscape Design	Barbara Schaelder- 1 hour
2.	Landscape Design with Maintenance Plan	Barbara Schaelder -1 hour
3.	Graphics Interpretation	Payton Smoot -1 hour
4.	Landscape Plan Project Introduction	Leslie Martino -1 hour
5.	Woody Plants in the Landscape	Nancy DuBrule-1 hour
6.	Herbaceous Plants in the Landscape	Nancy DuBrule-1 hour
7.	Creating your own Landscape Plan	Leslie Martino-2 hour
8.	Color in the Garden	Nancy DuBrule -1 hour
9.	Landscape Plan Reviews	Leslie Martino--1 hour

Day 1

8:00 - 8:55 am	Registration/Announcements
9:00 - 11:00 am	Landscape Design Process
11:15 -11:30 pm	Break
11:30-12:15 pm	Landscape Design with Maintenance
12:15 -1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 -2:00 pm	Graphics Interpretation
2:15 -2:30 pm	Break
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Landscape Plan Example Instructions and review.
3:30-4:40 pm	Optional Test Review

Day 2;

8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration and Announcements
9:00 - 10:00 am	Woody Plants in the Landscape
10:00-11:00 am	Herbaceous Materials
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break
11:15- 12:15 am	Breakout Rooms: Work on your Landscape Plan with Proctor Discussion On Plans (must be online during this time)
12:15 - 12:45 pm	Lunch and continue working on plans
12:45 pm	Students scan/photograph their landscape plan and email it to the Proctor
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Color in the Landscape
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Review of Selected Landscape Plans
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Optional Test Review
4:00 pm	Exam sent via email

Please Note:
Outlines, course schedule, and biographies of instructors will be emailed to students for pre-study. Please print all of them upon receipt and have them available during the Zoom. If you are unable to print any of the outlines, notify Deb Dodds as soon as possible, before March 20, 2026, and she will mail them to you.
Required Reading/Forms

1. *The National Gardener (TNG)*. Students and Consultants are encouraged to read the Landscape Design article in *TNG*. There is no testing on this newsletter.
2. The *Guide for Students and Consultants* is also essential, required reading. It is posted on the Schools pages of the NGC website: The Guide for Students and Consultants
3. The Recommended Reading list may also be found on the NGC website on page 49 of the NGC Schools Handbook at this link: Schools Handbook

Required Forms: You must complete and submit either Form 6 or Form 7 to receive credit for the course. This form must be emailed to Deb Doods after successfully passing the course. Please email deb.dodds@ctgardenclubs.org. Form 6 keeps track of all the classes you have taken towards your Landscape Design certificate.
Form 6 Consultant Accreditation
Form 7- Refresher

Registration for Landscape Design School via Zoom on: March 24 - 25, 2026

Course Fees:
Full 2-day Course $100 + NGC Fee $5 = Total: $105

https://ctgardenclubs.org/landscape-design-school-registration/

Registration begins January 1, 2026, for Connecticut residents & January 15th for out-of-state students and consultants and is limited to a maximum of 80 participants.

Participation in one of two 15-minute Zoom practice sessions the week of March 17th is **required** in advance of the school to review required functions and check video and audio connections. Dates and times will be communicated via email.

Objectives of the Landscape Design School Courses

- Develop a greater sense of appreciation for private, public, and historical gardens
- Become better informed and promote positive changes in our surroundings
- Encourage beauty, utility, convenience, sound ecological practice, and ease of maintenance
- Achieve a better understanding of the landscape design process and promote landscapes that will sustain sound management
- Stimulate interest in all phases of landscape design, including community planning
- Develop a contingent of qualified Landscape Design Consultants to serve in decision-making areas of public life and provide leadership for educational programs, scholarships, and awards

Landscape Design School was developed by National Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1958 and has been offered by The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. since 1978. The mission of this four-part course of study is "to educate garden club members and the public to know good

landscape design practices and to serve as guardians and critics of the natural and man-made landscape."

Anyone is welcome to attend (whether or not they are garden club members) who wishes to familiarize themselves with the principles, elements, and practices of landscape design.

- The curriculum is divided into four courses; one course is offered in Connecticut each year.
- Courses may be taken in any order.
- Students may take classes outside of Connecticut
- Students are encouraged to attend all four courses; however, each course stands alone.
- Landscape Architects and other professionals in the field present lectures.
- Students are urged to take the optional exam. Exams are multiple-choice, open-book, and taken online.

Landscape Design Consultants

Landscape Design Consultants (LDC) are needed to intelligently serve as members of park boards, highway and conservation commissions, school grounds committees, and other community organizations. The Landscape Design Council community collaborates with members of the landscape design professions to plan grounds for public buildings, parks, nature preserves, and roadsides.

Garden club members earn **NGC Landscape Design Consultant** status by:

- Attending all four courses and receiving a grade of 70 or better on the exams.
- Completing all four courses within seven years.

Landscape Design Council

Garden club members may join the Landscape Design Council as a provisional member after passing two courses. Council activities include field trips, programs, and other continuing education offerings.

Landscape Design Consultants are required to attend a course or refresher within five years of their last course to maintain their Landscape Design Consultant status (no exam required).

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